

ORIGINALDecision No. 53613

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 two)
 agreements with MYERS DRUM COMPANY,)
 each dated April 24, 1956, providing)
 among other things, for the installation)
 by Pacific of special electric facilities)
 for use in supplying electric service to)
 said Customer.)
 (Electric-Welding)

Application No. 38057

OPINION AND ORDER

By the above-entitled application, Pacific Gas and Electric Company requests authority to carry out the terms and conditions of two agreements, each dated April 24, 1956, with Myers Drum Company in the City of San Pablo. Under these agreements provision is made for the installation of certain special facilities required to serve electric welders and the payment of a special monthly service charge therefor. Copies of the agreements are attached to the application, the one marked Exhibit A being for service to customer's "pail plant" and the one marked Exhibit B being for service to customer's "drum plant".

Service to Pail Plant

Applicant furnishes power and lighting service, including power for one 200 kva seam welder and two 25 kva spot welders, 480 volts, single phase, at customer's pail plant, under special contract dated March 8, 1951, and authorized by Decision No. 45544 dated April 10, 1951.

Customer has now installed an additional 100 kva spot welder and applicant has agreed to replace the existing special transformer bank, consisting of two 100 kva and one 333 kva 12,000/480 volt transformers with a bank of two 167 kva and one 333 kva

transformers, of which 367 kva in transformer capacity is required for operation of all welders at the pail plant.

Service will be supplied in accordance with applicant's filed Schedule A-13. In addition, customer agrees to pay a special service charge of \$73.40 per month in consideration of applicant's installing, owning, and maintaining the additional transformer capacity required for the operation of customer's welders. Said special service charge is based on 20 cents per month per kilovolt-ampere of special transformer capacity required for the welder load.

The agreement provides that it shall continue in full force and effect for the term of three years from and after October 22, 1955, and shall continue thereafter until terminated by either party giving the other 30 days' prior written notice. Said agreement, upon its effective date, shall cancel and supersede that certain agreement between customer and applicant dated March 8, 1951.

Service to Drum Plant

Applicant furnishes electric service for the operation of one 350 kva seam welder and two 75 kva flash welders at customer's drum plant, such service being metered and billed separately from the power load at the drum plant. Customer has now installed an additional 500 kva seam welder and applicant, in order adequately to serve the welder load, has agreed to increase the capacity of the transformer bank serving such load from one 150 kva and one 333 kva, 12,000/480 volt transformers to one 333 kva and one 667 kva transformers, all of which 1,000 kva of capacity is required for the operation of all welders at the drum plant.

Service will be supplied in accordance with applicant's filed Schedule P-3, except that the minimum charge under said Schedule P-3 has been amended to provide that in no event shall the minimum monthly charge for service supplied said welders be less than 65 cents per kva of the transformer capacity installed to render such service.

The agreement provides that it shall continue in full force and effect for the term of three years from and after September 30, 1955, and shall continue thereafter until terminated by either party giving the other 30 days' prior written notice.

Both of the agreements filed herein provide that they shall not become effective until this Commission shall authorize applicant to carry out the terms and conditions thereof and that the agreements 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 and rules 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 agreements dated April 24, 1956, with respect to service to the welders.

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 agreements dated April 24, 1956, with Myers Drum Company, 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 each agreement, 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 21st day
of AUGUST, 1956.

President
James J. Quinn

Ralph L. Lintner

B. H. Hartz

Commissioners