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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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

Application No. 2433.

E. H. Trowbridge and Harry Bauer for Santa Barbara  
Gas and Electric Company.  
J. Morgenthau, 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 was held in this proceeding 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 owns and operates an electric distributing system in the City of Santa Barbara.

Mr. R. E. Cunningham, testifying in behalf of petitioner, testified that 88.3 per cent of petitioner's poles comply with the statute; that on 4.6 per cent, being 230 poles, it will be necessary to lower cross-arms; that on 5.3 per cent, being 266 poles, it will be necessary to change cross-arms; and that 1.8 per cent, being 89 poles, must have their location changed. He

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testified that the total expenditure to be incurred will be \$3,680.00. Petitioner asks for an extension of five years. Mr. Cunningham testified that if a concentrated effort were made and an additional crew employed, the work could be completed within a few months.

In our opinion, an extension of five years, on the facts in this proceeding, would be entirely unreasonable. We find that an extension to and including December 31, 1917, would be reasonable, on the conditions specified in the order herein.

We submit the following form of order:

#### O R D E R.

SANTA BARBARA GAS AND ELECTRIC 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, 1917, on condition that at least one-third of the reconstruction work necessary to be done shall be completed on or before December 31, 1916, two-thirds 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 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 26<sup>th</sup> day  
of September, 1916.

Max Thelen

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Edwin O. Edgerton

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Commissioners.