

Decision No. _____

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application of)	
Midland Counties Public Service Cor-)	
poration for an order extending time)	
for compliance with Chapter 499, Laws)	Application No. 2416
of 1911, as amended by Chapter 600,)	
Laws of 1915.)	

Short and Sutherland, by W. A. Sutherland for
 Midland Counties Public Service Corporation.
 J. Morgenthauer and William Rhys for Electric
 Workers.

HEBLEN 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 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 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 owns and operates an electric transmission and distributing system in the counties of Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Monterey and Fresno.

The situation of petitioner is very similar to that of San Joaquin Light and Power Corporation, application No. 2415.

Petitioner filed a statement subsequent to the hearing showing that portions of petitioner's system violate almost all the provisions of Chapter 499, Laws of 1911, as amended by Chapter 600, Laws of 1915. The statement shows that an expenditure of approximately \$43,876.00 will be necessary to remove all the violations of the statute.

Petitioner asks an extension of five years. No special effort has been made to comply with the statute. Mr. E. A. Quinn, petitioner's General Superintendent, testified that if sufficient additional foremen and employees were engaged the work could be done within eighteen months.

Petitioner's stock is owned by ^{the same interests which control} San Joaquin Light and Power Corporation. We consider that it would be reasonable to grant the same extension of time to petitioner as has been granted to the San Joaquin Light and Power Corporation, namely, until June 30, 1919, on the conditions specified in the order herein.

We submit the following form of order:

O R D E R

Midland Counties Public Service Corporation 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 June 30, 1919, 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, 1916, 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 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
H. B. Howard

Edwin O. Edgerton
Francis R. Dyer

Commissioners.