

Decision No. 24596.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the matter of the application of Central Mendocino County Power Company for an order authorizing the extension of its territory under its certificate of public convenience and necessity.

**ORIGINAL**

Application No. 17769.

W. S. Wells, Jr., and Clyde W. Henry,  
for applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION

Central Mendocino County Power Company has asked the Commission to make its order authorizing applicant to extend its electric service into certain parts of Mendocino County, hereinafter described.

A public hearing was held in Willits before Examiner Satterwhite on January 12, 1932, at which time testimony was received and the matter submitted for decision. No one appeared to oppose the granting of this application.

A petition for service, signed by seventy residents of Laytonville and intervening territory along the Redwood Empire Highway (U.S. #101) between the towns of Laytonville and Willits, is attached to this application and designated "Exhibit A."

Witness for applicant testified that an extension of its distributing system for a distance of approximately twenty (20) miles will make the requested service possible.

The estimated cost of this extension is \$32,500.00 and the estimated net revenue therefrom for 1932 is \$3,200.00.

The Commission, in its Decision No. 13577 (Application No. 8520), dated May 17, 1924, issued Central Mendocino County Power Company a certificate of public convenience and necessity to exercise the rights and privileges conferred by Ordinance No. 215 of the Board of Supervisors of Mendocino County, adopted March 11, 1924. The certificate issued by the Commission, however, limited applicant's operations to Townships 17 and 18 North, Ranges 13 and 14 West, M.D.B & M., and to the construction, operation and maintenance of an electrical transmission line from the Town of Willits to Snow Mountain Water and Power Company's plant in Potter Valley.

In its Decision No. 17838 (Application No. 12811), dated January 5, 1927, the Commission issued to Central Mendocino County Power Company a certificate of convenience extending the limits of applicant's operations so as to include the additional territory embraced in Townships 17, 18 and 19 North, Range 12 West, and Townships 19 North, Ranges 13 and 14 West, all M.D.B. & M.

If this application is granted, applicant's territory will be extended three townships farther north and in so doing will contact the southern boundary of the territory of Benbow Power Company and also will include the Town of Covelo, now served by Clyde W. Henry, operating under the fictitious title of Point Arena Electric Light and Power Company. Benbow Power Company, at present, has no service within fifty (50) miles of Laytonville and Mr. Henry looks forward expectantly to an opportunity to purchase energy from applicant to meet requirements in Covelo,

which threaten soon to exceed the capacity of his present generating equipment.

If the desired certificate is granted, applicant proposes to apply its regular rates in the added territory.

O R D E R

Central Mendocino County Power Company, a corporation, having requested the Railroad Commission for an order authorizing the extension of its territory under its certificate of public convenience and necessity, a public hearing having been held, the matter having been submitted and now being ready for decision,

The Railroad Commission hereby declares that public convenience and necessity require the further amendment and modification of the Commission's order of May 17, 1924, Decision No. 13577, as modified by the Commission's subsequent order of January 5, 1927, Decision No. 17838, granting Central Mendocino County Power Company a certificate of public convenience and necessity, and

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the certificate of public convenience and necessity granted to Central Mendocino County Power Company by the Commission's order of May 17, 1924, Decision No. 13577, and modified by the Commission's subsequent order of January 5, 1927, Decision No. 17838, be and the same is hereby further amended and modified to permit the exercise by Central Mendocino County Power Company of those rights and privileges granted under Ordinance No. 215 of the County of Mendocino within Townships 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22 North, Range 12 West; Townships 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22 North, Range 13 West; Townships 17, 18, 19, 20, 21

and 22 North, Range 14 West and Township 21 North, Range 15 West, all M.D.B. & M., together with the operation and maintenance of the electrical transmission line from the Town of Willits to Snow Mountain Water and Power Company's plant in Potter Valley.

The authority herein granted shall be subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Central Mendocino County Power Company's operations in any portion of the added territory covered by this order which is now being served by another electric utility shall be limited to supplying such other utility with electric energy for resale purposes.
- (2) The Railroad Commission may hereafter, by appropriate proceedings and orders, revoke or limit as to territory not then served by Central Mendocino County Power Company or its successors in interest, the authority herein granted.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty (20) days from and after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 1932.

C. L. Seamy  
Leon C. Whiteley  
M. A. C. C.  
M. B. Lewis  
Fred G. Stewart.  
 Commissioners.