

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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

ORIGINAL

Application No. 2334

Decision No.

3685

Frank E. Powers for Vallejo Electric Light and Power Company.
J. Morgenthauer and William Rhys for Electrical Workers.

THELEN 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 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 owns an electric distributing system in the City of Vallejo.

Mr. A. Kasper, petitioner's manager and secretary, testified that petitioner has done considerable reconstruction work subsequent to the effective date of Chapter 499, Laws of 1911, and that this work, as well as all new work, has complied with the statute. He testified that at the present time about 65 per cent of petitioner's system complies entirely with the

statute. The principal violation of the law would seem to be a failure to construct the proper casing around vertical wires.

Mr. Kasper testified that the reconstruction of petitioner's system in the residential portion of Vallejo could be finished in approximately three months of good weather, but that it will take a longer time to reconstruct the business section because of interruptions of service, which would be caused by such reconstruction.

Petitioner asked for an extension of one year.

After careful consideration of all the factors entering into the problem, we have reached the conclusion that an extension of time until June 30, 1917, 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

VALLEJO ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER 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, 1917, on condition that at least one-half of the reconstruction work necessary to be done shall be completed on or before December 31, 1916, and the entire work on or before June 30, 1917.

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 15 days subsequent thereto. The succeeding report shall cover the succeeding six-month period, and shall be filed on or before the expiration of 15 days after the termination of such six-month period.

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. L. Loveland

Edwin C. Edgerton

Francis P. Decker

Commissioners.