

Decision No. 17200.

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the matter of the application of E. V. HALES and E. R. SEAMAN, co-partners, doing business under the firm name and style of Oaks Light and Power Company for an authorization or permission to generate and transmit electrical energy.

Application No. 12,737.

E. R. Seaman, for Oaks Light and Power Company.

WHITSELL, COMMISSIONER:

O P I N I O N

In this proceeding the applicants ask that the Railroad Commission make its order granting a certificate of public convenience and necessity, authorizing applicants to generate and transmit electrical energy for the purpose of selling light and power in Lake County on the property of Stubbs-Earley Company, Inc. This property is called Clear Lake Oaks and consists of 2700 acres of land located on the northeast side of the upper branch of that part of Clear Lake that is commonly known as Lower Lake. It is approximately ten miles north of the town of Lower Lake.

A public hearing on this application was held in Lakeport, California, on July 2, 1926. 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 applicants have been serv-

ing electric energy without charge to a small number of consumers for approximately eleven months, that there are now between twenty-five and thirty consumers and that it is anticipated that there will be approximately one hundred consumers in need of electric service within a year's time.

There is no other electric public utility serving this territory, it being practically undeveloped on the east side of the lake save for two or three real estate developments where land sites are being sold primarily for summer homes. The applicants are not asking for a certificate of public convenience and necessity beyond the boundary of the Stubbs-Earley Company, Inc. property and therefore do not at this time require a franchise or permit from the county in which this property lies. A permit from the Stubbs-Earley Company, Inc. granting the applicant the necessary right to generate, transmit and distribute electric energy on the property has been secured and made a part of the application.

It appears that the service which applicants propose to render is needed by the public, that these applicants are the first and only ones to offer such service and that they are in a position to supply such service, for the present at least, more economically than it can be supplied from any other source. I, therefore, submit herewith the following form of order:

#### 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 certifies and declares that public convenience and necessity require that E. V. Hales and E. R. Seaman, co-partners, doing

business under the firm name and style of Oaks Light and Power Company, operate an electric system for the purpose of supplying light and power in Clear Lake Oaks in Lake County, as more particularly described in the application herein.

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

The foregoing opinion and order are hereby approved and ordered filed as the opinion and order of the Railroad Commission of the State of California.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1926.

H. B. Brundage

C. L. Seamy

Leon A. White

Thos. J. Patton

Commissioners.