

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 56431

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 issuing a certificate	)	
of public convenience and necessity	)	Application No. 39768
to exercise the right, privilege	)	
and franchise granted to applicant	)	
by Ordinance No. 289 of the City	)	
Council of the Town of Corte Madera,	)	
County of Marin, State of California.	)	
<u>(Gas)</u>	)	

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John S. Cooper by John S. Cooper  
for applicant.

O P I N I O N

Pacific Gas and Electric Company, in this proceeding, asks for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to exercise the rights and privileges of a franchise granted by the Town of Corte Madera, permitting the installation, maintenance, and use of a gas distribution and transmission system in the streets of said town. A public hearing was held before Examiner Thomas E. Daly, on March 17, 1958, at Corte Madera.

The franchise referred to, a copy of which is attached to the application and designated as Exhibit A, was granted by the town in accordance with the Franchise Act of 1937 and is of indeterminate duration. A fee is payable annually to the town

equivalent to 2 per cent of the gross receipts arising from the use, operation, or possession of the franchise, but not less than 1 per cent of the gross annual receipts from sales of gas within the limits of the town under said franchise.

The costs incurred by applicant in obtaining the franchise are stated to have been \$18.20, which amount does not include costs incident to this application.

No objection to the granting of the requested certificate has been entered. Furthermore, this utility or its predecessors have, for many years, served gas in and about the Town of Corte Madera without competition. As of December 31, 1957, it served 1,448 customers within the town from approximately 15.9 miles of gas mains therein.

After consideration it is hereby found as a fact that public convenience and necessity require the exercise by applicant of the right, privilege and franchise granted to applicant by Ordinance No. 289 of the Town of Corte Madera.

The certificate of public convenience and necessity herein granted is subject to the following provisions of law:

1. That the Commission shall have no power to authorize the capitalization of the franchise involved herein or this certificate of public convenience and necessity or the right to own, operate or enjoy such franchise or certificate of public convenience and necessity in excess of the amount (exclusive of any tax or annual charge) actually paid to the State or to a political subdivision thereof as the consideration for the grant of such franchise, certificate of public convenience and necessity or right.

- 2. That the franchise involved herein shall never be given any value before any court or other public authority in any proceeding of any character in excess of the cost to the grantee of the necessary publication and any other sum paid by it to the municipality therefor at the time of the acquisition thereof.

O R D E R

The above-entitled application having been filed, a public hearing having been held, the matter having been submitted and now being ready for decision,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a certificate of public convenience and necessity be and it is hereby granted to Pacific Gas and Electric Company to exercise the rights and privileges granted by the Town of Corte Madera, by Ordinance No. 289, adopted August 5, 1957.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, 1958.

*Robert E. Mitchell*  
 President

*Paul J. Lintner*

*William J. ...*

*S. J. ...*

Commissioners