

Decision No.

39190

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the application of
 ELLIE V. PARTINGTON and PACIFIC GAS
 AND ELECTRIC COMPANY, a corporation,
 for an order of the Railroad Commission
 authorizing the former to sell to the
 latter the electric public utility
 system and business herein described.

ORIGINAL

Application No. 27626

OPINION AND ORDER

Ellie V. Partington and Pacific Gas and Electric Company (Pacific) request an Order of the Railroad Commission authorizing the sale to Pacific of the electric distribution facilities now operated as a public utility enterprise by Partington in and about the community of Groveland, Tuolumne County, California.

A copy of the purchase and sale agreement is on file in this application as Exhibit "A". Pacific agrees to pay for the properties \$10,000.

As of December 31, 1945, Partington reports the investment in her properties at \$14,914.44, segregated as follows:

Franchises	\$ 2,500.00
Distribution poles, towers and fixtures	10,354.06
Line transformers	999.56
Meters	1,060.82

The reserve for accrued depreciation is reported at \$8,044.53.

For 1944, Partington reports revenues at \$3,254.12, and for 1945, at \$3,702.43. The 1945 report shows that she supplied electric energy to 30 residential, 21 commercial, and one street lighting customer. The electric system of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company and that of Partington are interconnected. Upon the acquisition of the electric properties now owned and operated by Partington, Pacific proposes to operate the same as part and parcel of its electric properties and system. Pacific is now supplying to Partington the electric energy which she sells to her customers. Pacific proposes to make

effective in the Partington territory its present filed rates, rules and regulations applicable to sections of its territory having characteristics similar to the area served by Partington. It is alleged by Pacific that this will result in an immediate reduction in annual charges to present customers of Partington.

The application further shows that Partington desires to retire from the public utility business and prays that the Commission authorize the transfer, and upon such authorization relieve Partington of the duties and obligations of an electric public utility.

A review of the application leads us to believe that the proposed transfer is in the public interest. Customers in Groveland will be assured of as good or better service for the future at rates lower than they now pay.

Pacific proposes to operate the properties under a franchise granted by the Board of Supervisors of Tuolumne County in Ordinance No. 133, which franchise this Commission authorized Pacific to exercise by Decision No. 30463 issued January 3, 1938 in Application No. 21357. In that Decision, however, authority to exercise the franchise in the area served by the Partington system was withheld. The Order herein will amend Decision No. 30463.

No evidence of the original cost of the Partington system is submitted by applicants. Under the provisions of the Uniform System of Accounts prescribed for Electrical Corporations, Pacific is required to charge the purchase price to Account No. 391, Electric Plant Purchased, and to file with the Commission within six months from the date of the acquisition of the properties recorded in such account, its proposed journal entries to clear from the account the cost of the utility property acquired. At or before the time of such submission a study of the original cost of the properties and the estimated depreciation thereon should be submitted in support of the journal entries proposed.

The application having been considered, it being found that the proposed sale is in the public interest, and the Commission being of the opinion that a hearing is not necessary,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

(1) Ellie V. Partington may sell and transfer to Pacific Gas and Electric Company, and Pacific Gas and Electric Company may acquire the properties described in the agreement attached to the application as Exhibit "A".

(2) Pacific Gas and Electric Company shall assume the public utility obligation of rendering electric service in the Croveland territory heretofore served by Partington, and concurrently therewith Ellie V. Partington is relieved of the duties and obligations of electric public utility service in said area.

(3) Pacific Gas and Electric Company is hereby authorized to exercise a franchise granted by the Board of Supervisors of Tuolumne County in Ordinance No. 133 within the area served by the Partington system, and the restriction placed upon the exercise of said franchise by Decision No. 30463 in Application No. 21357 in so far as it applies to the Partington system is hereby removed.

(4) Pacific Gas and Electric Company, upon acquisition of the properties, shall make effective in the acquired territory its duly filed rates, rules and regulations applicable to service in comparable adjacent territory and shall charge and collect the rates therein specified for electric service.

(5) Pacific Gas and Electric Company shall within 60 days after the purchase of said properties file with the Commission a copy of the instrument under which it acquired and holds title to said properties.

(6) The effective date of this Order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 9th day
of July 1946.

Justin F. Coenen
Frank W. Davis
Ernest Lawrence
Harold Hule
Commissioners