

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the matter of the Application)
of MT. WHITNEY POWER AND ELECTRIC)
COMPANY for an order extending)
time for compliance with Chapter)
499, Laws of 1911, as amended by)
Chapter 600, Laws of 1915.)
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Application No. 2188.

Decision No. 3666

Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, by S. M. Haskins, for
Mt. Whitney Power & Electric Company.
J. Morgenthau, E. G. Greene and C. W. McAlpin
for Electrical Workers.

WHELEN and DEVLIN, Commissioners.

O P I N I O N

This is a petition for an extension 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 con-
struction, reconstruction, maintenance and use of electric poles,
wires, cables and appliances.

A public hearing in this proceeding was held in Los
Angeles on July 19, 1916.

For a statement of the law governing proceedings of this
character and of the principles guiding the Railroad Commission in
its decision therein, reference is hereby made to the decision of
this day rendered in Application No. 2222, Los Angeles Gas and Elec-
tric Corporation, et al.

Mt. Whitney Power and Electric Company transmits and
distributes electric energy in Tulare County and in small portions
of Kern and Kings Counties.

The testimony shows that the principal violations of
the statute on this company's system occur with reference to hori-
zontal and vertical clearances. On March 1, 1911, 169 miles of
transmission line and 89 miles of 6,600 volt distribution lines
did not comply with the statute. Subsequent to March 1, 1911,

109 miles of transmission lines and 87 miles of 6,600 volt distribution lines have been brought within the terms of the statute, either by new construction or by reconstruction of existing lines.

The testimony shows that an expenditure of approximately \$31,500.00 will be necessary to bring the system into complete compliance with the statute.

Petitioner asked for an extension of five years, but stated that if all necessary funds were available and the work was crowded, it could be done in two years.

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 petitioner, on the conditions specified in the order herein.

We submit the following form of order:

O R D E R.

MT. WHITNEY POWER AND ELECTRIC 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 petitioner 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, petitioner 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
H. B. Loveland
Edwin O. Edgerton
Oran R. Derby

Commissioners.