

Decision No. 22612.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

CITY OF REDWOOD CITY, a municipal  
corporation,

Complainant,

vs.

PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY,  
a corporation,

Defendant.

ORIGINAL

Case No. 2790.

Albert Mansfield, for Complainant.  
C. P. Cutten, for Defendant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

Complainant in this proceeding, City of Redwood City, asks that the Railroad Commission determine that the Wholesale Power Schedule No. P-5 of the defendant Pacific Gas and Electric Company is applicable to the combination of general municipal power service and street lighting service when delivered at a single point and measured by a single metering installation, or that there be established in lieu of Schedule P-5 a special schedule applicable to such a combined service.

Hearings in this matter were held in San Francisco before Examiner Williams on the 10th and 14th of January, 1930, and the matter was submitted for decision on the latter date.

Defendant's Schedule P-5 as in effect at the time of this complaint is headed "Wholesale Power Service Applicable to General Power Supplied at a Standard Voltage of 2200 Volts or Over." This schedule has uniformly been applied by the defendant to service to large industries where it has covered the delivery of electricity for power used in manufacturing processes and lighting incidental thereto. Defendant has, for many years, had in effect other schedules for the sale of electricity for street lighting, etc. under which service supplied for such uses has been billed.

Complainant purchases energy for street lighting, general power and miscellaneous purposes at about a dozen separately metered points of delivery. It proposes to construct lines joining a number of the more important points of delivery in order that the bulk of its purchases may be taken at one point and it may thereby receive the benefit of the lower charges provided under Schedule P-5.

There is no question that defendant's schedules and practices would permit of the supply of energy at a common point for use by the City of Redwood City for power purposes at various locations. Neither the rate schedules nor the defendant's past practice in applying its schedules contemplate the delivery of energy for street lighting purposes under Schedule P-5. In this a distinction appears to be drawn between the supply of power and lighting to industrial establishments and to municipalities. Industrial establishments are permitted to purchase electricity for use for both power and lighting purposes through one meter at the regular power rates, one of which is Schedule P-5, which the complainant in this case desires to avail itself of.

Municipalities, on the other hand, under the company's schedules and practices, are required to purchase electricity through separate meters and under separate schedules for power for municipal purposes and for street lighting.

The Commission feels that this situation is not a proper one and that in cases where municipalities desire to provide the facilities necessary to enable them to purchase their total supply of electricity at one point they should be permitted to do so. The present record, however, does not contain the information necessary to the fixing by the Commission of a satisfactory schedule of rates for such a combination of service. The accompanying order will, therefore, provide that within sixty days said Pacific Gas and Electric Company file with the Commission a reasonable schedule of rates which will apply to the combination of service prayed for by the City of Redwood City in this complaint and such other similar combinations as may be requested by other municipalities in the future.

#### O R D E R

Public hearings having been held in the above entitled complaint, the matter having been submitted for decision, the Commission being fully advised, and basing its order on the conclusions and findings of fact set forth in the foregoing opinion and the record in this case,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that if and when the City of Redwood City shall construct the necessary facilities to permit the delivery of all energy for power purposes at one point, the Pacific Gas and Electric Company shall deliver such energy at one point at the rates and in accordance with the terms and con-

ditions of Schedule P-5.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that on or before sixty (60) days after the date of this order Pacific Gas and Electric Company shall file with the Railroad Commission a schedule of rates applying to the delivery of energy to municipalities at one point for all such municipal uses as the respective municipalities may desire to make of such energy.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 30th day of June, 1930.

Al Lamer  
Frederick  
Leon White  
John S. Lovell  
M. A. C.