

Decision No. 46422

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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 of the State of California
issuing to applicant a certificate of
public convenience and necessity to
exercise the franchise granted to it
by Ordinance No. 289 of the City
Council of the City of Fort Bragg,
County of Mendocino, State of
California.

Application No. 32693

(Electric)

R. W. DuVal and John Sproul
by John Sproul for applicant.

O P I N I O N

Pacific Gas and Electric Company in this proceeding asks for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to exercise the rights and privileges of a franchise granted to it by the City of Fort Bragg by Ordinance No. 289, permitting the installation, maintenance and use of an electric distribution and transmission system upon the streets of said city. A public hearing was held before Examiner Emerson on October 25, 1951 at Fort Bragg.

The franchise referred to, a copy of which is attached to the application and designated as 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 2% of the gross receipts arising from the use, operation, or possession of the franchise, but not less than

1/2% of the gross annual receipts from sales of electricity within the limits of the city under said franchise. By agreement with the city, however, the yearly sum will never be less than \$1,475.

The costs incurred by applicant in obtaining the franchise are stated to have been \$52.16 which amount does not include costs incident to this application.

No objection to the granting of the requested certificate has been entered. Furthermore, this utility or its predecessors for many years have served electricity in and about the City of Fort Bragg without competition. As of December 31, 1950, it served 1,779 electric customers within the city.

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

1. 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.
2. 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

The above-entitled application having been filed, 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 public convenience and necessity require the exercise by applicant of the right, privilege and franchise granted to applicant by Ordinance No. 289 of the City of Fort Bragg.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a certificate of public convenience and necessity be and is granted to Pacific Gas and Electric Company of California to exercise the rights and privileges granted by the City of Fort Bragg by Ordinance No. 289 adopted May 28, 1951.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 13th day of November, 1951.

[Signature] President.
Harold A. Kula
[Signature]
[Signature]
Commissioners.