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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

Decision No. 1539

In the matter of the application of COACHELLA VALLEY ICE AND ELECTRIC COMPANY for a certificate of public convenience and necessity, authorizing the exercise of rights and privileges under a franchise granted by Riverside county and a permit granted by Imperial county.

Application No. 1074.

W. F. Holt for applicant.

THELEN, Commissioner.

O P I N I O N.

This is an application under the provisions of Section 50 of the Public Utilities Act for a certificate declaring that public convenience and necessity require the exercise by applicant of the rights and privileges granted by Ordinance No. 118, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Riverside county on March 18, 1914 and by a Resolution adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Imperial county on March 3, 1914. A certified copy of this ordinance and this permit are attached to the petition herein.

Applicant has ordered practically all the material and is on the point of beginning the construction of a 5500 volt transmission line for the transmission of electric energy from a contemplated connection with a transmission line of the Southern Sierras Power Company at or near Banning, Riverside county, to El Centro, Imperial county to a substation to be there erected by Holton Power Company. The latter company will thence distribute the electric energy to its patrons in Imperial county. Applicant expects also to construct a distributing system in the Coachella Valley, in Riverside county, and to supply electric energy for lighting and power purposes to the inhabitants of the valley. For details concerning the plans and financing of the Coachella Valley Ice and Electric Company see Decision No. 1135, rendered by this Commission on December 13, 1913,

in Application No. 839, being the application of Coachella Valley Ice and Electric Company for an order authorizing the issue of bonds of the face value of \$300,000 and of Holton Power Company to guarantee the principal and interest of said bonds (Vol. 3, Opinions and Orders of Railroad Commission of California, p. 1059).

Ordinance No. 118 of the Board of Supervisors of Riverside county grants to Coachella Valley Ice and Electric Company, for the period of fifty years, the right to operate and maintain wires for the purpose of transmitting and conducting electricity and electric energy across all public roads and highways, and to construct, operate and maintain an electric pole ^{and wire} system for the purpose of conducting, transmitting and distributing electricity and electric energy for light, heat and power upon and along all public roads and highways, lying east of the San Bernardino Base ~~and~~ Meridian, in Riverside county, outside of incorporated cities and towns, and to distribute electricity for lighting, heating, power and all other purposes in said portion of Riverside county. The ordinance contains the usual provisions of the Broughton Act, including a provision for the annual payment to the county of 2% of the gross receipts after five years. No electric utility is now distributing electric energy in the portion of Riverside county which applicant desires to serve.

The resolution of March 3, 1914, of the Board of Supervisors of Imperial county grants to Coachella Valley Ice and Electric Company the right to construct and maintain an electrical transmission line over and across the public roads and highways of Imperial county, crossing the following line of survey - Beginning at the northeast corner of the city of El Centro; thence on private right of way north along the west side of the main north and south road at that point for a distance of eleven miles; thence east one and one-half miles; thence north to a point at Imperial Junction on the north side of the main line of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company; thence northwesterly to a point near the northwest corner of Section 6, Township 9 South, Range 12 East, S.B.M.

The resolution contains provisions for the method of construction of the transmission line and provides that Imperial county shall have the right to alter the location of the line. Applicant will use this permit solely for the purpose of transmitting electric energy to Holton Power Company's substation in or near El Centro, and not for the distribution of electric energy in Imperial county.

The public hearing on this application was held in Redlands on May 20, 1914. The evidence shows that the construction of applicant's proposed transmission line will be of great advantage to Imperial county in that it will insure a better and more dependable source of electric energy than now exists and that it will be of material service to that portion of Riverside county which lies east of the San Bernardino Meridian, where no electric energy is now being distributed. I find that public convenience and necessity require the exercise by applicant of the rights and privileges granted by the foregoing ordinance and resolution and submit herewith the following form of order:

O R D E R.

COACHELLA VALLEY ICE AND ELECTRIC COMPANY having applied to the Railroad Commission for a certificate that public convenience and necessity require the exercise by said company of the rights and privileges granted by Ordinance No. 112 of the Board of Supervisors of Riverside county and the Resolution of March 3, 1914, of the Board of Supervisors of Imperial county, referred to in the opinion which precedes this order, and a public hearing having been held on said application,

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION HEREBY FINDS that public convenience and necessity require the exercise by Coachella Valley Ice and Electric Company of the rights and privileges conferred by said ordinance and said permit and the performance of construction work thereunder.

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 23rd day of May, 1914.

Howard

W. H. Jones

Wm. H. Kilmer

Edwin O. Edgeston

Commissioners.