## ORIGINAL

Decision No. 59215

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 to exercise the right, privilege and franchise granted to applicant by Ordinance No. 411 N.S. of the Board of Supervisors of the COUNTY OF ALAMEDA, State of California.

(Gas)

Application No. 41305

F. T. Searls, John C. Morrissey and John S. Cooper, by <u>Miss Jewel M. Larson</u>, for applicant.

## OPINION

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 County of Alameda, permitting the installation, maintenance and use of a gas distribution and transmission system within the unincorporated area of said county. A public hearing was held before Examiner Thomas E. Daly, on October 19, 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 county in accordance with the Broughton Act and is of indeterminate duration. A fee is payable annually to the county equivalent to 2 percent of the gross receipts arising from the use, operation, or possession of the franchise.

The costs incurred by applicant in obtaining the franchise are stated to have been \$718.79, which amount does not include costs incident to this application.

- (2) That Pacific Gas and Electric Company shall not exercise said franchise for the purpose of supplying gas in those parts or portions of Alameda County not now served by it except through extensions of its existing system made in the ordinary course of business as contemplated by Section 1001 of the Public Utilities Code.
- (3) That the Commission may hereafter by appropriate proceeding and order limit the authority herein granted to applicant as to any territory within said county not then being served by it.

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

of Novembell, 1959.

President