

Decision No. 23017.

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 authorizing applicant to withdraw and cancel the gas rate schedules and rules and regulations applicable to gas service in the territory formerly supplied by Oakdale Gas Company, and to make effective in said territory the schedules of gas rates and charges and rules and regulations herein referred to.

ORIGINAL

Application No. 16888.

C. P. Cutten, for Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

F. Bush, City Attorney, for City of Oakdale and City of Riverbank.

Whitself, Commissioner:

O P I N I O N

In the above entitled matter Pacific Gas and Electric Company asks the Railroad Commission of the State of California to make its order authorizing applicant to withdraw and cancel its present gas rate schedules and rules and regulations applicable to artificial gas service in the territory formerly supplied by Oakdale Gas Company, and to make effective in said territory the schedules of gas rates and charges and rules and regulations for natural gas service.

A hearing was held September 24, 1930, at which time testimony and evidence were presented by applicant, and the matter

submitted.

Pacific Gas and Electric Company acquired the stock of Oakdale Gas Company in February, 1929, at which time Oakdale Gas Company's rates were superseded by the rates for artificial gas of Pacific Gas and Electric Company, which effected a material reduction. Recently, Pacific Gas and Electric Company purchased the properties of Oakdale Gas Company under authority of Decision No. 22583, Application No. 16505.

Pacific Gas and Electric Company is now extending its present natural gas transmission system to serve the Oakdale Gas Company territory. As the present rates are for artificial gas, Pacific Gas and Electric Company requests permission to make its Schedule G-10-N as set forth in Exhibit "B" attached to and made a part of the application, effective for natural gas service in this territory.

This schedule is now effective for similar territory served by Pacific Gas and Electric Company and will result in a material reduction in the bills of the average consumer if applied to the Oakdale Gas Company territory. However, under the service charge form of rates as proposed, the bills of the small, or convenience users, will be somewhat increased so that they will more nearly pay their share of the cost of service, thus relieving the consumers who use substantial quantities of gas in their household operations, and making possible lower commodity rates for all consumers.

The testimony and evidence presented, including amortization of the expenditures necessary to convert the appliances to natural gas service, did not indicate that Pacific Gas and Electric Company would earn an excessive return by the application of Schedule G-10-N for natural gas service in this

territory.

I therefore recommend the following form of Order:

O R D E R

Pacific Gas and Electric Company having asked the Railroad Commission of the State of California to make its order and decision authorizing applicant to make effective in the territory involved, its filed rules and regulations governing the sale of gas, and to file and make effective for natural gas service a certain schedule and, upon the filing and making effective of same, the withdrawal and cancellation of filed Schedule No. 1 as set forth in Exhibit "A" and made a part of the application, and filed rules and regulations of Oakdale Gas Company governing the sale of gas, and to amortize and write off such unusual and extraordinary expenses incurred in the substitution of natural gas service for artificial gas service during a three-year period commencing with the second year of natural gas service in the territory involved in this petition, public hearings having been held, the matter being submitted and now ready for decision,

The Railroad Commission of the State of California
Hereby Orders as follows:

(1) That Pacific Gas and Electric Company institute at the earliest possible time the service of straight natural gas at the following schedule of rates in lieu of the artificial gas service now being served in the territory involved in this petition, provided that no consumer shall be rendered a monthly

bill at the natural gas rate unless he has had at least fifteen (15) days of natural gas service.

SCHEDULE G-10-N

Character of Service:

Natural gas for light, heat and power service will be supplied, of a heating value as specified and under conditions provided for in rules and regulations filed with the Railroad Commission of the State of California.

Territory:

This rate applies to the cities of Oakdale and Riverbank and adjacent territory.

Rate.

Service Charge: Per meter per month.

Incorporated territory - - - - - \$1.10
 Unincorporated territory - - - - - 1.30

Commodity Charge:

First	5,000	cu.ft.	per	meter	per	mth.	13¢	per	100	cu.ft.
Next	25,000	"	"	"	"	"	9¢	"	100	"
Next	170,000	"	"	"	"	"	7¢	"	100	"
All over	200,000	"	"	"	"	"	6¢	"	100	"

Note: This schedule will become effective in substitution of Schedule No. 1 as and when the present manufactured gas service has been entirely superseded by straight natural gas service.

(2) That upon the completion of the substitution of natural gas service in the territory formerly served by Oakdale Gas Company and upon the filing and making effective of said schedules of rates for natural gas service, Pacific Gas and Electric Company is hereby authorized to make effective its filed rules and regulations governing the service of natural gas, and to withdraw and cancel its present Oakdale Gas Company Schedule No. 1, and its rules and regulations governing the service of

artificial gas in the territory formerly supplied by Oakdale Gas Company.

(3) That Pacific Gas and Electric Company is hereby authorized to amortize and write off such unusual and extraordinary expenses as shall be incurred in the substitution of natural gas service for the present artificial gas service in the territory involved in this petition, during a three-year period, commencing with the second year of natural gas service in such territory.

The authorization herein granted, except as otherwise specifically provided, shall be from and after the date of this order.

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 28th day of October, 1930.

C. L. McNeill
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 Commissioners.