

**ORIGINAL**Decision No. 22836

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of  
 PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY, a  
 corporation, for an order of the  
 Railroad Commission of the State of  
 California, granting to applicant a  
 certificate of public convenience  
 and necessity to exercise the right,  
 privilege and franchise granted to  
 applicant by Ordinance 178 of the  
 City Council of the City of Sonoma,  
 County of Sonoma, State of California.

Application No. 16620.

C. P. Cutten and R. W. DuVal by R. W. DuVal  
 for Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

DECOTO, COMMISSIONER:

O P I N I O N

In this proceeding the Pacific Gas and Electric Company asks the Railroad Commission to make its decision and order granting and issuing to applicant a certificate declaring that public convenience and necessity require and will require the exercise by it of franchise rights granted under Ordinance No. 178 of the City Council of the City of Sonoma, County of Sonoma.

A public hearing was held at Sonoma August 21, 1930, at which time testimony was introduced and the matter submitted.

It appears from the evidence that Pacific Gas and Electric Company has in the past been supplying electric energy

to the City of Sonoma under a twenty-five year franchise granted to Mr. C. T. Ryland by Ordinance No. 73, which expired October 7, 1928. This franchise was first acquired by the California Telephone and Light Company, who purchased Mr. Ryland's electric properties, and later by the Pacific Gas and Electric Company through the purchase of the California Telephone and Light Company's properties.

According to the record in this proceeding, the City Council of the City of Sonoma, on May 7, 1930, passed Ordinance No. 178, granting a 50-year franchise to Pacific Gas and Electric Company, a copy of which is set forth in Exhibit "A," attached to and made a part of the application.

The testimony shows that no other electric utility is operating in the City of Sonoma and no one appeared to protest the granting of this application.

Applicant has filed with the Commission a stipulation authorized by its Board of Directors to the effect that applicant, its successors or assigns will never claim before the Railroad Commission or before any other court or other public body any value for the aforesaid franchise in excess of the amount actually paid by it to the City of Sonoma, which cost is reported at \$181.55.

I recommend the following form of order:

O R D E R

Pacific Gas and Electric Company having applied to the Railroad Commission of the State of California for a certi-

ificate declaring that public convenience and necessity require and will require the exercise by applicant of franchise rights granted to it by Ordinance No. 178 of the City Council of the City of Sonoma, a public hearing having been held, the matter being submitted and now ready for decision;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a certificate of public convenience and necessity be and the same is hereby granted to Pacific Gas and Electric Company to exercise the franchise rights granted to it under Ordinance No. 178 of the City Council of the City of Sonoma, County of Sonoma, provided that this Commission may hereafter, by appropriate proceedings and orders, revoke or limit, as to territory not then served by Pacific Gas and Electric Company, the authority herein granted.

The authority herein granted shall be effective from and after the date of this order.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 4th day of September, 1930.

C. J. Harvey  
Commissioner

John G. Linn  
Commissioner

H. J. Lee  
Commissioners.