

Decision No.

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Decision No. 3725

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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In the Matter of the Application of)	
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA POWER COMPANY,)	
CONSOLIDATED, for an order extending)	
time for compliance with Chapter 499,)	Application No. 2276.
Laws of 1911, as amended by Chapter)	
600, Laws of 1915.)	

Edward Whaley and H. Corwin for petitioner.
J. Morgenthaler and Wm. Rhys for Electrical Workers.

REBELLEN 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 14 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 distribution system in the counties of Shasta, Tehama, Glenn, Colusa and Trinity.

At the hearing on September 22, 1916, petitioner presented its Exhibit No. 1, showing the respects in which its system at the present time fails to comply with the statute and its estimate of the expenditures necessary to be incurred to remove all existing violations. The estimate is presented in detail with reference to each section of the statute. The estimate shows a total expenditure of \$17,973.86 in connection with the distribution system, \$7,425.03 in connection with the transmission system and an additional overhead and incidental expense of 10 per cent on both distribution and transmission systems, making a total estimated expenditure of \$27,948.77.

Petitioner estimates that subsequent to 1911 it has expended \$50,000.00 in reconstructing its transmission and distribution systems and that to a considerable extent the existing violations of the statute have been removed.

Petitioner asks an extension of three years within which to remove the remaining violations of the statute.

As bearing on petitioner's financial condition, it was stipulated that petitioner's annual reports on file with the Railroad Commission and the evidence in Application No. 1625, referring to petitioner's rates, decided on September 1, 1916, might be considered in so far as material in this proceeding.

After careful consideration of all the factors entering into the problem we have reached the conclusion that an extension of time 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 .

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA POWER COMPANY, CONSOLIDATED,
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 hear-
ing 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 in-
cluding June 30, 1919, on condition that at least one-third
of the reconstruction work necessary to be done shall be com-
pleted 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 pro-
visions 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

Wm. Gordon

Stanley Dewey

Commissioners.