

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Investigation)
on the Commission's own motion, of)
the reasonableness of proposed uni-)
form standards of Overhead Line)
Construction for the State of Cali-)
fornia.)

Case No. 1615.

A P P E A R A N C E S

- Frank B. Austin and A.H. Babcock, for Southern Pacific Company.
H.P. Bell, for San Francisco-Oakland Terminal Railways.
L.M. Klauber, for San Diego Consolidated Gas and Electric Company.
R.E. Cunningham, for Southern California Edison Company.
E.J. Crawford and Lloyd Henley, for San Joaquin Light and Power Corporation.
S.J. Lisberger, for Pacific Gas and Electric Company.
R.W. Mastick, for Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company.
Ernest Irwin, for Independent Telephone Association of California and particularly Home Telephone Company of Covina.
S.M. Foster, for Market Street Railway Company.
S.H. Anderson, for Pacific Electric Railway Company.
J.E. MacDonald, for Joint Pole Committee of Los Angeles.
F.A. Gift, for Western Union Telegraph Company.
L.C. G rasser and Geo. Flatley, for International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.
J.A. Koontz and G.H. Hagar, for Great Western Power Company.
W.R. Van Bokkelen, for Coast Counties Gas and Electric Company.
T.P. Brewster, for The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway.
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James F. Pollard, for Coast Valleys Gas and Electric Company.
P.B. Harris, for Los Angeles Railway Corporation.
W.G. Rennison, for Petaluma & Santa Rosa Railway Company.
R.S. Daniels, for California-Oregon Power Company.
G.E. Kimball, for Industrial Accident Commission.
W.H. Davison, for Peninsula Railway Co. and San Jose Railroads.
J.M. Sims, for Pacific Coast Railway Co.
R.W. Wiley, for City and County of San Francisco.

MARTIN, Commissioner,

O P I N I O N

This is an investigation, on the Commission's own motion, into the reasonableness of proposed uniform standards of Overhead Line Construction for the State of California.

Proposed rules or standards of Overhead Line Construction prepared under the Commission's supervision and direction and embodying modifications of the Commission's General Order No. 26, certain requirements of Chapter 499, Statutes of 1911 as amended by Chapter 600, Statutes of 1915 and various other requirements pertinent to service and safety were submitted in evidence at the hearing in this proceeding in the form of a proposed General Order.

The consensus of opinion of representatives of utilities who were present was favorable to the adoption of standard rules. No evidence was presented in opposition to the rules as a whole. A few requests were made that the Commission grant deviations from some particular requirements or give further consideration to certain of the rules, with a view of making modifications thereof. As a result of such evidence modifications have been made in the original draft submitted. The proposed rules already include a clause which permits deviations when conclusive evidence has been presented to show that exceptional conditions exist.

In view of the fact that the statements of utility representatives were unanimous in expression of the desirability of such rules and that careful investigation indicated the inadequacy of existing rules and the need of these uniform standards, I am of the opinion that the application of these rules as specified in General Order No. 64 will promote uniform and higher standards of construction and will insure more adequate service and greater

safety to persons engaged in the construction, maintenance, operation or use of overhead electrical lines and to the public in general and will, at the same time work no undue hardship on the owners of such lines.

I recommend the following form of order:

O R D E R

An investigation having been instituted on the Commission's own motion into the reasonableness of certain proposed uniform standards of overhead line construction, a hearing having been held and the matter submitted and ready for decision,

The Railroad Commission of the State of California hereby finds as a fact that the proposed rules and regulations for overhead line construction as modified and set forth in this Commission's General Order No. 64 are reasonable and just and that compliance with the same will result in improved service and greater safety.

Basing its order on the above finding of fact:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

(1) All construction, reconstruction and maintenance of overhead electrical supply and signal lines coming within the jurisdiction of this Commission, done on and after July 1, 1922, shall conform to the Rules of Overhead Electric Line Construction prescribed by the Railroad Commission of the State of California in its General Order No. 64.

(2) General Order No. 64 is hereby approved and ordered effective July 1, 1922.

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 1st day of May
1922.

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