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Decision No. 4144

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the matter of the application of the Yosemite Power Company for an order extending time for compliance with Chapter No. 499 of the Laws of 1911, as amended by Chapter No. 600 of the Laws of 1915.

## Application

No. 2383.

W. I. Titus for Yosemite Power Company.

BY THE COMMISSION.

### 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 No. 499, Laws of 1911, as amended by Chapter No. 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 before Examiner Excell in Turlock, July 19, 1916.

and October 4, 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 September 26, 1916, in Application No. 2222, Los Angeles Gas and Electric Corporation, et al.

Yosemite Power Company transmits and distributes electric energy in the southeastern portion of Stanislaus County.

The testimony shows that the principal violations of the Statute on this Company's system occur with reference to horizontal and vertical clearances. Since March 1, 1911, no work has been done solely for the purpose of eliminating such violations as then existed. All reconstruction and all new construction since that date has, however, been made in compliance with the statute. During this time new street lighting systems have been installed in the towns of Ceres, Hughson and Denair, at an approximate cost of between \$6,000. and \$7,000. Incident to this new work, the distribution systems in said towns were nearly all rebuilt and made to conform with the safety provisions of the Statute, thereby eliminating about fifty per cent. of all the violations on this company's system.

A joint estimate made by the Commission's engineering department and Yosemite Power Company's superintendent, Mr. Carl Tell, shows that an expen-

diture of approximately \$3,416. will be necessary to bring the system into complete compliance with the Statute.

Petitioner estimates that the expense could be very materially reduced if an extension of time of five years be granted so that the work could be done during the course of ordinary reconstruction and by the regular operating force.

After careful consideration of all the factors entering into the problem, we have reached the conclusion that an extension of time until December 31, 1918, should be granted to petitioner, on the conditions specified in the order herein.

### O R D E R

YOSEMITE POWER COMPANY having applied for an order extending the time within which to comply with the provisions of Chapter No. 499, Laws of 1911, as amended by Chapter No. 600, Laws of 1915, and public hearings having been held thereon,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the time within which petitioner shall construct its existing system so as to comply completely with the provisions of Chapter No. 499, Laws of 1911, as amended by Chapter

No. 600, Laws of 1915, is hereby extended to and including December 31, 1918, on condition that at least one-half of the reconstruction work necessary to be done shall be completed on or before December 31, 1917, and the entire work on or before December 31, 1918.

IT IS FURTHER HEREBY ORDERED that 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 No. 499, Laws of 1911, as amended by Chapter No. 600, Laws of 1915. The first report shall cover the period ending June 30, 1917, and shall be filed with the Railroad Commission within fifteen days subsequent thereto. The succeeding reports shall cover the succeeding six month 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.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 1st  
March  
day of ~~February~~, 1917.

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