

Decision No. ✓

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Decision No. 1774

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Western States Gas and Electric Company,

Complainant,

vs.

Case No. 565

Sierra and San Francisco Power Company,

Defendant.

Nutter and Orr for complainants  
 Lillienthal, McKinstry and Raymond for  
 defendant.

EDGERTON, Commissioner.

O P I N I O N

Western States Gas and Electric Company complained against the Sierra and San Francisco Power Company and alleged that the rates charged it by the defendant for electrical energy were unduly high. Answer was made by defendant and a hearing was had and the matter submitted.

Thereupon, and before a decision was rendered herein, complainant and defendant came together and agreed upon a modification of the rates theretofore in effect and of which complaint was made herein.

This new contract provides a considerable reduction in rates and is joined in by both of the parties hereto. The Commission is asked to approve this contract and to dismiss the action.

I believe the contract should be approved for a term of five years instead of until January, 1924 as provided in the agreement.

I suggest this action because the whole status of the generation and delivery of electrical energy changes to such a marked degree from time to time that to make an agreement now to

be binding until 1924 is in my judgment unwise. I think the Commission's approval should be for a period of five years.

I submit herewith the following form of order:

O R D E R

Complaint having been made by Western States Gas and Electric Company against Sierra and San Francisco Power Company, and a hearing having been had subsequent to which both of the parties hereto have joined in a written agreement settling all of the issues herein and have asked that this agreement <sup>e</sup>by approved by the Commission and the action dismissed,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Railroad Commission of the State of California that the contract entered into by the parties hereto is hereby approved. Provided, however, that this approval shall extend only for a period of five years from the date of this order. This contract is on file herein, reference to which is hereby made.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the complaint herein be and the same is hereby dismissed.

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 September, 1914.

John W. McLaughlin  
H. D. Fitzgerald  
Wm. Gordon  
Edwin C. Edgerton

Commissioners.