

Decision No. 32255

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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.

Application No. 22383

BY THE COMMISSION:

FOURTH SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

In Decision No. 32212, the Second Supplemental Opinion and Order on Application No. 22383, this Commission granted Pacific Gas and Electric Company, hereinafter referred to as Applicant, authority to revert in its so-called Vallejo-Benicia area to the service of natural gas of a heating value of approximately 1000 to 1100 B.t.u. This 1000 to 1100 B.t.u. gas obtained from the Rio Vista field was to be supplied in lieu of the 1100 to 1200 B.t.u. gas procured from Kettleman Hills and being served in the area at that time. Applicant was also authorized to make certain revision in its filed Rule and Regulation No. 2.

In Decision No. 32248, the Third Supplemental Opinion and Order on Application No. 22383, this Commission granted Applicant authority to make effective in the said area certain rate schedules applicable to the territory involved.

The right of Applicant to change from one kind of gas to another in the Vallejo-Benicia area along with certain accompanying conditions, was authorized in this Commission's Decision No. 31571, the original Opinion and Order on Application No. 22383.

Acting under the authority conferred by the Commission in said Decisions No. 32212 and 32248, Applicant reverted on August 2, 1939 to the service of natural gas from the Rio Vista field in the Vallejo-Benicia area and ever since that date has been supplying in the Vallejo-Benicia area gas of a heating value of between 1000 and 1100 B.t.u. per cubic foot.

Applicant now requests permission in accordance with the provisions of Decision No. 31571 to again revert on or about May 1, 1940 in the Vallejo-Benicia area to the service of 1100 to 1200 B.t.u. natural gas, to modify its Rule and Regulation No. 2, to withdraw and cancel certain of its gas rate schedules and to file and make effective in lieu thereof certain other gas schedules as set forth in Exhibit "B" which is attached to and made a part of the application.

Applicant further states its desire to again revert in the Vallejo-Benicia area to the delivery of a natural gas of a heating content of between 1000 and 1100 B.t.u. on or about August 1, 1940, to revert to the presently effective applicable provisions of Rule and Regulation No. 2, and, further, to make effective rate schedules that will be applicable to the type of service rendered thereafter in the territory involved.

The rates contained in Exhibit "B" are designed to reflect the difference in heating value between the two gases

involved and throughout are the same as, or lower than, those in effect on August 1, 1939 when customers in the Vallejo-Benicia area were last supplied with the higher heat content gas. Certain of the proposed rates in Exhibit "B" are lower because of a change in the price of fuel oil since August 1, 1939 but a portion of the reduction in proposed Schedule GH-5 has been brought about by the placing of the Vallejo-Benicia area on a slightly lower rate level in January 1940.

The Commission having considered the request of Applicant and being of the opinion that the application should be granted, that a public hearing in the matter is not necessary, and good cause appearing therefor,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Pacific Gas and Electric Company be authorized to revert on or about May 1, 1940, in that portion of its North Bay Division known as the Vallejo-Benicia area, to service of natural gas of a heat content of between 1100 and 1200 B.t.u. per cubic foot in place of the between 1000 and 1100 B.t.u. gas from the Rio Vista field presently being served.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Pacific Gas and Electric Company be authorized to again revert on or about August 1, 1940 in the Vallejo-Benicia area to the service of gas from the Rio Vista field of a heat content of between 1000 and 1100 B.t.u. per cubic foot in place of the higher heat content gas that will be served during the summer months as provided above.

The authorization herein granted is subject to the following conditions and not otherwise:

- (1) That, at the time of the changeover contemplated on or about May 1, 1940, Pacific Gas and Electric Company shall withdraw and cancel Page 1 of its presently filed Rule and Regulation No. 2 (Revised Sheet 767-G) and shall file and make effective in lieu thereof that portion of Rule and Regulation No. 2 set forth in Exhibit "A" attached to the application.
- (2) That, at the time of the changeover contemplated on or about May 1, 1940, Pacific Gas and Electric Company shall withdraw and cancel the following listed filed schedules of natural gas rates and charges, namely:

<u>Schedule</u>	<u>Revised Sheets C.R.C. No.</u>
G-5	775-G
G-7	778-G
G-8	780-G
G-41	787-G
GH-8	792-G
GS-6	800-G

and shall file and make effective in lieu thereof the gas rate schedules G-5, G-7, G-8, G-41, GH-5, GH-8, GS-6 as set forth in Exhibit "B" attached to the application, said filing to be made not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the effective date thereof.

- (3) That Pacific Gas and Electric Company shall apply the new rates set forth in (2) above to all monthly meter readings taken in the Vallejo-Benicia area fifteen (15) days after the actual date of the changeover to the service of the 1100 to 1200 B.t.u. gas and to all subsequent meter readings.
- (4) That, at the time of the reversion contemplated on or about August 1, 1940, Pacific Gas and Electric Company shall withdraw and cancel Page 1 of its Rule and Regulation No. 2 in effect at the time and make effective in lieu thereof Page 1 of its Rule and Regulation No. 2 now in effect.
- (5) That, at the time of reversion contemplated on or about August 1, 1940, Pacific Gas and Electric Company shall withdraw, cancel, modify and refile such of its gas rate schedules affected by the changeover as the Commission may direct, said filing to be made not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the effective date thereof and to be applicable to all monthly meter readings taken in the Vallejo-Benicia area fifteen (15) days after the actual date of changeover and to all subsequent meter readings.

- (6) That, after the changeover contemplated on or about August 1, 1940, Pacific Gas and Electric Company shall not again revert to the service of the 1100 to 1200 B.t.u. gas or the application of the higher rates applicable to such service in the Vallejo-Benicia area 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 the effective date of this Supplemental Opinion and Order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California this 30th day of April, 1940.

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Commissioners