

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 2663-

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of OCEANSIDE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY for an order extending time for compliance with Chapter 499, Laws of 1911, as amended by Chapter 600, Laws of 1915.

Application No. 2110.

In the Matter of the Application of SAN DIEGO CONSOLIDATED GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY for an order extending time for compliance with Chapter 499, Laws of 1911, as amended by Chapter 600, Laws of 1915.

Application No. 2223.

A. H. Sweet for San Diego Consolidated Gas and Electric Company, and Oceanside Electric and Gas Company.
J. Morgenthauer, H. G. Greene and C. W. McAlpin for Electrical Workers.

THELAN AND DEVLIN, Commissioners.

O P I N I O N.

These are petitions for extensions of time within which to comply with the provisions of Chapter 499, Laws of 1911, as amended by Chapter 600, Laws of 1915, referring to the construction, reconstruction, maintenance and use of electric poles, wires, cables and appliances.

Subsequent to the filing of Application No. 2110 by Oceanside Electric and Gas Company, the capital stock and physical property of this company were acquired by San Diego Consolidated Gas and Electric Company. The two above entitled proceedings were accordingly consolidated for hearing and decision and the authority herein granted will be conferred upon San Diego Consolidated Gas and Electric Company.

A public hearing in these proceedings was held in Los Angeles on July 18, 1916.

For a statement of the law governing proceedings of

this character and of the principles guiding the Railroad Commission in its decisions therein, reference is hereby made to the decision this day rendered in Application No. 2222, Los Angeles Gas and Electric Corporation, et al.

San Diego Consolidated Gas and Electric Company distributes electric energy in the City of San Diego and in a considerable portion of San Diego County adjacent to said city. Oceanside Electric and Gas Company formerly distributed electric energy in the town of Oceanside, San Diego County, and in a portion of the San Luis Rey Valley, adjacent thereto.

The testimony shows that on the effective date of Chapter 499, Laws of 1911, approximately 10 per cent of the San Diego Consolidated Gas and Electric Company's system complied with the law in all respects. The principal violations of the law were with reference to horizontal and vertical clearances. Approximately 25 per cent of the violations ~~remained~~ existing in 1911 have been removed, principally by reason of reconstruction done for ~~the~~ purposes other than compliance with Chapter 499, Laws of 1911.

Exhibit No. 1 of San Diego Consolidated Gas and Electric Company shows that a complete compliance by this company with the statute will require an expenditure of \$96,916.14. A salvage of \$3,837.85 is assumed, leaving a net total expenditure of \$93,078.29. San Diego Consolidated Gas and Electric Company suggests that this expenditure be charged in the amount of \$46,090.82 to additions and betterments, \$23,344.92 to depreciation and \$23,642.55 to operation.

San Diego Consolidated Gas and Electric Company asks that the time for compliance by it with the statute be extended for a period of five years. The reasons for asking this extension are partly the probability that a portion of the company's system in the City of San Diego will shortly be placed under-ground,

partly the dangers involved in placing new men on reconstruction work and partly the expense of doing the work. The testimony presented by the company shows that if the work were crowded and additional crews of men were employed, the reconstruction could be completed in between one and one half and two years.

The system of Oceanside Gas and Electric Company is small and the reconstruction work on this system could be performed quickly.

After careful consideration of all the factors entering into the problem, we have reached the conclusion that an extension of time until June 30, 1919, should be granted to San Diego Consolidated Gas and Electric Company, on the conditions specified in the order herein.

We submit the following form of order:

O R D E R.

SAN DIEGO CONSOLIDATED GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY and OCEANSIDE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY having applied for an order extending the time within which to comply with the provisions of Chapter 499, Laws of 1911, as amended by Chapter 600, Laws of 1915, and a public hearing having been held,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. The time within which San Diego Consolidated Gas and Electric Company shall reconstruct its existing system so as to comply completely with the provisions of Chapter 499, Laws of 1911, as amended by Chapter 600, Laws of 1915, is hereby extended to and including June 30, 1919, on condition that at least one-third ($1/3$) of the reconstruction work necessary to be done shall be completed on or before June 30, 1917, at least two-thirds ($2/3$) on or before June 30, 1918, and the entire work on or before June 30, 1919.

2. At the times herein directed, San Diego Consolidated Gas and Electric Company shall file with the Railroad Commission, on forms to be supplied by the Railroad Commission, progress reports showing, in such detail as will be prescribed by the Railroad Commission, the extent to which the necessary reconstruction work has been performed during the period covered by the report and also the extent to which reconstruction work remains to be done in order that the property will comply with the provisions of Chapter 499, Laws of 1911, as amended by Chapter 600, Laws of 1915. The first report shall cover the period ending December 31, 1916, and shall be filed with the Railroad Commission within 15 days subsequent thereto. The succeeding reports shall cover the succeeding six-months' periods respectively, and shall be filed on or before the expiration of 15 days after the termination of each such succeeding period of six months.

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 26th day of September, 1916.

Max Thelen
A. J. Lovell

Edwin C. Edgerton
Frank R. Doherty

Commissioners.