

Decision No. 53230

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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 authorizing it to carry out)
 the terms and conditions of an agree-)
 ment with N. BERGERON, dated April 5,)
 1956, 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. 37990

OPINION AND ORDER

By the above-entitled application Pacific Gas and Electric Company requests authority to carry out the terms and conditions of an agreement dated April 5, 1956, with N. Bergeron. Under this agreement provision is made for the installation of certain special facilities required to serve an electric welder, and the payment of a special monthly service charge therefor. A copy of the agreement is attached to the application and marked Exhibit A.

The agreement states that applicant has been furnishing power and lighting service, including power for one single-phase welder, rated at 125 kva and designed for operation at 480 volts, under special contract dated June 30, 1950, authorized by Decision No. 44802 of this Commission, to customer's plant at 600 Fourth Street, Richmond, California. Customer has now moved his plant to 767 S. 17th Street, Richmond, California, and requested that the agreement whereby service was furnished to the former location be terminated as of January 6, 1956. The facilities at the new plant are the same as existed at the old location and will require a 480 volt service and a special transformer bank consisting of one 100 kva

and one 25 kva 12,000-240/480 volt transformers and fixtures appurtenant thereto.

Applicant has agreed to supply electric energy and service to customer in accordance with the rates and charges set forth in applicant's Schedule A-2 or such other applicable schedule in lieu thereof as may hereafter be authorized by this Commission. In addition thereto, customer is to pay a special service charge of \$20 per month (the same amount as required by the 1950 agreement) in consideration of applicant's installing, owning, maintaining and operating the additional transformer capacity required for the operation of customer's welder. 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 the projection welder service will be approximately \$414.

The agreement provides that it shall continue in full force and effect for a period of three years from and after November 23, 1955, the date on which electric energy was first supplied by means of said special facilities at the new location, and shall continue thereafter until terminated by either party thereto giving the other 30 days' prior written notice of such termination.

Provision is made that the agreement shall not become effective until this Commission shall authorize applicant to carry out the terms and conditions thereof, and the prior agreement of June 30, 1950, is to terminate as of January 6, 1956. Further provision is made that the agreement shall at all times be subject to such changes or modifications as this 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 the 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 April 5, 1956, 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 as follows:

1. That Pacific Gas and Electric Company be and it is authorized to carry out the terms and conditions of the written agreement dated April 5, 1956, with N. Bergeron, and to render the service described therein under the terms, charges and conditions stated therein.

2. That Pacific Gas and Electric Company shall file a statement with this Commission promptly after termination of the contract showing the date when said contract was terminated.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 12th day of June, 1956.

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President
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Commissioners