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Decision No. 88390 JAN 24 1978

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Estel Lushbough
to deviate from mandatory
requirements for underground
utilities extension for Lot 55,
Industrial Park No. 1, Madera
County, California

Application No. 57719
(Filed November 30, 1977)

O P I N I O N

Applicant, Estel Lushbough, seeks authority to deviate from undergrounding requirements of Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E) Rule 15, and Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company's (PT&T) Rule 15, for Lot 55, Industrial Park No. 1, Madera County, California.

The lot lies in a subdivision of sixty-four lots of approximately 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -acres each, which constitute Industrial Park No. 1 in Madera County. The map of the subdivision was filed with the county May 5, 1977. No overhead lines presently exist within the subdivision, except along the easement on the southern edge of the subdivision.

Attached to the application are letters from the Madera County Planning Department, PT&T and PG&E, who have no objections to overhead extensions to Mr. Lushbough's property. PT&T will provide overhead extension to the lot free, whereas PG&E estimated undergrounding costs of \$2,270 versus overhead costs of \$1,121 for electric service.

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A Commission staff engineer met with the property owner to review the property and its surroundings. There is no development within the subdivision, except in Lot 55, which the owner occupies. The staff report was received as Exhibit 1.

The application should be denied because it does not state sufficient justification for granting a deviation from the undergrounding requirements of Rule 15.1.

Findings

1. Industrial Park No. 1 is located in a sparsely populated area of Madera County.
2. Madera County Planning Department, PT&T and PG&E have no objections to overhead extensions to the subdivision.
3. PG&E estimated overhead costs at \$1,121 versus undergrounding costs of \$2,270 with no cost to customer for overhead service, and an estimated cost of \$1,500 to customer for underground service.
4. PT&T indicated there is no charge to customer for overhead service and estimated a cost of \$2,000 to customer for underground service.

Conclusions

1. A public hearing is not required.
2. The application should be denied as provided in the order which follows:

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Pacific Gas and Electric Company is not authorized to deviate from the mandatory undergrounding requirements of its electric line extension rule of its tariff in Lot 55, Industrial Park No. 1, Madera County.

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2. Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company is not authorized to deviate from the mandatory undergrounding requirements of its telephone line extension rule of its tariff in Lot 55, Industrial Park No. 1, Madera County.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 24th day of JANUARY, 1978.

Robert Bateman
President
William J. ...
Terrence L. ...
Geoffrey D. ...
Clare J. ...
Commissioners