

Decision No. 41540

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 authorizing it to carry out
 the terms and conditions of an agree-
 ment with the United States of America
 dated February 10, 1948 providing for
 the sale and conveyance by the former
 to the latter of certain electric
 facilities located in the Government
 camp or settlement known as Shasta Dam
 Camp (also known as Camp Toyon) in
 Shasta County, California.

ORIGINAL

Application No. 29252

OPINION AND ORDER

In this application Pacific Gas and Electric Company seeks authority to sell and convey, to the United States of America, Pacific's facilities for the distribution of electricity in the government camp known as Shasta Dam Camp and also known as Camp Toyon, Shasta County, California, and also seeks authority to cease furnishing and supplying electric service, concurrently with the sale and transfer of the properties to the United States, to customers presently served by means of said properties and relieving Pacific of the duties and responsibilities of an electrical corporation within the area comprising the United States' government camp.

For some time past Pacific has been the owner of certain electric distribution equipment consisting of poles, wires, transformers, meters and other appurtenances located within Shasta Dam Camp and by means whereof Pacific has furnished electric energy within the Camp to the United States and to employees of the United States occupying government-owned quarters. During the year 1947 Pacific supplied approximately 155 customers in the camp. Pacific states that the United States has constructed a 13.2 kv electric

line from Shasta power plant to Shasta Dam Camp for the purpose of supplying the needs of the United States and the needs of resident employees of the United States for electric energy and service within the Camp. Under the contract for which authorization is requested, Pacific would sell and the United States would purchase the electric distribution property within the Camp for a purchase price of \$15,000.

By supplementary statement filed April 23, Pacific advises that the estimated historical cost new of the properties it proposes to sell amounts to \$18,965, subject to minor change when final retirement is computed. Pacific has appraised the reproduction cost new of the properties to be \$19,516 and the depreciated reproduction cost to be \$16,316. The contract for sale of the above described properties was executed by the parties February 10, 1948 and contains a clause that it shall not become effective, nor shall the Pacific company deliver a bill of sale to the United States until the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California shall have granted to the company authority to carry out the terms and conditions of the contract.

Concurrently with the sale and transfer of the properties, Pacific will cease to furnish electric service to the United States and to all other residents within the government properties known as Shasta Dam Camp, and desires to be relieved of the duties and responsibilities of furnishing public utility service in said area. The United States, acting through its contracting officer under the authority of the Secretary of the Interior, has agreed, under the terms of the contract, to purchase the distribution properties and it is presumed will supply its own needs and the needs of its tenants for electric service throughout Shasta Dam Camp.

The application having been considered, the Commission being of the opinion that a public hearing is not necessary and that the contract as submitted is not adverse to the public interest and

should be authorized, and finding that, concurrently with the sale and transfer of the properties, Pacific should be relieved from the obligation of furnishing electric service as a public utility within Shasta Dam Camp, therefore

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Pacific Gas and Electric Company be and it is hereby granted all necessary authority to sell and convey to the United States the electric properties described in the contract dated February 10, 1948, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit No.1 to this application, and to consummate said contract in accordance with its terms.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Pacific Gas and Electric Company, concurrently with the sale and transfer to the United States of the properties described above, may cease furnishing and supplying electric service to customers presently served by it by means of said properties and is relieved from the obligation of furnishing and supplying electric service as a public utility in the area owned by the United States and known as Shasta Dam Camp in Shasta County, California.

The effective date of this Order shall be twenty (20) days from and after the date hereof.

Dated at Los Angeles, California, this 4th day of May, 1948.

R. E. Anderson
Julius F. Casner
Frank J. Powell
Harold P. Hule
Herbert Potter

Commissioners