

Decision No. 21222

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Investigation upon
the Commission's own motion into the
rules, contracts, regulations, practices,
and deviations from filed steam heat
schedules and tariffs, or any of them, of
Great Western Power Company of California,
a corporation.)

ORIGINAL

Case No. 2682.

Chaffee E. Hall, for Great Western Power
Company of California.

CARR, COMMISSIONER:

O P I N I O N

It having been called to the attention of the Commission that Great Western Power Company, in its steam heat business, was disregarding some of its schedules and rules and regulations, an investigation into the Company's practices in this respect was ordered.

A public hearing was held before Commissioner Carr on May 29, 1929, at which the Company admitted that certain charges made for steam heat service, particularly in applying minimums during the summer months, had not in all cases been technically in conformity with its rules and schedules. It did not attempt to justify such practices, but frankly admitted that it had paid little attention to its steam heat business and had, over a period of years, negligently permitted such deviations to continue. It does not appear, however, that there has been any deliberate or intentional departure from schedules, nor has any material discrimination to

consumers resulted which has not been adjusted.

At the hearing the Company stated that it would immediately file revised schedules respecting its steam heat business, with modified rules and regulations, which would be in accord with its past practices and more clearly express the construction which it has placed upon its existing rules and regulations, and which construction is the one most favorable to its consumers. Such filings have been made, to become effective as of June 1, 1929.

Under all the circumstances it seems unnecessary to proceed any further in this matter. I therefore recommend that the proceeding be dismissed.

O R D E R

Based upon the facts disclosed in the foregoing opinion, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this proceeding be dismissed.

The foregoing opinion and order are hereby approved and ordered filed as the opinion and order of the Railroad Commission.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 10th day of June, 1929.

David L. Lott
J. S. Lauer
Wm. J. Lauer
Leon A. White
W. J. Lauer
Commissioners.