

Decision No. 19473

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 THE CALIFORNIA OREGON POWER COMPANY,)
 a corporation, for an order of the)
 Railroad Commission of the State of)
 California, authorizing it to merge)
 or consolidate its system with that)
 of the City of Riddle, Oregon, a)
 municipal corporation.)

Application No. 14418.

Erobeck, Phleger and Harrison,
 by H. E. Phleger and T. R. Meyer,
 for applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION

The California Oregon Power Company has applied to the Railroad Commission for an order authorizing it to merge or consolidate its system with that of the City of Riddle, Oregon, by purchasing the electric distributing system of the latter.

Applicant is engaged, among other things, in generating and selling electric energy in California and in Oregon. The city of Riddle is located in Douglas County, Oregon, and at present purchases energy from applicant which it distributes over its municipal distributing system within its corporate limits.

The present proceeding shows that applicant proposes to purchase the electric system of the City of Riddle for \$4,500.00 and to merge or consolidate it with its present system.

Although all of the properties to be purchased are located within the State of Oregon, applicant has elected to file this application with this Commission for the approval of the transaction. In this connection reference might be made to Section 51 (a) of the Public Utilities Act of the State of California which reads in part as follows:-

"No public utility shall henceforth
*****by any means whatsoever, directly or
indirectly, merge or consolidate its *****
line, plant or system, or other property, or
franchises or permits or any part thereof,
with any other public utility, without first
having secured from the Commission an order
authorizing it so to do."

The application sets forth that the system was installed in 1923. The historical cost, excluding overhead allowances, is estimated at \$5,693.00, and the depreciated cost at \$5,158.00. Applicant estimates that it can realize from the operation of the system \$3,700.00 per annum.

ORDER

The California Oregon Power Company having applied to the Railroad Commission for permission to merge or consolidate its system with that of the City of Riddle, a public hearing having been held before Examiner Fankhauser, and the Railroad Commission being of the opinion that the application should be granted, as herein provided,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that The California Oregon Power Company be, and it hereby is, authorized to merge or consolidate its electric system with that of the City of Riddle by purchasing the electric distributing system of the City of Riddle for \$4,500.00.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the authority herein granted shall become effective upon the date hereof.

DATED at San Francisco, California, this 12th day of March, 1928.

Leon Whitall
C. Cheney

David S. Lovell

W. J. Lewis

Commissioners.