

Decision No. 32212

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 authorizing applicant to file and make effective a revised gas Rule and Regulation No. 2 and certain proposed amended and new gas rate schedules referred to herein and applicable to the service of natural gas obtained from the Rio Vista gas field, etc.

ORIGINAL

Application No. 22383.

BY THE COMMISSION:

SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

The Commission's Decision No. 31571, dated December 19, 1938, in Application No. 22383, granted Pacific Gas and Electric Company, hereinafter sometimes referred to as Applicant, permission to substitute, during the winter months of the year, natural gas from the Rio Vista gas field for gas normally served from the Kettleman Hills and other Southern California fields in the so-called Vallejo-Benicia area, and to put into effect in that area certain modified rules, regulations and rate schedules. The Decision also provided that Applicant be permitted, subject to the approval of the Commission, to revert to its then existing service and rates when gas supply and pipeline conditions appeared to warrant it.

Acting under the authority thus granted, Applicant delivered Rio Vista gas to customers in the Vallejo-Benicia area until May 5, 1939. On or about this date, acting under authority granted in Decision No. 31932, the first supplemental decision in

this matter, applicant reverted in the Vallejo-Benicia area to the delivery of Kettleman Hills gas or its equivalent from other fields and is so doing at the present time. Appropriate rate adjustments to reflect the difference in the heat content of the gas were made in each instance, as well as the necessary changes in specifications for heat content contained in Applicant's Rule and Regulation No. 2.

In further pursuance of this general plan Applicant now proposes to again revert to the delivery of gas in said Vallejo-Benicia area, having a heat content of not less than 1,000 B.t.u. per cubic foot (at present being obtained from the Rio Vista field), and has filed its second supplemental application for authority to make such change.

It also asks authority to withdraw and cancel that portion of its Rule and Regulation No. 2 relating to heat content and the rate schedules now in effect in that area and to substitute in lieu thereof the modification of its Rule and Regulation No. 2 and the rate schedules contained in Exhibits A and B, respectively, of said second supplemental application which are intended to reflect the difference in the heat content of the gas to be supplied.

As the application of the proposed rate schedules will in one instance result in a small increase and as similar increases may result beyond certain limits of consumption, it appears advisable to postpone action on these rate schedules until they can be given adequate consideration. When this has been done a separate supplemental order covering the rate situation in this area will be issued.

The Commission having considered Applicant's request and being of the opinion that the application should be granted

in so far as the actual change in the quality of gas and the consequent modification of its Rule and Regulation No. 2 with respect to specified heat content is concerned, and that a public hearing in the matter is not necessary and other good cause appearing

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Pacific Gas and Electric Company be granted the following authority:

(1) On August 1, 1939 or as soon thereafter as practicable, in that portion of its North Bay Division known as the Vallejo-Benicia area, to revert to the service of natural gas having a heating content of not less than 1,000 B.t.u. per cubic foot presently being obtained from the Rio Vista field in lieu of natural gas having a heating content of not less than 1,100 B.t.u. per cubic foot now being served in said area.

(2) Within fifteen (15) days after the date of changeover to withdraw and cancel Page 1 of its present filed Rule and Regulation No. 2 (Revised Sheet CRC No. 712-G) and file in lieu thereof the proposed revision of said Rule and Regulation contained in Exhibit "A" hereof, effective as of the date of changeover.

The authorization herein granted is subject to the condition that Pacific Gas and Electric Company shall not revert to the service of natural gas having a heating content of not less than 1,100 B.t.u.'s per cubic foot in the Vallejo-Benicia area, nor to the application of the presently effective rate schedules therefor, without proper authorization from the Commission. In all other respects Decision No. 31571 shall remain in full force and effect.

Except as otherwise provided herein, this Supplemental
Opinion and Order shall be effective immediately.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 1st
day of August, 1939.

Raymond W. [unclear]

Ray L. Rice
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Justice J. C. [unclear]
Commissioners.