

Decision No. 45751

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

## (AMENDED TITLE)

In the matter of the application of  
 PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY for  
 an order of the Public Utilities  
 Commission of the State of California  
 authorizing it to withdraw and cancel  
 all of its filed and effective rate  
 schedules applicable to natural gas  
 service and its Rule and Regulation  
 No. 15 (Gas Main Extensions), and to  
 file and make effective in lieu thereof  
 the natural gas rate schedules, and  
 revised Rule and Regulation attached to  
 and made a part hereof.

**ORIGINAL**Application No. 31466  
AMENDEDSECOND INTERIM OPINION AND ORDER

Pacific Gas and Electric Company on May 17, 1951, filed as Exhibit No. 33-A in this proceeding a revised proposed Rule and Regulation No. 15, Gas Main Extensions, and requested that the rule be placed in effect immediately. The rule, though somewhat similar to the presently filed extension rule, is materially different from the applicant's proposed rule filed as Exhibit No. 33. The proposed rule contained some objectionable features. At informal conferences between the staff, applicant, and interested parties, the revised proposed rule was drawn. It lowers the free extension lengths and increases the advance payment by the customer per foot for extensions beyond the free length.

Applicant claims the allowances and unit costs in the present rule were inserted in the early 1930's and do not provide for the change in gas rates and unit prices for labor and material which have taken place since the basic allowances were determined. While the changes are substantial, interested parties present at the hearing approved the proposed revised rule and had no objection to its

becoming effective immediately. A special condition in the proposed rule will require applicant, each year before March 1, to refile a Table of Free Footage Allowances and a Charge for Excess Footage in order that the rule may be kept current. Such filing shall be made in accordance with the requirements of General Order No. 96.

Due to a lapse of time before the final order is rendered in this proceeding, it appears desirable at this time to issue an interim order on this matter. The next public hearing in this application for rate increases is scheduled for June 13, 1951, starting at 10:00 a.m. at the State Building, San Francisco, California.

The following order will provide for the transition of the present rule to the one herein ordered.

Applicant having requested an order authorizing alteration in Rule and Regulation No. 15 which will result in an increase in charges, a public hearing having been held, the matter having been submitted and now being ready for decision,

IT IS HEREBY FOUND AS A FACT that the increases in charges for extensions authorized herein are justified; therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Pacific Gas and Electric Company is authorized to file in quadruplicate with this Commission after the effective date of this order, in conformity with General Order No. 96, Rule and Regulation No. 15 - Gas Main Extensions, as shown in Exhibit No. 33-A in this proceeding, and make said rule effective after not less than five (5) days' notice to this Commission and to the public.
2. Concurrently with the making effective of the Rule and Regulation No. 15 herein ordered and as set forth in Exhibit No. 33-A, Pacific Gas and Electric Company shall cancel its presently existing Rule and Regulation No. 15 as shown on Original C.R.C Sheets No. 1168-G, and 1169-G.
3. In effecting transition from the present extension rule basis to the new rule, Pacific Gas and Electric Company shall apply the provisions of the present rule in the arrangements for construction of extensions to those prospective customers who, in good faith, heretofore

have signed applications for service, or those having actively negotiated for service during the six months' period prior to the effective date of the new extension rule: For those instances where no advance is required under the existing extension rule, the company will construct the extension and in those cases requiring an advance the company will construct the extension provided the prospective customers advance the required amount under the existing extension rule within six months after the effective date of this order.

The effective date of this order shall be ten (10) days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 22nd day of May, 1951.

A. J. [Signature]  
Justus F. [Signature]  
Harold P. [Signature]  
[Signature]

Commissioners.