

Decision No. 25787 .

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the matter of the application of
PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY,
LESSEE, a corporation, for an or-
der of the Railroad Commission of
the State of California approving
a certain agreement entered into
by and between applicant and
MERIDIAN, LTD., dated November 28,
1932.

Application No. 18645.

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C. P. Cutten, for applicant.
Roy M. Pike, for Meridian, Ltd.
E. W. Kriem, for Modesto Irrigation District.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

This is an application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Lessee, a corporation, for an order approving a certain agreement dated November 28, 1932, made and entered into by and between applicant and Meridian, Ltd. A copy of said agreement, marked Exhibit "A," is attached to and made a part of the application.

Upon the terms and conditions set forth in the aforesaid agreement, applicant has agreed to sell and deliver to said Meridian, Ltd., and the latter has agreed to purchase from the former, during the term thereof, all of the electrical energy which shall be required for the operation of its electrical machinery and apparatus and in the conduct of its business upon its premises situate in the County of Stanislaus, State of California, known as El Solyo Ranch, at the locations particularly described in said agreement, it being provided in said agreement that the same shall continue in force until the expiration of the term of seven (7) years from the first day of April, 1932, and thereafter until terminated in the manner

provided in said agreement, and that the same shall become binding upon the parties thereto as soon as, but not before, it shall be approved by the Railroad Commission of the State of California, and when so approved shall be deemed effective for all purposes as of the first day of April, 1932.

Under the conditions of said agreement, the charges to be paid to applicant by Meridian, Ltd., for three (3) phase, sixty (60) cycle, alternating current at two hundred twenty (220) volts for use in Meridian, Ltd., Plant No. 1 and Dehydrater and at four hundred forty (440) volts for use in Meridian, Ltd., pumping plants numbers one (1), two (2), and three (3), all of which are to be wholly operated by electric energy, shall be in accordance with the following rates:

1. During first three (3) years of term:

(a) All energy..... \$0.008 per kilowatt-hour

2. During remainder of term (Plants metered and billed separately):

(a) Energy used in Dehydrater..... Schedule No. P-1
(b) Energy used in Pumping Plants... Schedule No. P-3.

A public hearing was held on this application at Fresno, California, on March 2, 1935.

Witnesses for applicant testified that Meridian, Ltd., has for some years been an electrical consumer of Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Lessee, receiving service under the regularly published schedules of said utility; that said utility owns all of the electric lines and transformers on the premises of Meridian, Ltd.; that the property of Meridian, Ltd., is located west of the San Joaquin River, between the territory of Modesto Irrigation District and the territories of the Santa Carbona and West Stanislaus Irrigation Districts, both of which have been granted reduced rates by Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Lessee, under

authority granted by this Commission; that representatives of Meridian, Ltd., informed applicant that Meridian, Ltd., could secure electric energy from Modesto Irrigation District at the rate of six (6) mills per kilowatt-hour, if Meridian, Ltd., would build a line from its property in an easterly direction across the San Joaquin River to the westerly boundary of Modesto Irrigation District; that the rate proposed in said agreement of November 28, 1932, by Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Lessee, is substantially equivalent to said six (6) mill rate, investment considered; that applicant knows of no other consumer except Vernalis Investment Company, situated under like conditions and circumstances.

Mr. B. W. Kriem, representing Modesto Irrigation District, stated that said Irrigation District does not protest the granting of this application but feels that the rate should be filed as a regular schedule, open to all consumers of like conditions and circumstances.

After giving careful consideration to all of the testimony and evidence in this case, it is our opinion that this agreement is fair to all parties and should be approved.

O R D E R

Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Lessee, having applied to the Railroad Commission of the State of California for an order approving a certain agreement dated November 28, 1932, between applicant and Meridian, Ltd., covering the purchase and sale of electric energy, public hearing having been held, the matter being submitted and being now ready for decision;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that said agreement be and it is hereby approved.

The effective date of this order shall be from and

after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 3rd day
of April, 1933.

C. J. Leary
Leon Whitted
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W. B. Harney
Walter Moore
COMMISSIONERS.