

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 12598.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of
LASSEN ELECTRIC COMPANY (a corporation)
for an Order Preliminary to the Granting
to Applicant of a Certificate of Public
Convenience and Necessity to Exercise a
Right or Privilege under a Franchise
which Applicant contemplates securing
from the County of Plumas, State of
California.

) Application No. 13860.

Harry A. Eccell,
For Applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In this application, Lassen Electric Company, a corporation, asks that the Railroad Commission declare that public convenience and necessity will require the exercise of a franchise for which application has been made to the Board of Supervisors of Plumas County. A public hearing was held before Examiner Frankhauser in San Francisco on June 29, 1927, at which time testimony was introduced and the matter submitted for decision.

It appears that Lassen Electric Company supplies electric service in and around the City of Susanville, in the County of Lassen. Applicant is now desirous of installing facilities to render electric service in and around the town of Chester, in Plumas County.

Application has been made to the Board of Supervisors

of Plumas County, and it is expected that a suitable franchise will be granted. There are at present some twenty inhabitants in the area involved who have signified their intention of taking electric service and who have entered into contracts under Applicants Extension Rule, whereby revenues over a three-year period equal to the estimated cost of the extension are assured to the company. It is anticipated that some fifty additional consumers will be secured prior to December 31, 1928.

Applicant purchases its entire supply of electricity from the Red River Lumber Company. The extension of facilities here involved has become possible through an extension of an electric line owned and operated by the Red River Lumber Company to within a distance of approximately one mile from Chester. The proposed extension will connect with this line and energy will be received under applicant's present contract with the Red River Lumber Company.

It appears from the testimony that public convenience and necessity require the proposed extension; that no electric utility is at present serving this area; and that service can be rendered without detriment to present or prospective consumers in the area now being supplied.

O R D E R

Lassen Electric Company, having applied to the Railroad Commission for a preliminary order declaring that public convenience and necessity will require the exercise of a franchise to be secured from the Board of Supervisors of the County of Plumas, a public hearing having been held, the matter having been duly submitted and now being ready for decision; the Railroad Commission of the State of California hereby declares that

upon the filing of a supplementary application accompanied by a certified copy of an ordinance of Plumas County granting applicant a franchise, and of a satisfactory stipulation regarding claims for the value of such franchise, the Railroad Commission will certify and declare that public convenience and necessity require and will require the exercise by Lassen Electric Company of the rights and privileges granted to it by such ordinance, subject to ^{such} terms and conditions as the Railroad Commission may prescribe.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 24 day of July, 1927.

Frank J. ...

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Commissioners.