

Decision No. 5935

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the matter of the application of)
WESTERN STATES GAS & ELECTRIC COM-)
PANY 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.)

APPLICATION

NO. 2203

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for Applicant.
J. Morgenthauer and Wm. Rhys for
Electrical Workers.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

This is a petition for a supplemental order of
the Commission extending the time for compliance with the
provisions of Chapter No. 499, Laws of 1911, as amended
by Chapter No. 600, Laws of 1915, referring to the plac-
ing, erection, use and maintenance of electric poles,
wires, cables and appliances.

This Commission's Decision No. 3669, dated September 26th, 1916, directed that Western States Gas and Electric Company's overhead electric system should comply in all respects with the provisions of the law on or before June 30th, 1918. Applicant now contends that, owing to the abnormal conditions brought about by reason of the war, particularly referring to the increased costs and scarcity of material and labor, the completion of required reconstruction within the time previously specified will place upon it a burden which will be difficult of accomplishment, and which, in the light of the present emergency, appears unjust and unreasonable.

The evidence in this application shows conditions existing as regards relative compliance with this Commission's previous order and reasons for an extension of time to complete the reconstruction of electric lines, similar in general to those set forth in this Commission's Decision No. 5934 in Application No. 2145 of Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

For said reasons Western States Gas and Electric Company will be required to reconstruct its electric lines in compliance with the following Order.

O R D E R

Western States Gas and Electric Company having applied to this Commission for an order extending the time within which to comply with the provisions of Chapter No. 499, Statutes of 1911, as amended by Chapter No. 600 of the Statutes of 1915, of the State of California, public hearing having been held and the matter submitted,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the reconstruction of applicant's overhead electric system to comply with the provisions of the above referred to laws, shall be prosecuted in such manner as will be indicated from time to time by this Commission, and so that all hazardous conditions hereafter designated by the Commission shall be removed on or before June 30th, 1919.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Western States Gas and Electric Company shall file semi-annual Progress Reports, as provided for in previous orders of the Commission in this matter.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 19th day of November, 1918.

Edwin O. Edgerton

H. D. Loveland

W. G. Gordon

Samuel R. Decker

Commissioners.