

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY,
a corporation, for Permission to
Continue to Deviate from the Rates,
Tolls, Rentals and Charges Shown
in its Schedules of Rates Filed with
the Railroad Commission of the
State of California.

Application
No. 114.

ORDER

By the Commission.

WHEREAS Pacific Gas & Electric Company, on the 24th day of June, 1912, filed with this Commission its petition asking permission to continue the deviations from its schedules of rates on file with this Commission, as said deviations appear in a list which was filed with said petition as a part of petitioner's revised schedule of rates and also permission to make reductions in its schedules of rates as business conditions made such reductions advisable and necessary without first applying to this Commission for the privilege of doing so; and,

WHEREAS this Commission has been unable to make the investigations into deviations from schedules of rates of public utilities which it may hereafter make, and is willing in the meantime to permit existing deviations to continue, if applied for, until the further order of the Commission; and,

WHEREAS under the provisions of section 15 of the Public Utilities Act changes in the rates of public utilities, other than increases, become effective by operation of law upon thirty days' notice to the Commission, unless suspended, without further action of the Commission, and said Commission has the power, for good cause shown, to allow changes on less than said thirty days' notice, so that a simple and effective procedure

is provided for making reductions in rates; and

WHEREAS the grant of applicant's prayer for permission to make reductions in its schedules "as business conditions make such reductions advisable and necessary" without first filing such reductions with this Commission would practically nullify said provisions of the Public Utilities Act and would render possible the creation of discriminations and special privileges in addition to those heretofore existing and would thus serve largely to defeat one of the main purposes of the Public Utilities Act,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT applicant's petition to continue the deviations as shown on its said revised schedule of rates is hereby granted until the further order of this Commission, and applicant's petition for permission to make reductions in its schedules as business conditions make such reductions advisable and necessary without first filing such reductions with this Commission is hereby denied.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 29th day of June, 1912.



John M. Eashman
H. J. Ireland
Max Thelen

Commissioners