

Decision No. 40905

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of  
PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY for an  
order of the Public Utilities Commission  
granting to applicant a certificate of  
public convenience and necessity to exercise  
the rights, privileges and franchise granted  
to applicant by Ordinance No. 71 of the City  
Council of the CITY OF CORNING, County of  
Tehama, State of California. (Electric)

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Application No. 28300

R. W. DuVal for applicant; A. E. White, J. K. Glick,  
L. H. Newkirk, city councilmen and L. E. Gurt, treas-  
urer for the City of Corning.

O P I N I O N

Pacific Gas and Electric Company asks for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to exercise a franchise granted by the City of Corning permitting the installation and maintenance of electric facilities upon the streets of said city.

The franchise referred to, a copy of which is attached to the application and marked Exhibit A, was granted by the city in accordance with the Franchise Act of 1937 and is of indeterminate duration. A fee is payable annually to the city equivalent to two per cent of the gross receipts arising from the use of the franchise, but not less than one-half of one per cent of all sales of electricity within the city.

The costs incurred by applicant in obtaining the franchise are stated to have been \$832.25.

A hearing on this application was held by Examiner Wehe at which no opposition to the granting of the requested certificate was manifested.

As this utility has for many years served electricity in and about the city of Corning without competition, it is evident that the requested certificate should be granted.

The certificate of public convenience and necessity herein granted is subject to the following provisions of law:

- (a) That the Commission shall have no power to authorize the capitalization of the franchise involved herein or this certificate of public convenience and necessity or the right to own, operate or enjoy such franchise or certificate of public convenience and necessity in excess of the amount (exclusive of any tax or annual charge) actually paid to the State or to a political subdivision thereof as the consideration for the grant of such franchise, certificate of public convenience and necessity or right.
- (b) That the franchise involved herein shall never be given any value before any court or other public authority in any proceeding of any character in excess of the cost to the grantee of the necessary publication and any other sum paid by it to the municipality therefor at the time of the acquisition thereof.

O R D E R

Application as above entitled having been filed, a public hearing having been held thereon, the matter having been submitted, the Commission being fully advised in the premises and hereby finding that public convenience and necessity so require,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a certificate of public convenience and necessity is hereby granted to Pacific Gas and Electric Company to exercise the rights and privileges granted by the City of Corning by Ordinance No. 71, adopted July 2, 1946.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November

1947.

Harold P. Hula  
Justin F. Cooper  
Wm. H. Powell  
R. J. Anderson

Commissioners.