

ORIGINALDecision No. 51234

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 W. F. Ajello and P. V. Girsch,)
 a partnership, doing business under the)
 name and style of DEPENDABLE WELDING)
 SERVICE, dated February 11, 1955, pro-)
 viding 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. 36751

OPINION AND ORDER

In this application Pacific Gas and Electric Company requests authority to carry out the terms and conditions of an agreement, dated February 11, 1955, with W. F. Ajello and P. V. Girsch, a partnership, doing business under the name and style of Dependable Welding Service. Said agreement provides for the installation of special electric facilities required to serve one spot welder and the payment of a special service charge therefor. A copy of the agreement is attached to the application and marked Exhibit A.

The agreement states that applicant now furnishes electric service for power and lighting purposes at customer's plant, located at 1439 Fifth Street in the City of Berkeley, and that customer plans to install in said plant one spot welder rated 75 kva and designed for operation at 240 volts, single phase. To adequately serve this additional load, it will be necessary for applicant to install a special transformer bank consisting of

two 25-kva and one 100-kva, 12,000-120/240-volt transformers and appurtenant fixtures, of which 75 kva in additional transformer capacity is required for satisfactory operation of customer's spot welder at the plant.

The application states that the special facilities are to be furnished by applicant at a cost of approximately \$3,217, of which amount \$1,608.50 is chargeable to the spot welder service. The agreement provides, among other things, that as consideration for such installation customer shall purchase from applicant during the term of the agreement all of the electric energy which shall be required by customer for the operation of its electric machinery and apparatus at said plant, and for all electric energy and service furnished thereunder customer shall pay applicant in accordance with the rates and charges set forth in applicant's Schedule P-3, or such other applicable schedule in lieu thereof as hereafter may be authorized by this Commission. In addition thereto customer shall pay applicant a special service charge in consideration of applicant's installing, owning, maintaining and operating such additional transformer capacity required for operation of customer's spot welder, at the rate of \$15 per month. The special service charge is based on 20 cents per month per kilovolt-ampere of special transformer capacity required for the welder load. Applicant estimates that the annual gross revenue to be received from customer for spot welder service will approximate \$615.

The agreement provides that it shall continue in full force and effect for the term of three years from and after the date electric service is first supplied thereunder, and shall continue thereafter until terminated by either party thereto giving the other 30 days' prior written notice of such termination.

The agreement further provides that it shall not become effective until authorized by this Commission and that at all times it shall be subject to such changes or modifications by this Commission as said Commission may, from time to time, direct in the exercise of its jurisdiction.

The rates, rules and regulations pertaining to the supply 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 applicant'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 February 11, 1955 with respect to service to the welder.

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

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 February 11, 1955, with W. F. Ajello and P. V. Girsch, a partnership, doing business under the name and style of Dependable Welding Service, and to render the service described therein under the terms, charges, and conditions stated therein.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Pacific Gas and Electric Company shall file with this Commission a statement showing the date electric energy is first supplied under said

agreement 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 Los Angeles, California, this 21st day of March, 1955.

John E. Mitchell
President
Justus J. Crocker
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William K. Woodley
Commissioners