

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 52006

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 HERBERT HOFVENDAHL, doing)
 business under the name and style of)
 HEATWELL MANUFACTURING COMPANY, dated)
 August 1, 1955, providing for the)
 installation by Pacific of special)
 electric facilities for use in supply-)
 ing electric service to said Customer)
 and the payment by the latter of a)
 special service charge.)
 (Electric - Welding))

Application No. 37260

OPINION AND ORDER

By this application Pacific Gas and Electric Company requests authority to carry out the terms and conditions of an agreement dated August 1, 1955 with Herbert Hofvendahl, doing business under the name and style of Heatwell Manufacturing Company, hereinafter called customer. Said agreement provides for installation of special electric facilities required to serve an electric welder and 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 furnishes electric service for power and lighting purposes at customer's plant located at 152 Chestnut Street, Oakland, California, where customer now plans to install one seam welder rated 75 kva. To adequately serve said augmented load, applicant must replace four spans of its existing 4-kv circuit located in the vicinity of customer's plant with a 12-kv circuit, install a new 480-volt, three-wire polyphase service, and replace the existing transformer

bank consisting of one 25-kva and two 15-kva, 2,400-120/240-volt transformers with a special transformer bank consisting of two 25-kva and one 75-kva, 12,000-240/480-volt transformers and fixtures appurtenant thereto, of which 70 kva in additional transformer capacity are required for satisfactory operation of the seam welder.

The application states that the special facilities are to be furnished by applicant at a cost of \$3,130, of which amount \$2,295 is chargeable to the welder service. The agreement provides that, as consideration for such installation, customer shall purchase from applicant during the term of the agreement all electric energy which shall be required for the operation of customer's electrical machinery and apparatus and in the conduct of customer's business at said plant, and for such electric energy and service customer shall pay applicant in accordance with the rates and charges set forth in applicant's Schedule P-3. 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 seam welder at the rate of \$14 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 welder service will approximate \$360.

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 thirty days prior written notice of such termination.

The agreement further provides 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 August 1, 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 August 1, 1955 with Herbert Hofvendahl, doing business under the name and style of Heatwell Manufacturing Company, 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 San Francisco, California, this 4th day of October, 1955.

E. Mitchell
President
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Commissioners