

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 35325.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the matter of the investigation on the Commission's own motion into the reasonableness of the rates, rules, regulations, charges, classifications, contracts, practices, service and operation etc., applicable to gas service within the Northern California service area of PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY.

Case No. 4622.

BY THE COMMISSION:

FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

By written communication, dated May 1, 1942, the Pacific Gas and Electric Company has notified the Commission that, in reference to the Newman and Patterson service areas, the gas supplied will be taken from the Vernalis field, having a heating value of approximately 930 B.t.u., and that for the Tracy and Livermore areas the gas supply will come essentially from the McDonald Island field, with a heating value of 980 B.t.u. These changes are to be made and to become effective with the May 15th date as provided in the initial order under Decision No. 35299 dated April 28, 1942.

In so far as the general service schedules are involved, the new automatic heating value clause, under Special Condition (1) of the tariffs, fully provides for any change in the heating value of the gas that may be served. However, the Commission desires to point out that going from an 1100-1200 B.t.u. service to one less than 1000 B.t.u. may well call for rather extensive customer appliance adjustments, which the utility should be prepared to meet.

In the initial opinion and order all gas service rendered under classifications other than general service was exempt from rate changes, because of a lowering of the heat content of the gas to be served, pending further study. It was provided that those schedules for industrial and

commercial building heating service be refiled, providing for a heating range of 1000-1150 B.t.u. In view of the new circumstances the initial opinion and order shall be deemed modified and

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED to be modified to permit Pacific Gas and Electric Company to refile its appropriate industrial and commercial building heating tariffs in the Tracy and Livermore and the Newman and Patterson service areas to provide for a gas having a heating value range from 925-1125 B.t.u. per cubic foot.

The effective date of this order shall be the date hereof.

For all other purposes Decision No. 35299, dated April 28, 1942, shall remain in full force and effect.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 5th day of May, 1942.

Justus F. Coe

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Commissioners.