

Decision No. 42208**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application of PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY, a corporation, for an order authorizing applicant to file and make effective a proposed schedule of water rates for private fire protection service together with a contract applicable thereto, in words and figures as written in the forms therefor, shown in Exhibits "A" and "B", respectively, hereof.

(Water)

Application No. 29763

OPINION AND ORDER

Pacific Gas and Electric Company, a corporation, (sometimes called Pacific) asks authority to establish a schedule of rates for private fire protection water service provided by connections to customer-installed overhead sprinkler systems and private fire hydrants; and for approval of a standard form of contract applicable to said service. The rates requested by applicant are in the form of monthly service charges, as follows:

<u>Size of Service Pipe</u>	<u>Rate Per Month</u>
Four -inch	\$ 5.50
Six -inch	7.00
Eight-inch	10.50

In addition to the service charge, the contract form provides that if any water is used through the service connection, Pacific reserves the right to estimate the quantity and make an additional charge at the general rates applicable in the area in which the customer is located.

The application states that water is to be made available only to customers located along existing mains having a capacity in excess of the requirements of domestic and commercial and other fire

service customers. Under the terms of the proposed contract said service will be provided only at the pressure which exists in the mains at the point of delivery, and the water supply or facilities will not be increased for the purpose of assuring availability of any specific quantity of water or pressure, and water is to be used by the customer only in case of fire or for the purpose of periodic tests and inspection of equipment on the customer's premises. The term of the agreement is a period of three years and it is to remain in effect thereafter until terminated by either party on 30 days' written notice.

The authority requested herein is asked to apply in all of applicant's water systems which are located in 17 cities and towns; namely, Angels, Amador City, Auburn, Colfax, Ione, Jamestown, King City, Loomis, Newcastle, Rocklin, Salinas, Selma, Sonora, Sutter Creek, Tuolumne City, Vacaville, and Willits.

Applicant alleges that the establishment of the requested rates and authority to file the proposed contract form will eliminate the necessity of filing a formal application for authority to execute a separate agreement covering private fire protection service furnished to each customer.

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

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Pacific Gas and Electric Company, a corporation, be and it is hereby authorized to file in quadruplicate, in conformity with this Commission's General Order No. 96, within thirty (30) days after the effective date of this order:

1. The schedule of rates shown in Exhibit A of the application, such rates to be charged for all private fire protection service furnished to consumers on and after thirty (30) days' statutory notice.

2. The contract form for private fire protection water service shown in Exhibit B of the application.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California this 9th day of November 1948.

R. F. [Signature]
Justice J. [Signature]
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Commissioners