

Decision No. 32166

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application of PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY, a corporation, for an order of the Railroad Commission of the State of California granting and conferring upon applicant all necessary permission and authority to publish and establish, effective August 1, 1939, the schedules of natural gas rates and charges referred to herein, and to withdraw and cancel as of August 1, 1939 the within mentioned schedules of natural gas rates and charges of Pacific Gas and Electric Company and San Joaquin Light and Power Corporation.

ORIGINAL

Application No. 22869.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In accordance with public announcement heretofore made, following investigations by the staff of the Railroad Commission and conferences with officers of Applicant and of cities and other interested organizations, a general rate reduction in a major number of gas schedules has been agreed upon totalling approximately \$1,000,000 reduction in gross revenue a year to be effective August 1, 1939. The tariffs affected are shown in Exhibit "A" attached to the application.

The reduction of \$1,000,000 annually has been allocated to domestic, commercial and industrial natural gas customers under Applicant's firm gas general service schedules. The reduction is system-wide, including the territory formerly served by San Joaquin Light and Power Corporation, but excluding the recently cut-over territory served by natural gas in the Applicant's Colgate and De Sabla Divisions. Customers receiving service from manufactured and butane air gas plants

of 47,670 cubic feet and that analysis shows that less than 1/13 of 1 per cent of the monthly bills will be subject to such increase. It is further pointed out that because of the seasonal variation in the use of gas, it is probable that those few customers that are involved on the monthly basis may, on an annual basis, have no increase in billing.

In this connection the Commission is of the opinion that the proposed increase is justified inasmuch as it will remove an inequality that now exists.

This application relates essentially to matters concerning rates. Temporarily, Applicant proposes to maintain in effect the existing rules and regulations of San Joaquin Light and Power Corporation and, in the near future, will ask authority to refile its own rules and regulations, with some modifications, which will be applicable throughout its entire system. The Commission will withhold consideration of the revised rules and regulations awaiting the filing of the supplemental application.

ORDER

It appearing that public hearing in the above matter is unnecessary, and good cause appearing, it is hereby found as a fact that the proposed rate increase referred to in the above Opinion is justified and IT IS ORDERED as follows:

1. Pacific Gas and Electric Company is hereby authorized to withdraw and cancel, as of August 1, 1939, all gas rate schedules on file with this Commission in the name of San Joaquin Light and Power Corporation, together with all gas rate

schedules (including the Preliminary Statement) of Pacific Gas and Electric Company listed in Paragraph III of the application herein.

2. Pacific Gas and Electric Company is hereby authorized to file and establish the proposed gas rate schedules contained in Exhibit "A" of the application herein. Such schedules, and the rates set forth therein, shall become effective as to all meter readings taken on and after August 1, 1939.

This Order shall become effective immediately.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 18th day of July, 1939.

Frank S. ...
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H. Baker
Justice J. Calmes
Commissioners

do not participate in the reduction.

Pacific Gas and Electric Company, hereinafter sometimes referred to as Applicant, has filed a formal application for an Order of the Railroad Commission granting the necessary permission and authority to publish and establish the new schedules of gas rates and charges effective August 1, 1939, as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached to and made a part of the application, and the withdrawal and cancellation of certain other gas rates and charges, as of the same date, and as set forth in the application.

On January 1, 1939, pursuant to authorization of this Commission, Pacific Gas and Electric Company acquired the properties of San Joaquin Light and Power Corporation and Midland Counties Public Service Corporation.

Applicant alleges that with the exception of one instance, the filing and making effective of the proposed schedules of natural gas rates and charges, set forth in Exhibit "A" of the application, do not and will not result in an increase in any rate or charge now made by Applicant for natural gas service now supplied in accordance with presently filed tariffs. In this one instance Applicant alleges that the present San Joaquin Schedule GD-10, which is herein to be cancelled by Applicant's proposed Schedule G-16, will in the terminal rate of the aforesaid Schedule GD-10 be increased from 3.7 cents per 100 cubic feet to 4.0 cents per 100 cubic feet in proposed Schedule G-16 and, further, that said increase will not become effective until a monthly consumption is reached in excess