

**ORIGINAL**

Decision No. 53761

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	)	
agreement with ERNEST M. FIGLEY, JR.,	)	
and RUTH S. FIGLEY, a copartnership,	)	Application No. 38231.
doing business under the name and	)	
style of THE RUTHERN COMPANY, dated	)	
June 7, 1956.	)	
(Electric - Welding)	)	

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 June 7, 1956, with Ernest M. Figley, Jr., and Ruth S. Figley, a copartnership, doing business under the name and style of The Ruthern Company. Said agreement provides for the installation of special electric facilities required to serve eight arc welders 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 furnishes electric service for power and lighting purposes at customers' plant located at 5301 Central Avenue in the City of Richmond, where customers have now installed one additional 24-kva arc welder and 15 hp of additional three-phase motor load. To adequately serve such augmented load, applicant has replaced an existing transformer bank consisting of one 25-kva and two 10-kva 12,000-120/240 volt transformers with a special transformer bank consisting of one 100-kva and two 25-kva transformers and fixtures appurtenant thereto, of which 75 kva in

transformer capacity is required for satisfactory operation of all of customers' arc welders.

Service will be supplied in accordance with applicant's filed Schedule A-2. In addition, customers agree to pay a special service charge of \$15 per month in consideration of applicant's installing, operating and maintaining the additional transformer capacity required for the operation of customers' welders. This 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 3 years from and after the date electric service is first supplied hereunder, and shall continue thereafter until terminated by either party hereto giving the other 30 days' prior written notice. The agreement further provides that it shall not become effective until authorized by this Commission and that at all times the agreement shall 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 were the subject of investigation in Case No. 4963, Decision No. 53675 decided August 29, 1956. It appears appropriate, therefore, to grant applicant's request in the present application and to place the parties on notice that said decision may require a modification of the agreement of June 7, 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

agreement dated June 7, 1956, with Ernest M. Figley, Jr., and Ruth S. Figley, a copartnership, doing business under the name and style of The Ruthern 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 this 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of SEPTEMBER, 1956.

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Commissioners