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Decision No. 12772

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)	
of J. H. HILFIKER and HUSTED	:	
HEINRICI for a certificate of pub-)	
lic convenience and necessity to	:	Application No. 9349.
furnish electric energy in the un-)	
incorporated town of Covelo, Mendo-	:	
cino County.)	

Thomas, Thomas & McCowen, by Hale McCowen, for applicants.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

J. H. Hilfiker, and Husted Heinrici, co-partners under the firm name and style of Eureka Electric Company, have petitioned the Railroad Commission for an order declaring that public convenience and necessity require the construction and operation by them of an electric plant for the generating and selling of electric current for lighting, heating and power purposes in the unincorporated town of Covelo, County of Mendocino, State of California.

A public hearing was held on said application at Ukiah before Examiner Satterwhite, the matter was submitted and is now ready for decision.

No one appeared in opposition to the granting of said application. The evidence shows that the unincorporated town of Covelo has a population of about 400 people and that neither this community nor Round Valley, in which it is located, is now

or ever has been furnished with electric current for the purposes sought in this petition. The nearest public utility generating and selling electric current is located in the town of Willits, about thirty miles away and there is no immediate prospect that Covelo will be served by this or any other utility. It appears that fifty-six residents of Covelo have petitioned said applicants to construct an electric plant and furnish them with electric current for all the purposes sought in this application and each of these petitioners has entered into an agreement with the applicants to buy and use their electric current for a period of at least two years.

The business men in Covelo have already planned to install a street lighting system in the community and have also agreed to supply the necessary funds to construct this lighting system. There are 103 homes in this community and a great majority of the owners of these homes have indicated a desire to be furnished with electric current. All the schools, churches and other public institutions have also indicated a desire to be served by said applicants.

The Board of Supervisors of Mendocino County has granted a franchise to said applicants giving them permission to erect all necessary poles and string wires along the public highways of said County.

The record shows that the complete cost of the construction and installation of this proposed electric plant will be about \$9,000.00 and that the yearly gross revenue will total at least \$4,000.00 and that applicants expect to earn at least 8 per cent. per annum on the total amount of capital invested. It is the purpose of applicants to serve, in the near

future, all the people residing in Round Valley, as their equipment will justify them in doing so, but for the present they seek only the authority to serve the community of Covelo.

We have carefully considered the evidence in this proceeding and are of the opinion that the application should be granted.

ORDER

A public hearing having been held in the above entitled application, evidence having been submitted and the Commission being fully advised,

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity require the construction and operation by J. H. Hilfiker and Husted Heinrich of an electric plant for the generating and selling of electric current for lighting, heating and power purposes in the unincorporated town of Covelo, County of Mendocino, California.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a certificate of public convenience and necessity be, and the same is hereby granted, to said applicants for the purposes set out in the preceding paragraph.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this
1st. day of November, 1923.

C. Seaver
H. B. Brundage
Livingston Martin
Edwin Shore
J. H. Whittney
Commissioners.