

Decision No. 21985

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Joint Application
of SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY
and CITY OF PASADENA for an Order au-
thorizing Southern California Edison
Company to give to the City of Pasadena
an option to buy certain lands and a
power plant located upon and along the
San Gabriel River in the County of Los
Angeles, California, and authorizing
Southern California Edison Company,
upon the exercise of said option by
the City of Pasadena, to sell to the
City of Pasadena, the said property.

Application No. 16205

Roy V. Reppy and George E. Trowbridge,
for Southern California Edison Company;
James H. Howard and Harold Euls,
for City of Pasadena.

CARR, COMMISSIONER:

O P I N I O N

In the above entitled application the Railroad Commission is asked to make its order authorizing Southern California Edison Company to execute and deliver to the City of Pasadena an option, in the form of the one marked Exhibit "A" and filed with the application, to purchase certain power plant properties hereinafter referred to and also authorizing Southern California Edison Company, upon the full and complete performance of all of the terms and conditions of said option, to execute and deliver a deed conveying such property to the City of Pasadena.

The application shows that the City of Pasadena is engaged in a project for the development of a supply of domestic and municipal water by the salvaging and diversion of water of the

San Gabriel River which otherwise would waste into the ocean, and, for that purpose, proposes to construct a storage dam and reservoir across the San Gabriel River at a location commonly referred to as the "Pine Canyon Reservoir Site."

It is reported that a portion of the reservoir site lies upon lands of the United States and a portion upon lands of Southern California Edison Company. It appears that the city has secured from the Division of Water Rights, Department of Public Works of the State of California, permits for the storage and diversion of the unappropriated waters of the San Gabriel River and from the Department of the Interior of the United States a right of way for reservoir purposes over that portion of the public lands which would be flooded by the reservoir and that the city is now ready to proceed with the construction of this proposed dam. Applicants allege, however, that the location and construction of the reservoir by the city will flood certain lands owned by Southern California Edison Company in the canyon of the San Gabriel River and will also flood a large portion of a conduit leading to a hydro-electric power plant of the company located along and upon the San Gabriel River and operated by water diverted from the river, said power plant being known as the "Azusa Power Plant." Applicants further allege that the flooding of the conduit will interfere with the operation of the Azusa Power Plant and that the city desires to secure and the company is willing to grant to the city the right and option to purchase such land and power plant so that the city may proceed with the construction work.

Southern California Edison Company has therefore agreed to give to the City of Pasadena an option for a period of two years within which to purchase the power plant and appurtenant structures, together with all the lands owned by it along the San Gabriel River,

for the sum of \$783,494.00. A copy of the agreement is filed with the petition herein as Exhibit "A".

Applicants allege that the sale of the Azusa Power Plant will not impair the service rendered or to be rendered by Southern California Company to the public and will be of benefit to the City of Pasadena. It appears in this connection that the Azusa Power Plant has a capacity of 1800 kilowatts and had an output in 1929 of 7,100,000 kilowatt hours. The total plant capacity of Southern California Edison Company's system is reported in the application at 838,640 kilowatts, and its output in 1929 at 3,159,000,000 kilowatt hours.

It appears to me that the transfer of the properties herein referred to will not adversely affect the public interest and I herewith submit the following form of order.

ORDER

Application having been made to the Railroad Commission for an order authorizing Southern California Edison Company to execute and deliver to the City of Pasadena an option to purchase certain properties and to execute and deliver a deed conveying such properties, and the Commission being of the opinion that this is not a matter in which a public hearing is necessary and that the application should be granted as herein provided,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Southern California Edison Company be, and it hereby is, authorized to execute and deliver to the City of Pasadena an option, in the form of the one marked Exhibit "A" and filed with the application herein, to purchase certain properties

referred to in the foregoing opinion and described in the application herein, and, upon the full and complete performance of the terms and conditions of said option, to execute and deliver a deed conveying said properties to the City of Pasadena.

The authority herein granted will become effective from and after ten days from 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 6th day of January, 1930.

Wm. S. Lott
Ch. Seaver
Ernest C. ...
Leon ...
W. J. ...
Commissioners.