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Decision No. 52711

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 VENDORLATOR MANUFACTURING)
 COMPANY, INC., dated January 10, 1956,)
 providing for the installation by)
 Pacific of special electric facili-)
 ties for use in supplying electric)
 service to said Customer and the pay-)
 ment by the latter of a special)
 service charge.)
 (Electric - Welding))

Application No. 37689

OPINION AND ORDER

In this application Pacific Gas and Electric Company requests authority to carry out the terms and conditions of an agreement dated January 10, 1956, with Vendorlator Manufacturing Company, Inc. Said agreement provides, among other things, for the installation by Pacific of certain special electric facilities required to serve several spot welders, and the payment of special monthly service charges therefor. A copy of the agreement is attached to the application and marked Exhibit A.

The agreement states, among other things, that Pacific now furnishes electric service to the customer for general light and power purposes at the customer's plant located in the vicinity of the unincorporated town of Pinedale, Fresno County, and that the customer plans to install additional load in the plant, thereby increasing the general light and power load to a demand of approximately 1,100 kva and to install 13 single-phase spot welders having a total name-plate rating of 1,065 kva and an estimated instantaneous demand of approximately 2,700 kva, said welders being designed for operation at 480 volts.

The agreement further states that the customer has requested Pacific to furnish electric energy for the operation of said spot welders and that in order for Pacific to adequately serve the customer's welders, it will be necessary for Pacific to furnish and install the following:

- (a) Special line facilities to increase the capacity of Pacific's 12 kv distribution line from its Ashlan substation to the customer's plant which said special line facilities will involve an estimated cost to Pacific of \$20,000.
- (b) One 1,500 kva, 12,000/480 volt, three-phase transformer, which special transformer facilities are to be connected in parallel with Pacific's existing transformer bank consisting of three 333 kva, 12,000-240/480 volt, single-phase transformers. The special transformer facilities will result in an estimated cost to Pacific of \$10,992.

In consideration of such special facilities the agreement further provides that Pacific shall sell and deliver all of the electric energy which shall be required by the customer for the operation of its electric machinery and apparatus at the plant, that all electric energy shall be three-phase, sixty cycle alternating current and shall be delivered and metered at approximately 480 volts. The customer is to pay for all electric energy and service in accordance with the rates and charges set forth in Pacific's Schedule A-13, or other such applicable schedule in lieu thereof as may hereafter be authorized by this Commission. In addition thereto, the customer shall pay to Pacific special service charges as follows:

- (a) Two hundred fifty dollars per month for the special line facilities for a period of sixty months.
- (b) Three hundred dollars per month for special transformer facilities as long as such facilities are required by Pacific to render service to the customer.

The special service charge of \$250 per month here involved is equal to approximately $1\frac{1}{4}$ per cent of the cost of said 12 kv line capacity installed for the benefit of the customer's welder load.

The special service charge of \$300 per month is based on 20 cents per month per kilovolt ampere of special transformer capacity (1,500 kva) also required for the customer's welder load.

The term of the agreement is for a period of five years from and after the date electric service is first supplied by means of said special facilities and continues thereafter until terminated by either party thereto giving the other thirty days' prior written notice of such termination. The agreement contains provisions that it shall not become effective until authorized by this Commission and that it shall at all times 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.

Pacific estimates that the annual gross revenue to be received from the customer for the electric service for the spot welders is \$6,610, and alleges that the terms and conditions of the agreement, under the circumstances obtaining, are fair, just and reasonable to Pacific and the customer.

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 January 10, 1956, with respect to service to the welders.

The Commission having considered the above-entitled application and being of the opinion that the request of the applicant 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 January 10, 1956, with Vendorlator Manufacturing Company, Inc., and to render the service described therein under the terms, charges, and conditions stated therein.

IT IS 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 6th day of March, 1956.

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