

Decision No. 27224

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

United States Government,
Complainant,
vs.
Pacific Gas & Electric Company,
Defendant.

CASE NO. 3636.

ORIGINAL

BY THE COMMISSION:

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

This case constitutes a request for a reduction of at least ten (10) per cent in the electric and gas rates under which the United States Government is taking electric and gas service from Pacific Gas and Electric Company for use at the Presidio of San Francisco, California. Decision on this matter with respect to rates charged for gas service was rendered by the Commission in its Order of November 13, 1933 (Decision No. 26513), but no action was taken at such time with respect to the rates charged for electric service.

Electric service is now being rendered to complainant under legally filed rate schedules of defendant except for general lighting purposes and this portion of the service is covered by contract under rates less than the legally filed rate schedules applicable to the general public.

General Order No. 45 of this Commission, issued in accordance with the provisions of Section 17 of the Public Utilities

Act, provides that any public utility of this State, other than a common carrier, may, if it so desires,

"* * * * * grant free or reduced rate service to the Federal and State Governments and the political subdivisions thereof, including the departments thereof; * * * * *."

The utility may grant rate concessions to the Government under the law and General Order as above noted, but the Commission cannot require or order a utility to grant special concessions to the Government or other political subdivisions in violation of the rate schedules legally on file for the different classes of consumers. Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above entitled complaint with respect to charges for electric service of complainant be and the same is hereby dismissed.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 16th day of July, 1934.

C. L. Seaver

H. J. Curran

M. B. Harris

Commissioners.