

ORIGINALDecision No. 73612

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Investigation on the Commission's own
 motion into the Tariff Schedules, Rates,
 Rules, Charges, Operations, Practices,
 Contracts, Services and Aesthetics and
 Economics of Facilities of all Electric
 and Communication Public Utilities in the
 State of California.

Case No. 8209

ORDER SETTING ASIDE SUBMISSION
 AND REOPENING FOR FURTHER HEARING

The Commission on June 22, 1965 instituted this investigation of the rules of electric and communication utilities to consider the conditions which might require the revision of existing rules and establishment of new rules or rates pertaining to the extension of electric and communication service and facilities for aesthetic and economic reasons. After 36 days of public hearings the matter was taken under submission on December 10, 1966.

An interim order, Decision No. 73078 dated September 19, 1967, resolved the matters of Service Connections and Conversions, leaving the matter of New Construction to be resolved in a future order. The interim order included, as Appendix F, a new rule for underground construction in new subdivisions, proposed by Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) in its opening brief. The Commission, in Decision No. 73078, noted that this proposal should be considered and by letter dated September 19, 1967, addressed to all appearances, requested PG&E to reply to the Commission's information request and to serve a copy of same to all appearances. The Commission's letter also requested the appearances to provide it with any comments deemed appropriate.

The Commission has received replies from some of the appearances. The issues raised by the parties in comments contained in the replies indicate that further testimony is necessary in order to consider the requirement for a uniform rule for all electric utilities under the Commission's jurisdiction. We conclude that further hearings are necessary but the scope of such hearings should be limited to consideration of the rule proposed by Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

All written comments regarding this rule received pursuant to the Commission's letter of September 19, 1967, are hereby opened to public inspection in the Commission's files. PG&E should cover all of the issues raised in such written replies as part of the evidence it presents at the hearings hereon.

IT IS ORDERED that the submission heretofore entered in the above entitled matter is set aside and the matter reopened for further hearing before Examiner Gillanders, to commence on March 5, 1968 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Courtroom, State Building, 350 McAllister Street, San Francisco, California, at which time all interested parties may appear and be heard.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Pacific Gas and Electric Company provide prepared testimony and exhibits not less than 10 days

prior to such hearings to any parties requesting said prepared testimony and exhibits so that cross-examination can immediately commence.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 9th day of JANUARY, 1968.

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