

ORIGINALDecision No. 48705

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 FLASH WELD PRODUCTS, INC.,)
 dated April 30, 1953, providing for)
 the installation by Pacific of)
 special electric facilities for use)
 in supplying electric service to)
 said Customer and the payment by the)
 latter of a special service charge.)
 (Electric-Welding))

Application No. 34386

OPINION AND ORDER

In this application Pacific Gas and Electric Company requests authority to carry out the terms and conditions of an agreement dated April 30, 1953 with Flash Weld Products, Inc. Said agreement provides, among other things, for the installation by Pacific of certain separate electric facilities required to serve an electric flash welder and payment of a special monthly minimum charge and a special monthly service charge therefor. A copy of the agreement is attached to the application and marked "Exhibit A".

The agreement states that Flash Weld plans to construct a plant in Kern County near the City of Bakersfield and to install in said plant 100 horsepower in three-phase motors and a 900-kva single-phase flash welder designed for operation at 480 volts. The agreement also states, among other things, that Flash Weld has requested Pacific, and Pacific has agreed, to furnish and install an extension of Pacific's 12-kv line and a 480-volt three-phase service for the operation of the motor load. Such facilities will be installed at an estimated cost of \$10,561 by Pacific without charge to Flash Weld under the provisions of Pacific's Rule and

Regulation No. 15. Pacific also has agreed, at the request of Flash Weld, to furnish and install facilities to increase the capacity of Pacific's 12-kv distribution line from its Fruitvale substation, provide an extension therefrom and a separate 480-volt single-phase service from a 500-kva 12,000/480-volt transformer, hereinafter called special facilities, for the operation of said 900-kva single-phase flash welder. Such special facilities will be furnished and installed by Pacific at an estimated cost of \$1,802.

In consideration of such special facilities the agreement provides that Flash Weld shall pay Pacific a special service charge at the rate of \$22.53 per month in addition to the rates and charges set forth in Pacific's Schedule P-3 provided that in no event shall the minimum monthly charge under Schedule P-3, or such other applicable schedule in lieu thereof, be less than 65 cents per kva of the transformer capacity required to render such service. The special service charge is to be payable beginning with the commencement date of service under the agreement and continuing thereafter each month on the same dates as monthly service and energy charges shall be due for a period of three years from and after said commencement date and thereafter so long as Pacific shall, in its judgment, be required to maintain such special facilities because of the peculiar character of the flash welder load and in order to prevent interference with service to Pacific's other customers. A similar special monthly service charge was recognized in the agreement dated March 4, 1948 between Pacific Gas and Electric Company and Duro Consolidated, Inc., authorized by Decision No. 42602, Application No. 29286, dated March 15, 1949. A 65-cent minimum monthly charge per kva of transformer capacity installed to render service for the welder would be consistent with charges authorized for welder service by Pacific in another instance under

Decision No. 48630, Application No. 34345, dated May 26, 1953. The wording of the agreement, "Exhibit A", appears to indicate that such a minimum charge would be applied to all electric service supplied to Flash Weld including that supplied for the motor load. No such minimum charge other than the minimum charges stated in the regularly applicable tariff should be applied for service to load other than the 900-kva flash welder, and the order herein will so provide.

Under the agreement as so limited, the minimum monthly revenue to be received by Pacific for service to the welder is \$347.53. In the application Pacific alleges that the terms and provisions of said agreement, under the circumstances obtaining, are fair, just and reasonable to Pacific and Flash Weld.

The agreement contains provisions that it shall not become effective until authorized by the Commission and that it shall be subject at all times to such changes or modifications by this Commission as said Commission may from time to time direct in the exercise of its jurisdiction. The term of the agreement is for a period of three years from and after the date electric energy is first delivered under the agreement and thereafter from month to month until terminated by either party thereto, giving the other 30 days' prior written notice.

The rates, rules and regulations pertaining to the supplying of electric service to welders are the subject of investigation in a reopened proceeding (Case No. 4963) now before the Commission. It appears appropriate therefore to grant Pacific's request in the present application and to place the parties on notice that a final determination in said case may require a modification of the agreement of April 30, 1953 with respect to service to the welder.

The Commission having considered the above-entitled application and being of the opinion that the request of applicant should be granted and that a public hearing thereon is not necessary,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Pacific Gas and Electric Company be and it is authorized to carry out the terms and conditions of the written agreement dated April 30, 1953 with Flash Weld Products, Inc, and to render the service described therein under the terms, charges and conditions stated therein, provided that the monthly minimum charge of 65 cents per kva of the transformer capacity required shall not apply to charges for service to load other than the 900-kva flash welder.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Pacific Gas and Electric Company shall file with this Commission a statement showing the date on which service thereunder is established and subsequently shall file a statement promptly after termination showing the date when said agreement was terminated.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 16th day of June, 1953.

[Signature]
President
Justice J. Callahan
Harold A. Kuhn

Commissioners