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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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

Application No. 2215.

Decision No. _____

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Leo H. Susman for California Telephone and Light Company.
J. Morgenthauer and William Rhys for Electrical Workers.

TEBLEY 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 construction, reconstruction, maintenance and use of electric poles, wires, cables and appliances.

A public hearing in this proceeding was held in San Francisco on July 14, 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.

Petitioner is engaged in the business of transmitting and distributing electric energy in Sonoma and Mendocino Counties and of furnishing telephone service in Sonoma, Mendocino, Napa and Lake Counties. Petitioner purchases its electric energy from Pacific Gas and Electric Company and Snow Mountain Water and Power Company and transmits its energy at voltages of 6,600 and 11,000, except that it owns one mile of 55,000 volt transmission line.

Petitioner reports that it has expended \$12,297.65 to

reconstruct its system to comply with the statute and that it will be necessary to expend the additional sum of \$9,764.74 to finish the work, of which amount \$5,943.38 is in connection with petitioner's telephone construction and \$3,943.36 in connection with petitioner's electric construction.

The violations of the statute now existing in so far as petitioner's electric properties are concerned are in the matter of horizontal spacing, although in certain respects petitioner's cross-arms and vertical spacing also do not comply with the statute. The telephone construction complies with the law except as to cable hanging in municipalities and in some cases, the horizontal clearances.

Petitioner asked for an extension of five years from and after April 22, 1916. This extension is asked on the assumption that petitioner will not reconstruct any of its property for the sole purpose of complying with the statute and that reconstruction to comply with the statute will be done only in connection with reconstruction for other purposes.

After careful consideration of all the factors entering into the problem, we have reached the conclusion that an extension of time until ^{December 31, 1918} ~~June 30, 1918~~ 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.

CALIFORNIA TELEPHONE AND LIGHT 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 ^{December 31, 1918} ~~March 31, 1918~~ on condition that at least one-third of the reconstruction work necessary to be done shall be completed on or before June 30, 1917, at least two-thirds on or before June 30, 1918, and the entire work on or before ~~March 31, 1918~~ December 31, 1918.

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} ~~25th~~ day of September.

Max Thelen
H. D. Howard
Edwin O. Edgerton
Frank R. Butler

Commissioners.