

ORIGINALDecision No. 67643

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application of)
 CALIFORNIA-PACIFIC UTILITIES COMPANY,)
 PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY,)
 PACIFIC POWER & LIGHT COMPANY,)
 SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY,)
 SIERRA PACIFIC POWER COMPANY, and)
 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY,)
 public utility corporations, for an)
 order amending General Order No. 52,)
 "Construction and Operation of Power)
 and Communication Lines for the)
 Prevention or Mitigation of Inductive)
 Interference," to eliminate the)
 requirement of transpositions.)
 (Electric))

Application No. 46332
 (Filed March 31, 1964;
 amended June 22, 1964)

Lloyd E. Cooper, for California-Pacific Utilities Company; F. T. Searls, John C. Morrissey and Ross Workman, for Pacific Gas and Electric Company; Donald J. Richardson, Jr., for San Diego Gas & Electric Company; Frank W. Gaiennie, for Sierra Pacific Power Company; Rollin E. Woodbury, Harry W. Sturges, Jr., and John R. Bury, for Southern California Edison Company, applicants.

Emerson E. Bolz, for Western Union Telegraph Company; R. Paul Tjossem, for Great Northern Railway Co.; Harold S. Lentz, for Southern Pacific Co.; Arthur T. George & Richard W. Odgers by Richard W. Odgers, for The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company; William Knecht, for California Farm Bureau Federation; and W. G. Snyder, for The Western Telephone Co., interested parties.
Melvin E. Mezek, for the Commission staff.

O P I N I O N

This amended application was heard before Examiner Coffey in San Francisco on June 22, 1964 and submitted for decision on the same date. Copies of the application and notice of hearing were served in accordance with the Commission's procedural rules.

Applicants presented testimony by two witnesses in support of their request that General Order No. 52, "Construction and

Operation of Power and Communication Lines for the Prevention or Mitigation of Inductive Interference," be amended to permit the omission of transpositions in Class H power circuits in those instances where mutual agreement for such omission is made with each of the parties owning or operating overhead lines involved in a "parallel."

A staff witness recommended that the proposed new rule, Rule I(a)(3), be added to authorize future self-administration of the transposition requirements of General Order No. 52 in cases where agreement is reached concerning the omission of transpositions but that if agreement is not reached the general order should remain unchanged or that the Commission should determine the issues of any controversy. The staff witness further recommended that the Commission be assured that all parties involved in a parallel have received notice and have consented to a parallel without transpositions in the power circuit.

Upon consideration of the evidence the Commission finds that:

1. General Order No. 52, Rule I(e) provides for review by this Commission of the petitions by any party believing the rules of the general order work an injustice or an undue hardship.

2. The request of applicant as modified by the staff recommendations is reasonable and is in the public interest.

The Commission concludes that General Order No. 52 should be amended by the addition of Rule I(a)(3) as set forth in this decision.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that General Order No. 52, "Construction and Operation of Power and Communication Lines for the Prevention or

Mitigation of Inductive Interference;" is hereby amended by the addition of Rule I(a)(3), as follows:

The transpositions of Class H power circuits required as hereinafter set forth in Rule III(c) and Rule III(d) may be omitted in cases where mutual agreement for such omission is made between all of the parties involved in a parallel. Nothing contained in this Rule I(a)(3) shall be construed as permitting the construction of a Class H power circuit without transpositions unless all parties owning or operating overhead lines involved in a parallel shall have consented to such construction. The parties to such an agreement shall include those who may become involved in such parallel within the reasonably foreseeable future as well as those presently involved therein. Upon agreement to omit transpositions in any 60 kv or higher voltage transmission line, the pole or tower setting party, prior to construction, shall file with the Commission a description of the route and configuration of the lines involved together with copies of letters showing mutual consent for such omission by all above-described parties.

This order shall be effective on the date hereof.

Dated at ^{San Francisco} _____, California, this 4th day of August, 1964.

Fredrick B. Holdhoff
President

George T. Crower

Commissioner Peter E. Mitchell, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

Commissioner William M. Bennett, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding. Commissioners