

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Application)
of VENTURA COUNTY POWER COMPANY)
for an order extending time for)
compliance with Chapter 499,)
Laws of 1911, as amended by)
Chapter 600, Laws of 1915.)

Application No. 2379.

S. M. Haskins for Ventura County Power Company.
J. Morgenthauer, H. G. Greene and C. W. McAlpin
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 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 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 operates an electric distributing system in Ventura County.

Mr. F. W. Hunter, petitioner's general manager, testified that on the effective date of Chapter 499, Laws of 1911, not a single mile of petitioner's line complied with the law. Mr. Hunter testified that to a considerable extent petitioner's cross-arms must be repainted; that on 150 poles the vertical clearances must be changed; that 1616 cross-arms must be replaced to give the

necessary horizontal clearances; that 615 head guys in insulators must be installed; that 265 - 15,000 volt insulators must be installed; and that 1050 strain bobs must be installed. The total estimated expense is \$16,340.54. The installation of head guys, for which an estimate of \$1220.00 is included, is not required by the statute.

Petitioner asked for an extension of five years, on the assumption that the reconstruction work would be done by petitioner's regular crew of employees. Mr. Hunter stated that if he put on one extra gang of men, the work could be done in from 18 to 24 months.

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, should be granted to petitioner, on the conditions specified in the order herein.

We submit the following form of order:

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VENTURA COUNTY 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 December 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, two-thirds on or before June 30, 1918, and the entire work on or before December 31, 1918.

2. At the times herein directed, petitioner shall file

with the Railroad Commission, on forms to be supplied by the
progress reports showing,
Railroad Commission, in such detail as will be prescribed by the
Railroad Commission, the extent to which the necessary reconstruc-
tion 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 provi-
sions 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 termina-
tion 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 Com-
mission of the State of California.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 26th day of
September, 1916.

Max Thelen
H. H. Loveland
Edwin C. Edgerton
Oran R. Derby
Commissioners.