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Decision No. 3724

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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In the Matter of the Application of)
PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY for))
an order extending time for compliance) Application No. 2145.
with Chapter 499, Laws of 1911, as)
amended by Chapter 600, Laws of 1915.)

C. P. Cutten for Pacific Gas and Electric Company.
J. Morgenthauer and Wm. Rhys for Electrical Workers.

THELEN 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.

Public hearings in this proceeding were held in San Francisco on July 13 and September 22, 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 rendered on September 26, 1916, in Application No. 2222, Los Angeles Gas and Electric Corporation, et al.

Petitioner owns and operates an electric production, transmission and distributing system throughout large portions of northern and central California. Petitioner also owns and operates an electric street railroad in the City of Sacramento.

The testimony does not show the exact extent to which petitioner's system on April 22, 1911, failed to comply with the provisions of the statute. The evidence, however, shows that approximately 66 2/3 per cent of the violations existing on April 22, 1911, have been removed and that at the present time fully 75 per cent of petitioner's system complies with the provisions of the statute. Petitioner represents that all new construction subsequent to April 22, 1911, has been done in compliance with the provisions of the statute.

The testimony shows that although violations of the statute have been removed in connection with and as incidental to construction or reconstruction for other purposes, no special efforts have been made to remove the violations of the statute apart from construction or reconstruction for other purposes.

At the hearing on September 22, 1916, petitioner filed its Exhibit No. 6, showing estimated cost of removing all the remaining violations of the statute. A summary of Exhibit No. 6 is as follows:

Cost of placing existing wires 13 inches from pole center	\$56,751.00
Cost of placing unattached wires 13 inches from pole center	1,185.00
Construction to provide 4-foot vertical clearance, etc.	145,704.00
Cost painting cross-arms	8,967.00
Placing insulators in guys, etc.	1,943.00
Boxing cable of pipe risers, etc.	2,776.00
Removing arc lamps from transformer poles .	169.00
Crossings, etc.	2,050.00
Street railroad	<u>435.00</u>
Total	\$219,980.00

As is the case with reconstruction work to be done by most of the petitioners in proceedings of this character, a considerable portion of the foregoing expenditure would be necessary, in due course, in any event, by reason of depreciation due to wear and tear, obsolescence and inadequacy of the property.

In its petition herein, petitioner asks for an extension of three years within which to remove the remaining violations of the statute. After careful consideration of all the factors entering into the problem, we have reached the conclusion that an extension until June 30, 1919, 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 .

PACIFIC 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 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 one-third on or before June 30, 1918, 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 (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 fifteen (15) days after the termination of each 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 30th day of September, 1916.

Max Thelen

Alvin G. Smith

Frank R. Derby

Commissioners.