

Decision No. 14677

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of
CLYDE W. HENRY for a Certificate of
Public Convenience and Necessity.

Application No. 10641.

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

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

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Clyde W. Henry has petitioned the Railroad Commission for an order declaring that public convenience and necessity require the construction and operation by him of an electric plant and distribution system for the purpose of generating electric energy and selling the same for lighting, heating and power purposes in the unincorporated town of Covelo, Mendocino County, California.

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

No one appeared in opposition to the granting of this application. The evidence shows that Covelo is an unincorporated town situated in Round Valley, Mendocino County, California, and that neither this community nor Round Valley in which it is situated is now or ever has been furnished with either gas or electric energy. The nearest public utility generating and selling electric energy is located in the town of Willits, distant about thirty miles, and there is no immediate prospect that Covelo will be served by this or any other utility. Approximately forty-five residents of Covelo have petitioned this applicant to install a plant and supply them with electric energy, and each of these petitioners has signed an agree-

ment to use the energy thus supplied for a period of not less than five years. Round Valley, in which Covelo is situated, has an area of approximately 25,000 acres and while the purpose of this application is primarily to provide service to the town of Covelo, the applicant proposes to extend service throughout the Valley as rapidly as the demand for service will warrant.

The Board of Supervisors of Mendocino County has granted a franchise to this applicant giving him permission to erect all necessary poles and string wires thereon along the public highways of said county. Applicant reports the cost of securing this franchise at fifty dollars (\$50.00) and has filed a stipulation agreeing that neither it nor its successors and assigns will ever claim before the Railroad Commission of the State of California, or any court or other public body having jurisdiction, a value in excess of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for it.

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

O R D E R

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 Clyde W. Henry 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 applicant for the purposes set out in the preceding paragraph.

The authority herein granted shall become effective
on the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 17th
day of March, 1925.

H. A. Brundage

C. H. Sealey

Egerton Shore

George D. Squires

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Commissioners