

Decision No. _____

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Decision No. 3686

In the matter of the application of)
 Redondo Home Telephone Company for)
 an order extending time for compliance) Application No. 2341
 with Chapter 499, Laws of 1911, as)
 amended by Chapter 600, Laws of 1915.)

T. A. Gould for Redondo Home Telephone Company.
 J. Morgenthauer, E. G. Greene and C. W. McAlpin
 for Electric Workers.

THELLEN and DEVLIN, Commissioners.

O P I N I O N

This is a petition for an order extending the time for compliance 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 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 this day rendered in Application No. 2222, Los Angeles Gas and Electric Corporation et al.

Petitioner reports that in order to comply with the provisions of the statute 800 feet of cable which did not have the required clearance were taken from the poles and placed underground, on over 200 poles the pole pin circuit was removed in open wire leads to conform with the required pole clearance, 26 guy wires have been replaced and

strain insulators installed therein and all guy wires have been incased with wood boxes at the ground end.

Mr. T. A. Gould, petitioner's General Manager, testified that at the present time the only changes necessary to be made in order to comply with the statute are as follows:

On nine poles cables must be transferred to cross-arms to give necessary horizontal clearance; on fifty poles open wire construction exists without the standard clearance, in which cases open wires must be replaced with cable; and fourteen guy wires must have strain insulators installed therein.

The petitioner herein states that the estimated cost of reconstruction is \$3,000.00, but we are satisfied that this estimate is entirely too large. Mr. Gould testified that if the money were available the work could be completed within 60 to 90 days. Petitioner's annual report for the year ending December 31, 1915, shows a net income for the year of \$161.02.

Petitioner asked "for a couple of years" and states that it will perform the work as soon as it can arrange for the reconstruction.

After careful consideration of all the factors entering into the problem, we have reached the conclusion that an extension of time until December 31, 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

Redondo Home Telephone 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 herein 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, 1917, on condition that at least one-half of the reconstruction work necessary to be done shall be completed on or before June 30, 1917 and the entire work on or before December 31, 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 within fifteen days

subsequent thereto. The succeeding reports shall cover the succeeding six months' periods, respectively, and shall be filed on or before the expiration of fifteen 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
Abraham
Edwin W. Edgerton
Franz R. Denker

Commissioners