

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 13854.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of J.E. Johnson,
 P. A. Pesula, B. H. Goff, and E. J.
 Rogers for an Order authorizing and
 empowering them to engage in the
 business of supplying electricity
 for light to the merchants and resi-
 dents of Weott, Humboldt County,
 California.

Application No. 13854.

J. J. Cairns, Attorney for Applicants.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

This is an application by J. E. Johnson, P. A. Pesula, B. H. Goff and E. J. Rogers for an order declaring that public convenience and necessity will require the exercise by them of the rights and privileges of franchise granted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt.

A public hearing before Examiner Williams was held September 12, 1927, in the City of Eureka, at which time testimony was introduced and the matter submitted for decision. No one appeared in opposition to the granting of this application. A copy of the franchise was filed by applicants as their Exhibit No. 2.

The Town of Weott is a village of approximately two hundred inhabitants, and testimony goes to show that it is not being supplied with electric service by any other utility, that the nearest other source of service is so far away as to make the cost of entry prohibitive, and that the residents of the town

have petitioned applicants to undertake the conduct of a utility business for this purpose.

Applicants have, therefore, formed a co-partnership, purchased and installed a suitable plant, consisting of a 20 horsepower semi-Diesel engine, a 15 kilowatt generator, and necessary distribution equipment, and are now prepared to render service as soon as permission is received.

There are immediate prospects of about forty consumers when service is established, and applicants declare that they are able to finance any extension of facilities which further developments may make necessary.

Applicants request that the exercise of those rights and privileges granted by the Board of Supervisors of Humboldt County, dated May 10, 1927, be restricted to an area within a radius of one-quarter of a mile of the present site of the post office of Weott.

Applicants have filed with this Commission a stipulation to the effect that they, their successors or assigns, will never claim before the Railroad Commission or any court or public body, any value for the aforesaid franchise, which was granted without cost to applicants.

O R D E R

J. E. Johnson, P. A. Pesula, B. H. Goff and E. J. Rogers having applied to the Railroad Commission of the State of California for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the exercise of certain rights and privileges granted by the Board of

Supervisors of the County of Humboldt, May 10, 1927, a public hearing having been held, the matter having been submitted and now being ready for decision;

The Railroad Commission of the State of California hereby certifies and declares that public convenience and necessity require and will require the exercise by J. E. Johnson, P. A. Pesula, B. H. Goff and E. J. Rogers of those rights and privileges granted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt, May 10, 1927, subject to the following condition:

Service by applicants shall be restricted to that area within a radius of one-quarter (1/4) of a mile of the present site of the post office at Weott.

The authority herein granted shall become effective from and after the date of this order.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 25th day of October, 1927.

Ernest D. ...
C. Seamy
Thos. S. Lovatt

Commissioners.