

Decision No. 22197.

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 Boulder Creek, Brookdale and adjacent territory.

**ORIGINAL**  
Application No. 16265.

Orrick, Palmer and Dahlquist, by J. M. Jacobs,  
for applicant.

E. C. Rittenhouse, for consumers of Boulder Creek.

W. M. Gardner, for consumers of Brookdale.

WHITSELL, COMMISSIONER:

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 Boulder Creek, Brookdale and territory immediately surrounding the aforesaid communities.

A hearing in this matter was held in the City of Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz County, California, on March 7, 1930, before Commissioner Whitsell, at which time testimony was introduced 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 contiguous territory with the exception of Schedules D-2 and L-2, which required the payment of a turn-on charge for temporary service, such charge being refundable after the consumer has received service continuously for a period of not less than twelve months.

Various protestants testified during the hearing that there was no objection to granting applicant authority to file the proposed schedule of rates provided that in the main such schedule of rates would not effect an increase to the consumers as a whole and also providing the filing of such schedules of rates would place applicant's rates on substantially the same basis as those of the electric utilities serving in contiguous territory. Some further protest relating to the filing of these rates was offered regarding the requirement of the turn-on charge specified in applicant's Schedules D-2 and L-2.

A few protestants offered testimony in complaint of certain service matters relating to service which they are now receiving whereupon such protestants were advised that their matters would be investigated informally by a representative of the Commission.

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 Boulder Creek and Brookdale territory by this utility upon practically the same basis as the surrounding territory and also having considered the seasonal nature of business in the aforesaid communities, I am of the opinion that this

application should be granted.

I recommend the following form of order:

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 March 22, 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 March 15, 1930.

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

The foregoing Opinion and Order are hereby approved and ordered filed as the Opinion and Order of the Railroad Commission of the State of California.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1930.

W. J. Lacey

Leon A. Whipple  
Thos. B. Lott

W. J. Lacey  
Commissioners.