

Decision No. 5641

ORIGINALBEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application)
of NORTHERN CALIFORNIA POWER)
COMPANY, CONSOLIDATED, a corpor-)
ation, for an Order authorizing)
it to Increase its Rates and)
Charges for Electric Energy in)
Certain Competitive Territory.)

Application
No. 3970

BY THE COMMISSION.

ORDER

WHEREAS Northern California Power Company,
Consolidated, has applied for authority to increase
its rates and charges for electric energy sold in and
about Chico, Butte County, and in certain parts of
Colusa and Glenn Counties, in which territory appli-
cant is in direct competition with Pacific Gas and

Electric Company in the sale of electricity, and

WHEREAS this Commission, in its Decision No. 5519 in Application No. 3459, being the application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company to increase rates, authorized Pacific Gas and Electric Company to charge and collect certain surcharges in addition to the rates and charges established in its regularly filed rate schedules, which surcharges and schedules now apply in said competitive territory, and

WHEREAS Pacific Gas and Electric Company's rates for electricity, as modified by Decision No. 5519, which have been found to be just and reasonable rates under existing conditions, are higher than the rates charged by applicant in said competitive territory, and

WHEREAS, if this rate differential be permitted to continue in said competitive territory, Pacific Gas and Electric Company will suffer by loss of consumers and revenue, and those portions of its electric system now used for the service of its consumers in the above mentioned competitive territory will be rendered useless, and the Northern California

Power Company, Consolidated, will therefore be required to assume the obligation of serving these consumers, which the Northern California Power Company, Consolidated, has neither the electric energy nor facilities for service, and

WHEREAS a similar modification of the rates of Northern California Power Company, Consolidated, in said competitive territory, to place them on a parity with the rates now charged therein by Pacific Gas and Electric Company, will not result in undue burdens to existing consumers of the Northern California Power Company, Consolidated,

WHEREAS the rates hereinafter fixed to be charged by applicant in the territory mentioned are hereby found to be just and reasonable rates under all the circumstances and conditions existing at this time in this territory;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Northern California Power Company, Consolidated, be and is hereby authorized to charge and collect for electric energy sold in that portion of Butte County known as the Chico District of Pacific Gas and Electric Company, and in those certain parts of Colusa and Glenn Counties where Northern California Power Company, Consolidated, is in direct competition with Pacific Gas and Electric Company, in addition to its rates and charges now on file, the following surcharges for all meter readings taken on and after August 10, 1918, to-wit:

For energy sold for lighting service except municipal street lighting	1 cent per k.w.h.
For energy sold for power service, including heating and cooking, ex- cept for energy sold to electric railways and other electric cor- porations	2 mills per k.w.h.
For energy sold for street lighting	10% of monthly bills

Provided Northern California Power Company, Consolidated, shall within ten days of the date of this order file with the Railroad Commission of the State of California a statement showing the rates and territory to which each of the surcharges hereinbefore authorized shall apply, which statement shall constitute an amendment to existing rate schedules on file, and that Northern California Power Company, Consolidated, shall designate separately on the bills rendered its consumers of electric energy in said competitive territory the amount due it under the authorized surcharges.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this

30th day of July, 1918.

Edwin C. Edgerton
Alex. G. Gordon
Frank R. Hobbs
Commissioners.