

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

In the Matter of the application of the Southern California Edison Company, a corporation for an order authorizing it to retire from the business of distributing water for domestic and irrigation purposes as a public utility through its Mound Water System.

ORIGINAL

Application No. 11,025.

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION ON FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL PETITION

The Commission in Decision No. 15,795, dated December 28, 1925, provided in its order that Southern California Edison Company be authorized to discontinue its public utility water service through its Mound Water System in the vicinity of Ventura, Ventura County, on and after the first day of April, 1926, and thereafter be relieved of its public utility obligations in connection therewith upon the condition that the Southern California Edison Company file with the Commission on or before March 1, 1926, a plan acceptable to the Commission setting forth arrangements whereby the existing utility consumers shall be assured of water reasonably comparable with that now received and have by Supplemental Order received approval thereof.

On March 1, 1926, Southern California Edison Company filed its First Supplemental Petition setting forth the plan for giving service to the public utility water consumers now receiving service of water from said Mound Water System. The Supplemental Petition sets forth that

(1) On February 23, 1926 the Board of Trustees of San

Buenaventura passed a resolution providing that the City through its Municipal Water Department would at any time after July 1, 1926 assume the obligation to deliver water to consumers now supplied with water from the Mound Water System who are located within the City Limits of said City not supplied under contract by the Edison Company, providing the Company convey to the City without cost the water pipes, meters and services now used in supplying its consumers. This agreement will take care of all of the public utility water consumers within the City Limits of Ventura.

(2) The Saticoy Water Company has agreed to supply one of the consumers, Mr. George Cassidy, if application for service is made by him.

(3) The Southern California Edison Company has negotiated with the Mound Water Company, the mutual water company, representing all non-public users of water from said system and from whom the system was originally acquired, for the conveyance of the said water system to the Mound Water Company under a proposed agreement, a copy of which is attached to the Supplemental Application. This proposed agreement to the petitioner has been approved by the Directors of said Mound Water Company and will be submitted by the Directors to the stockholders of said Company on March 6, 1926. Under the terms of the agreement, the Southern California Edison Company agrees to continue to operate said Mound Water System to and including September 30, 1926, and on that date to convey said system to the Mound Water Company.

It further agrees to install certain equipment and to pay to Mound Water Company the sum of \$25,000.00 which will be used during the coming season in repairs and rehabilitation of part of the system.

The proposed agreement provides that the Mound Water Company will at any time prior to September 30, 1926 sell one share

of stock of said Company at a price of \$150.00 per share to each of the following named persons who may desire to purchase such stock:

C. P. Barnes,
J. Callens,
Cecelia Cook,
J. Dunn,
Pete Conlan,
Mrs. J. Moore,
F. Pidduck,
Charles Ready,
M. J. Todd,
J. Whille,
M. E. Mendelsson,
F. Cassidy,
F. A. Dudley,
F. Teffenteller,
C. Brown,
Ventura County Hospital,
Elmer Suytar,
Old Adobe Gun Club,
T. W. Nell,
J. Hitch,
Y. N. Yearout and
George Power.

All of the persons thus named are public utility consumers of the Mound Water System and under the agreement, the consumers upon the purchase of one share of stock in said Mound Water Company will be entitled to receive water from said Company for domestic use and for the irrigation of one acre of land.

The Commission is of the opinion that the plan proposed by the Edison Company will satisfactorily guarantee service to the existing public utility consumers. It is of the opinion, however, that Southern California Edison Company should assist the several water consumers who are to be taken over by the Mound Water Company to the extent of paying one half the cost of the share of stock necessary to give each of them service as mutual consumers of the Mound Company.

Under these conditions it would appear that Southern California Edison Company should be authorized to discontinue public utility service.

O R D E R

Southern California Edison Company having filed its First Supplemental Petition requesting approval of the plan set forth for the assurance to present public utility consumers of water service reasonably comparable to that which they are now receiving and the Commission being of the opinion that said plan is satisfactory,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Southern California Edison Company be and the same is hereby authorized to discontinue on and after the first day of October, 1926, its public utility service through its Mound Water System in the vicinity of Ventura, Ventura County, and thereafter be relieved of its public utility obligations in connection therewith.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Southern California Edison Company be and it is hereby authorized to discontinue its public utility water service on that part of its system and to those consumers served within the City Limits of Ventura when and as the City of Ventura through its Municipal Water Department shall take over the service of said consumers.

The above authority is subject to the following provisions:

(1) Southern California Edison Company shall file with this Commission within twenty (20) days of the date of this order a stipulation agreeing to assist each of the consumers who elect to take service from the Mound Water Company as mutual stockholders to the extent of paying one-half the cost of said one share of stock.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Southern California Edison Company shall notify each consumer of its intent to discontinue service within ten (10) days of the date of this order and shall notify this Commission within ten (10) days from the date

the service is discontinued.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty (20) days from and after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 3rd day of March, 1926.

John P. ...
Chas. ...
George ...
Leon ...

Commissioners.