

Decision No. 23926

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY LOCAL OF
CALIFORNIA PRUNE GROWERS LEAGUE,
FRANK ABERNATHY, et als.

Plaintiffs,

vs.

PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY,
a corporation,

Defendants.

ORIGINAL

Case No. 3052.

John Leonard, for Santa Clara County Local of
California Prune Growers League.
C. P. Cutten, for Pacific Gas and Electric Company.
J. J. Deuel, for California Farm Bureau Federation.

SEAVEY, COMMISSIONER:

O P I N I O N

This is a proceeding instituted upon complaint of Santa Clara County Local of California Prune Growers League, Frank Abernathy, et al., against Pacific Gas and Electric Company, wherein complainants allege that the rates and charges for electrical energy assessed and exacted by defendant from its agricultural power consumers within all of the agricultural territory served by defendant, and particularly within the County of Santa Clara, are unjust and unreasonable under present conditions.

The complaint further alleges that the agricultural industry is, and for a number of years last past has been, in great financial distress due to conditions beyond its control, including the lowering of the underground water tables which has increased pumping costs,

and prays that this Commission, after hearing and investigation, establish reduced rates for agricultural power service.

Public hearings on this complaint were held at San Jose, California, on June 16 and June 26, 1931, at which testimony and evidence were introduced.

In my opinion the record does not contain sufficient evidence to justify a reduction of the rates in question, and I recommend the following form of order:

O R D E R

Santa Clara Local of California Prune Growers League, Frank Avernathy, et al., having entered formal complaint against the agricultural electric rates of Pacific Gas and Electric Company, public hearings having been held, the matter being submitted and now ready for decision,

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HEREBY ORDERS AND DECLARES that said complaint be and it is hereby dismissed.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 3d day of

August, 1931.

C. C. Linn
Leon O. O'Connell
M. J. Linn
M. B. Harris
Frederic G. Stewart
 Commissioners.