

Decision No. 17201.

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the matter of the application of  
VERNE L. OLSON, doing business under  
the fictitious name and style of  
Lucerne Water, Light & Power Company,  
for a Certificate of Public Convenience  
and Necessity.

Application No. 12,884.

H. V. Keeling, for applicant.

WHITSELL, COMMISSIONER:

O P I N I O N

Verne L. Olson, operating under the fictitious firm name and style of Lucerne Water, Light and Power Company, has petitioned the Railroad Commission to issue to him a certificate of public convenience and necessity and make its order authorizing him to operate as a public utility for the purpose of buying, selling and distributing electricity and water in the town site of Lucerne, Lake County, California.

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.

The town site of Lucerne is located about eight miles southeast of the town of Upper Lake and along the north shore of Clear Lake. The evidence shows that this is being developed by the Clear Lake Beach Company, which owns both an electric and a

water system. These systems have been leased for a period of five years under agreement dated February 10, 1926, to applicant. Electric energy is purchased from the California Telephone and Light Company at Lucerne. The water supply is obtained by pumping directly from Clear Lake and is stored in a cement-lined reservoir, from which distribution is made by gravity to the consumers. Applicant has obtained a temporary permit from the Board of Supervisors of Lake County authorizing the erection of electric lines and the laying of water mains in and along all streets and alleys in the town of Lucerne until such time as a franchise can be applied for and acted upon by said Board of Supervisors.

No one appeared in opposition to the granting of this application. There is no other public utility water system serving this territory and although the California Telephone and Light Company serves adjoining territory, it has agreed to serve applicant with power for resale purposes in the town of Lucerne for a period of five years. It therefore appears that this request should be granted. The following form of order is submitted:

#### 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 Verne L. Olson, doing business under the fictitious firm name and style of Lucerne Water, Light and Power Company, operate an electric and a water system for the purpose of supplying power, light and water for domestic and other purposes in the town of Lucerne, 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. H. Brandige  
C. Cheney

Leon Whipple  
Thos. B. Rutter

Commissioners.