

ORIGINALDecision No. 71427

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 authorizing)
it to issue and sell \$80,000,000)
aggregate principal amount of)
its First and Refunding)
Mortgage Bonds, Series NN, due)
December 1, 1998, and to use)
the proceeds thereof for the)
purposes stated in this)
petition.)

Application No. 48819
Filed September 26, 1966

O P I N I O N

In this application, Pacific Gas and Electric Company seeks authorization to issue and sell \$80,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its First and Refunding Mortgage Bonds, Series NN, due December 1, 1998, for the purposes, generally, of repaying bank loans, reimbursing its treasury, and financing the cost of additions to, extensions of, and improvements to its plant, properties and facilities.

The company reports that its unreimbursed capital expenditures amounted to \$1,336,070,074 as of July 31, 1966, and that the unexpended balance of general manager's authorizations for capital additions and improvements aggregated \$350,948,191. Applicant estimates that during the year 1966

its capital expenditures will approximate \$280,000,000 and that about one-half of this amount will have to be provided from external sources. Applicant's reported capital ratios as of August 31, 1966, adjusted to give effect to the proposed issue, are as follows:

Long-term debt	52%
Preferred stock	11
Common stock equity	<u>37</u>
Total	<u>100%</u>

Applicant intends to sell its new bonds at competitive bidding, the successful bid to determine the interest rate. The bonds will be dated as of June 1, 1966, will mature December 1, 1998, and will be subject to redemption, to and including November 30, 1967, at an initial redemption price equivalent to the initial public offering price plus the coupon rate borne by the bonds, plus accrued and unpaid interest, and thereafter at reducing premiums, subject to a five-year restricted redemption provision similar to that frequently employed in bond offerings at the present time.

The Commission has considered this matter and finds that: (1) the proposed bond issue is for proper purposes; (2) applicant will have need for funds from external sources for the purposes set forth in this application; (3) applicant will be required to pay interest at a lower effective rate

than it would in the absence of a restricted redemption provision; (4) the money, property or labor to be procured or paid for by the issue of the bonds herein authorized is reasonably required for the purposes specified herein; and (5) such purposes, except as otherwise authorized for accrued interest, are not, in whole or in part, reasonably chargeable to operating expenses or to income. A public hearing is not necessary.

On the basis of the foregoing findings, we conclude that the application should be granted. The authorization herein granted is for the purpose of this proceeding only and is not to be construed as indicative of amounts to be included in proceedings for the purpose of determining just and reasonable rates.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Pacific Gas and Electric Company may issue and sell not to exceed \$80,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its First and Refunding Mortgage Bonds, Series NN, due December 1, 1998, at competitive bidding to the purchaser, or purchasers, offering to it the most favorable terms as disclosed by the bids received.

2. The invitation for the submission of written sealed bids for the purchase of said bonds shall be given by publication not less than five days prior to the date set for the opening of the bids.

3. Pacific Gas and Electric Company shall use the proceeds from the sale of said bonds for the purposes set forth in this application.

4. Immediately upon awarding the contract for the sale of said bonds, Pacific Gas and Electric Company shall file a written report with the Commission showing, as to each bid received, the name of the bidder, the price, the interest rate and the cost of money to applicant based upon such price and interest rate.

5. Within thirty days after the issue and sale of the bonds herein authorized, Pacific Gas and Electric Company shall file with the Commission three copies of its prospectus.

6. Within six months after such issue and sale, Pacific Gas and Electric Company shall file with the Commission a statement, in lieu of a report under General Order No. 24-B, disclosing the purposes for which the bond proceeds were used.

7. This order shall become effective when Pacific Gas and Electric Company has paid the fee prescribed by Section 1904(b) of the Public Utilities Code, which fee is \$23,000.

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

Edward E. Mitchell
President

George J. Traver

Friedrich B. Hildehoff

Augustus

William W. Beards
Commissioners

