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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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In the Matter of the Application of	}	Application No. 2541.
CALIFORNIA-OREGON POWER COMPANY for		
an order extending time for compli-		
ance with the provisions of Chapter		
499, Laws of 1911, as amended by		
Chapter 600, Laws of 1915.	}	

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for California-Oregon Power Company.
Wm. Rhys for Electrical Workers.

REELLEN and DEVLIN, Commissioners.

O P I N I O N .

This is a petition for an order extending 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 September 22, 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 rendered on September 26, 1916, in Application No. 2222, Los Angeles Gas and Electric Corporation, et al.

Petitioner owns and operates an electric generating, transmission and distribution system in the State of Oregon and in the counties of Siskyou, Shasta and Trinity, in California.

Mr. O. G. Steele, petitioner's division manager, testified that petitioner's transmission line from Etna Mills to Fall Creek, a distance of 65 miles, complies with the statute

except with reference to petitioner's telephone line , which line is on brackets instead of being on cross-arms; that petitioner has contemplated the reconstruction of this entire transmission line, but that before such reconstruction can be done it will be necessary to construct a cross-country line of about 24 miles to supply service to the towns and villages now receiving service over the Etna Mills-Fall Creek transmission line; that the remaining portion of the 120 miles of transmission line constructed prior to April 22, 1911 complies with the statute in all respects except the insulation of guy wires; that out of the 104 miles of transmission line constructed subsequent to April 22, 1911, the statute is complied with except with reference to 28 miles constructed in the early part of 1911, which said 28 miles comply with the statute except with reference to the insulation of guy wires; and that petitioner has no tie-in transmission lines.

With reference to petitioner's distributing system, Mr. Steele testified that all construction subsequent to April 22, 1911, complies with the statute and that out of the 190 miles constructed prior to April 22, 1911, 75 per cent fails to comply with the statute; that with reference to this 75 per cent, horizontal clearances are 12 inches instead of 13 inches and vertical clearances violate the statute in approximately 50 per cent of the construction; and that petitioner has had no accident to life or limb on construction work since 1911.

Mr. Steele testified that it will cost approximately \$2,000.00 to reconstruct the transmission lines, with the exception of the line between Etna Mills and Fall Creek, and approximately \$8,000.00 to make the necessary changes in the distributing system.

The petition herein asks an extension of five years from April 22, 1916. At the hearing herein petitioner stated that it would consider as reasonable an extension of one year within which to complete the work on its transmission lines apart from the reconstruction of the Etna Mills-Fall Creek line, two years for the reconstruction of the Etna Mills-Fall Creek transmission line, and as long an extension as the Railroad Commission can consistently give for the reconstruction of the distributing system.

Petitioner's counsel stated that petitioner's stockholders have paid five assessments during the last year, the proceeds whereof have all been expended in additions and betterments and that bond interest has been waived for five years. It was stipulated that petitioner's annual reports to the Railroad Commission might be considered in evidence 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, 1917 should be given to petitioner for the reconstruction of its transmission lines, except the Etna Mills-Fall Creek line, an extension of time until June 30, 1918 for the reconstruction of the Etna Mills-Fall Creek line, ~~and an extension of time until~~

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~~and an extension of time until~~ June 30, 1918 for the reconstruction of petitioner's distributing system, subject to the conditions specified in the order herein.

We submit the following form of order:

O R D E R .

CALIFORNIA-OREGON 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 in this proceeding 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 as follows:

(a). The time within which petitioner shall reconstruct its transmission lines, except the Etna Mills-Fall Creek line, is hereby extended to and including June 30, 1917.

(b). The time within which petitioner shall reconstruct its Etna Mills-Fall Creek transmission line is hereby extended to and including June 30, 1918.

(c). The time within which petitioner shall reconstruct its distributing system is hereby extended to and including June 30, 1918, on condition that at least one-half of the reconstruction work necessary to be done shall be completed on or before June 30, 1917, and the entire work on or before June 30, 1918.

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, and shall be filed on or ^{each} before the expiration of 15 days after the termination of/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 30th day of September, 1916.

Max Thelen

Max Gordon

Frank R. DeLuca

Commissioners.