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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF
THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

W. H. EARLY COMPANY,
Complainant

-vs-

GREAT WESTERN POWER COMPANY,
Defendant

CASE NO. 879

W. H. EARLY and FRANK J. BURKE,
for Complainant
CHAFFEE E. HALL, for Defendant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

This is a complaint instituted by the W. H. Early Company against the Great Western Power Company requesting extension of defendant's electric lines and service to lands owned and occupied by complainant and others in Sonoma County about five miles northwest of the City of Petaluma.

A hearing was held at Petaluma before Examiner Encell on May 15th, 1917.

The defendant company's lines are built to a point within two and one-half miles of the lands on which service is requested. The territory is sparsely settled and consists of small acreage tracts with correspondingly low demand for electric light and power service.

Evidence was presented as to the number of prospective consumers, their estimated requirements of electric service and the revenue that would result therefrom. The following tables give the data presented at the hearing in relation to those subjects:

TABLE I

Prospective consumers	13
Estimated connected load, lighting	7.7 k.w.
Estimated connected load, power	6.75 k.w.
Total	<u>14.45 k.w.</u>
Maximum probable revenue, lighting	\$182.02
Maximum probable revenue, power	100.00
Total maximum revenue	<u>\$282.02</u>
Probable actual revenue, lighting	\$115.50
Probable actual revenue, power	40.50
Total Probable Actual Revenue	<u>\$156.00</u>

To serve these 13 consumers approximately two and one-half miles of line would have to be built, the estimated cost of which would be \$3,170.22, including transformers and meters, and \$2,749.92 excluding transformers and meters.

Witness for defendant testified that making no charge for current or any overhead costs of doing business, the fixed charges assessable against this line were as follows:

TABLE II

Interest, maintenance and depreciation, 14%	\$443.83
Reading meters, billing and collecting at 40¢ per consumer per month	62.40
Taxes, 5.6% on maximum estimated revenue,	<u>15.23</u>
Total Annual Fixed Charges on Extension	\$521.45

It is our opinion that defendant's estimate of fixed charges is excessive and should be reduced approximately \$90. It appears, however, that the probable revenue which would be obtained is not equal to the actual additional cost of serving the customers.

From the evidence in this case, we find as a fact that the extension of defendant's electric lines into the territory occupied by the complainant and others, is not warranted at the present time.

O R D E R

A hearing having been held in the above matter and the evidence showing that an extension of electric service into the lands occupied by the complainant and others, is not warranted at the present time,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the complaint in the above entitled matter be and the same is hereby dismissed without prejudice.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 14th day of August, 1917.

Max Shuler
J. J. Howard
Alvin G. Ford
Edwin O. Edgerton

Commissioners.