## BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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In the matter of the application of SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY, for authority to purchase 1,060 shares of the preferred capital stock of LONG BEACH CONSOLIDATED GAS COMPANY.

H. H. Trowbridge, for applicant.

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Decision No.

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Application No. 1173.

LOVELAND, Commissioner.

## <u>OPINION</u>.

On May 23, 1914, this Commission issued an order granting authority to Long Beach Consolidated Gas Company to sell \$60,000.00 of its bonds at 95 per cent of their par value, and to sell 1,400 shares of its preferred stock at \$80.00 per share. The order in this case specified the purposes to which the proceeds derived from the sale of said stocks and bonds should be devoted.

On June 11, 1914, the Commission is sued a supplemental order anthorizing Long Beach Consolidated Gas Company to use the proceeds to be derived from the sale of 1,060 shares of its preferred stock, previously authorized, for the purpose of liquidating indebtedness to the SouthernCalifornia Edison Company in the sum of \$84,000, represented by notes for \$40,000, and accounts payable in the sum of \$44,000.00.

Southern California Edison Company now applies to this Commission for authority to purchase 1,060 shares of the preferred stock of Long Beach Consolidated Gas Company, authorized by this Commission in previous orders above referred to. Long Beach Consolidated Gas Company has issued 850 shares of preferred stock, all of which are owned by Southern California Edison Company, and has also issued 6,757 shares of its common stock, of which 5, 552 shares are owned by Southern California Edison Company. It thus appears

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that Southern California Edison Company is in control, by majority stock ownership, of Long Beach Consolidated Gas Company.

While I recommend that the application be granted, I suggest also that Long Beach Consolidated Gas Company accord to all of its stockholders an opportunity to subscribe for the preferred stock on the same terms as it has been offered to the Southern California Edison Company.

I recommend the following form of Order:

## <u>ORDER</u>.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY having applind to this Commission for authority to purchase 1,060 shares of the preferred stock of Long Beach Consolidated Gas Company at \$80.00 per share, and a hearing having been held;

IT IS HEREEY ORDERED that Southern California Edison Company be given authority, and it is hereby given authority to purchase 1,060 shares of the preferred stock of Long Beach Consolidated Gas Company at \$80.00 per share.

The authority herein given is given for the purchase of such stock of the Long Beach Consolidated Gas Company as may be acquired by Southern California Edison Company on or before December 31, 1914.

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 277th day of June, 1914.

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