

Decision No. 9240

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Application of)
PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY)
for an Order granting permission to) Application No. 5842
increase its rates for the sale of)
electric energy.)

Frank Karr for Applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

Pacific Electric Railway Company asks authority to increase its rates for the sale of electric energy. This request for an increase is based on the increased cost of electric energy which applicant has been required to pay to Southern California Edison Company and also due to increases in its other expenses.

Applicant serves some fifty-eight consumers located along its electric railway lines. These consumers cannot conveniently be served by other electric utilities and therefore have been served by applicant on account of their location in respect to Pacific Electric Railway Company's power lines.

Electric energy is supplied from the Pacific Electric Railway Company's power lines, which in turn is purchased by applicant from the Southern California Edison Company. Applicant's electric operations are secondary to their railway operations and is carried on more for the convenience of its electric consumers rather than for any profit which might be made from the sale of electric service.

Applicant in this matter has not submitted information or data showing the cost of rendering electric service to its consumers, this being impracticable on account of the nature of its operations and relation to its railway operations. The revenue received by applicant for the year ending May 31st, 1921 for the sale of 259,479 kilowatt hours of electric energy amounted to \$8,550.18.

Applicant requests in its application that this Commission authorize the rates as set forth in its Exhibit "A", but at the hearing in this matter it further requested that this Commission authorize those rates or other rates which in the Commission's opinion would be reasonable. Certain of the rates proposed by applicant do not take into consideration load factor or size of installation which, in the opinion of this Commission, must be considered when fixing electric rates. It appears to this Commission that the present rates now in effect are too low considering the service rendered, and it further appears that the rates now charged by the Southern California Edison Company in their Southern California district are reasonable rates for similar service rendered by applicant.

Applicant furnishes both alternating current and direct current service. The rates now in effect for electric

service rendered by the Southern California Edison Company in Southern California district are the rates as set forth in Exhibit "A" of this Commission's Decision No. 8815 (Opinions and Orders of the Railroad Commission of California, Vol. page 595).

Reasonable rates to be charged for direct current service are the rates applicable to alternating current service increased by 10 percent.

O R D E R

Pacific Electric Railway Company having applied to the Railroad Commission for authority to increase its rates and charges for the sale of electric service, a public hearing having been held, the matter submitted and now ready for decision,

The Railroad Commission of the State of California hereby finds as a fact that the rates and charges for electric service now charged by the Pacific Electric Railway Company are unjust and unreasonable and that the rates and charges herein set forth are just and reasonable rates to be charged and collected by Pacific Electric Railway Company for the sale of electric energy.

Based on its order on the foregoing findings of fact and other findings of fact contained in the Opinion which precedes this Order,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Pacific Electric Railway be, and it is, authorized to charge and collect for metered alternating current service rendered, based on all regular meter readings taken on or after August 15th, 1921, the following

schedules of rates designated as Schedules L-1, C-1, P-1, P-2, P-3, P-12 and set forth in Exhibit "A" of the Railroad Commission's Decision No. 8815.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Pacific Electric Railway Company be, and it is, hereby authorized to charge and collect for metered direct current service rendered, based on all regular meter readings taken on or after August 15th, 1921, the rates and charges applicable to alternating current service herein authorized increased by 10 percent.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Pacific Electric Railway Company shall file with the Railroad Commission on or before the first day of August 1921, the schedules of electric rates herein authorized.

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 15th
day of July, 1921.

H. A. Brandeis
H. D. Woodland
J. W. Martin

Commissioners.