

MINUTE ITEM

7/12/66

12. APPLICATION FOR OVERHEAD WIRE CROSSING EASEMENT OVER SUBMERGED LAND OF SACRAMENTO RIVER, SUTTER AND COLUSA COUNTIES; PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY - W.O. 5948, P.R.C. 3518.1.

After consideration of Calendar Item 35 attached, and upon motion duly made and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER IS AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE TO PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY A 15-YEAR EASEMENT AT AN ANNUAL RENTAL OF \$57.44, WITH THE RIGHT TO RENEW FOR THREE ADDITIONAL PERIODS OF TEN YEARS EACH UPON SUCH REASONABLE TERMS AS THE STATE MAY THEN IMPOSE, OVER THE FOLLOWING-DESCRIBED LANDS:

A PARCEL OF SUBMERGED LAND 200 FEET WIDE IN THE SACRAMENTO RIVER, COLUSA AND SUTTER COUNTIES, APPROXIMATELY 10 MILES NORTHWESTERLY OF KIRKVILLE, LYING 100 FEET ON EITHER SIDE OF THE FOLLOWING-DESCRIBED CENTERLINE:

BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE LOW WATER MARK ON THE RIGHT BANK OF THE SACRAMENTO RIVER WHICH BEARS N. 31° 25' E., 2,287.40 FEET AND N. 16° 05' E. 250 FEET, FROM U.S.C. & G.S. TRIANGULATION STATION "BRITTEN 1939", WHICH HAS ZONE II CALIFORNIA COORDINATES OF X = 2,046,216.89, Y = 498,127.70; THENCE N. 16° 05' E., 315 FEET TO A POINT ON THE LOW WATER MARK ON THE LEFT BANK OF THE SACRAMENTO RIVER, CONTAINING 1.446 ACRES MORE OR LESS.

Attachment  
Calendar Item 35 (2 pages)

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Pacific Gas and Electric Company has applied for an overhead easement for the construction and maintenance of a tower-line-crossing over the Sacramento River as part of a 500 kv system. The crossing is located four miles southeast of Grimes (see Exhibit "A").

The applicant has offered the following statement relative to the comparative costs of overhead to underground construction:

"The highest voltage at present utilized for sub-surface (underground or submarine) transmission in this country is 345 kv.

"Extending the voltage levels to 500 kv involves technological problems that would require further years of research and development in order to bring this voltage class of cable and accessories into the realm of practicability. Research is now in progress which is pointed toward meeting this objective but at the present, both cables and accessories are not available for manufacture commercially. As with 115 and 230 kv cables, areas of rugged terrain will present situations in which an underground system is not technically feasible.

"Since 500 kv cable systems have not yet been developed by the cable and accessory manufacturers, cost estimates can be made only on a theoretical basis. In view of the large power transmitting capabilities of a 500 kv bundled conductor overhead system, 3 to 4 underground circuits would be required for an equivalent system. Cost ratios of a sub-surface installation to an overhead installation cannot be estimated within practical limits of accuracy at our present level of technology."

Based upon a staff appraisal, the annual rental for a 15-year easement would be \$57.44. The agreement would provide for three renewal options of ten years each.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COMMISSION AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO ISSUE TO PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY A 15-YEAR EASEMENT AT AN ANNUAL RENTAL OF \$57.44, WITH THE RIGHT TO RENEW FOR THREE ADDITIONAL PERIODS OF TEN YEARS EACH UPON SUCH REASONABLE TERMS AS THE STATE MAY THEN IMPOSE, OVER THE FOLLOWING-DESCRIBED LANDS:

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