

Decision No. 22026.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application  
of PUBLIC UTILITIES CALIFORNIA  
CORPORATION for readjustment of  
rates in Capitola and adjacent  
territory.

Application No. 16139.

Orrick, Palmer and Dahlquist, by  
J. M. Jacobs, for applicant.  
Sans and Hudson, by R. H. Hudson,  
Consumers of Capitola, protestants.  
T. W. Mellon,  
Bayhead Land Company and Town of  
Capitola, protestants.

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BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In this proceeding Public Utilities California Corporation asks this Commission to make its order granting applicant authority to file certain new and revised electric rate schedules in lieu of rate schedules now in effect in Capitola and in territory immediately surrounding Capitola.

A hearing in this matter was held in San Francisco on January 4, 1930, before Examiner Williams, at which time appearances were made in protest to a certain provision contained in applicant's proposed Schedules D-2 and L-2.

Witness for applicant testified that the general effect of the proposed schedules of rates (more particularly described in applicant's Exhibit "A" attached to and made a part of the application), would be a reduction to consumers as a group, although some slight increases in the bills of a limited number of combination domestic and general lighting consumers would result. Witness

further testified that the proposed schedules of rates were substantially those in effect upon systems of larger electric utilities operating in surrounding territory, with the exception of Schedules D-2 and L-2, which differ only in so far as the requirement of a turn-on charge for temporary service, such charge being refundable after the consumer receives service continuously for a period of not less than twelve months.

Witnesses for protestants testified that there was no objection to granting applicant authority to file the proposed schedules of rates provided such schedules of rates did not differ from those of the utility serving in the surrounding territory, but that there was some objection to the turn-on charge for temporary service specified in applicant's Schedules D-2 and L-2.

The Commission has considered the effect of the schedules of rates which applicant proposes to place in effect and since they will result in a material decrease to permanent consumers as a whole and will have the further advantage of placing permanent service rendered in the Capitola territory by this utility upon practically the same basis as the surrounding territory and also having considered the seasonal nature of business in Capitola, we are of the opinion that this application be granted.

O R D E R

Public Utilities California Corporation having applied to the Railroad Commission for authority to make effective certain schedules of rates, public hearing having been held, the matter being submitted and now ready for decision,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that effective with bills based on regular monthly meter readings taken on and after January 20, 1930,

Public Utilities California Corporation be and it is hereby authorized to charge and collect for electric service the schedule of rates set forth in Exhibit "A" attached to and made a part of the application, such schedules to be filed with this Commission on or before January 20, 1930.

For all other purposes, the effective date of this order shall be twenty (20) days from and after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 15th day of January, 1930.

Cl. Seaver  
Emmanuel D.  
Thos. S. Lattin  
Leon White  
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Commissioners.