

Decision No. 70237

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application of
PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY for
authorization to carry out a written
agreement dated September 17, 1965 with
SIERRA TV CABLE COMPANY, relating to
electric service near Chico, Butte
County.

(Electric)

Application No. 48057
Filed November 15, 1965

OPINION AND ORDER

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (Pacific) requests authorization to carry out the terms and conditions of a written agreement with the Sierra TV Cable Company (Sierra) dated September 17, 1965, to extend its electric distribution facilities to furnish electric service for the operation of Sierra's antenna station, approximately 10 miles east of Chico, Butte County. A copy of the agreement is attached to the application as Exhibit A.

Pacific states that to provide this service it will be necessary to furnish and install a pole line extension approximately 26,862 feet in length together with transformers, meters, service wires and other miscellaneous components, at an estimated cost of \$23,527.

Pacific agrees to extend its electric distribution line and to sell and deliver to Sierra all of the electric energy required by Sierra for the operation of its antenna installation consisting of a 2-kw repeater and 3-kw air conditioner for a total of 5-kw single-phase at the transmitter location and two 500-watt single-phase unmetered amplifiers at 3-mile intervals south of the transmitter equipment.

Sierra agrees to pay for its energy in accordance with Pacific's filed Schedule No. P-1, General Power-Connected Load Basis-Alternating Current. This schedule is applicable to alternating current used in motors, heating and cooking devices and rectifiers for battery charging but is not applicable to current used for lighting, either directly or through transforming or converting equipment. Pacific estimates that it will receive an annual gross revenue of \$750 from the sale of electric energy to Sierra.

Sierra agrees to pay Pacific the sum of \$19,777, which is the difference between the estimated cost (\$23,527) to Pacific of furnishing and installing the facilities and five times the amount of the estimated annual revenue to be derived from the sale of electric energy to Sierra. This sum is subject to refund, in accordance with provisions of the agreement, upon the addition of new permanent loads to the facilities.

In addition, Sierra agrees to pay Pacific a monthly cost of ownership charge of \$148.32 (\$1,779.84 per year) commencing with the date of completion of the installation of the facilities, which monthly cost of ownership charge is 3/4 percent of said \$19,777.

The application states the special agreement will prevent the service to be furnished from becoming a burden on other customers.

The application further states that, subject to the authorization of the Commission, the terms of the agreement shall commence on September 17, 1965 and shall continue for an initial term of five years from and after either (a) the date service is first established thereunder, or (b) six months subsequent to the date Pacific is ready to supply service from the facilities, whichever date is earlier, and thereafter until terminated by either party as provided in the agreement.

The agreement contains the provision that it shall at all times be subject to such changes or modifications by the Commission as it may from time to time direct in the exercise of its jurisdiction.

Pacific and Sierra are hereby placed on notice that in any future proceeding this Commission will not be obligated to consider the opposition of either party to any proposed changes in this agreement predicated on the existence of an agreement which has been authorized by this Commission.

Pacific is placed on notice that if it should appear in a future proceeding that the revenue derived from this agreement is not compensatory, such revenue inadequacy is not to be imposed on Pacific's other electric customers.

The Commission finds that the proposed agreement is not adverse to the public interest and concludes that the application should be granted. A public hearing is not necessary.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Pacific Gas and Electric Company is authorized to carry out the terms and conditions of the written agreement dated September 17, 1965 with Sierra TV Cable Company, a copy of which is attached to the application as Exhibit A.
2. Applicant shall file with this Commission within thirty days after the effective date of this order, four certified copies of the agreement as executed, together with a statement of the date on which said agreement is deemed to have become effective.
3. Applicant shall notify the Commission, in writing, of the date of termination of the agreement within thirty days after date of termination.

4. Applicant shall file with this Commission within thirty days after the effective date of this order and in conformity with General Order No. 96-A, the summary required by that general order, listing all contracts and deviations, including the agreement herein authorized. Such list shall become effective upon statutory notice (30 days) to the Commission and to the public after filing as hereinabove provided.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 18th day of JANUARY, 1966.

Frederick B. Holbeck
President
Arthur E. Mitchell
Augustus
George H. Lister
William W. Bennett
Commissioners