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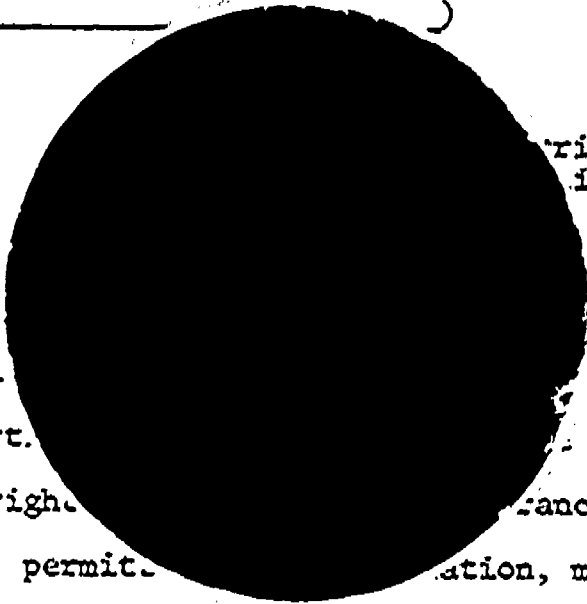
Decision No. 57991

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 to applicant)
 a certificate of public convenience)
 and necessity to exercise the right,)
 privilege and franchise granted to)
 applicant by Ordinance No. 173 of)
 the City Council of the City of)
 Ceres, County of Stanislaus, State)
 of California.)

Application No. 40617

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Pacific Gas and Electric Company in this proceeding,
 asks for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to
 exercise the right, privilege and franchise granted by the
 City of Ceres, permitting the installation, maintenance, and use
 of a gas distribution and transmission system in the streets of
 said city. A public hearing was held before Examiner Thomas E. Daly,
 on January 20, 1959, at San Francisco.

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

The costs incurred by applicant in obtaining the franchise are stated to have been \$53.13, 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 City of Ceres without competition. As of December 31, 1958, it served 1277 customers within the city from approximately 15.37 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 authority conferred upon applicant by Ordinance No. 173 of the City of Ceres.

The franchise and necessity herein granted is subject to the following provisions of law:

1. That the power to authorize the franchise involved herein or to grant public convenience and necessity shall not be exercised until the applicant has paid or enjoyed such public convenience and necessity amount (exclusive of any tax or annual fee) 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 City of Ceres, Ordinance _____, adopted September 8, 1958.

The effect _____ shall be twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated _____ California, this 9th day of _____

Lyn Fox
President

[Signature]

[Signature]

Commissioners

Commissioner Theodore H. Jenner, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

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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.
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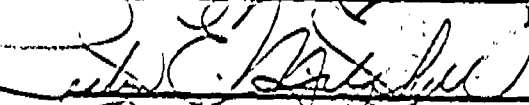
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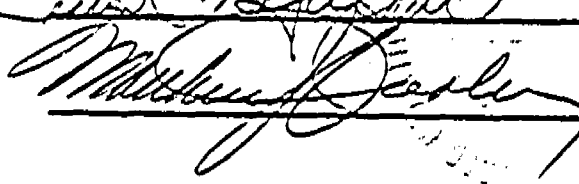
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a certificate of public convenience and necessity be and it is hereby granted to Pacific Gas and Electric Company to exercise the rights and privileges granted by the City of Ceres, Ordinance No. 173, adopted September 8, 1958.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 9th day of FEBRUARY, 1959.



President




Commissioners

Commissioner Theodore H. Jenner, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.