

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

Decision No. \_\_\_\_\_

2701

In the Matter of the Application  
of THE SOUTHERN SIERRAS POWER  
COMPANY, BISHOP LIGHT AND POWER  
COMPANY, CORONA GAS AND ELECTRIC  
LIGHT COMPANY, COACHELLA VALLEY  
ICE AND ELECTRIC COMPANY, INTERSTATE  
TELEGRAPH COMPANY, RIALTO LIGHT, WATER  
AND POWER COMPANY and HOLTON POWER  
COMPANY for an order extending time for  
compliance with Chapter 499, Laws of  
1911, as amended by Chapter 600, Laws of  
1915.

ORIGINAL

Application No. 2421.

I. B. Potter for petitioners.  
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for Electrical Workers.

TERLEN AND DEVLIN, Commissioners.

O P I N I O N.

This is a petition for an extension of time within which to comply with the provisions of Chapter 499, Laws of 1911, as amended by Chapter 600, Laws of 1915, referring to the construction, reconstruction, maintenance and use of electric poles, wires, cables and appliances.

A public hearing in this proceeding was held in Los Angeles on July 16, 1916.

For a statement of the law governing proceedings of this character and of the principles guiding the Railroad Commission in its decisions therein, reference is hereby made to the decision this day rendered in Application No. 2222, Los Angeles Gas and Electric Corporation, et al.

THE SOUTHERN SIERRAS POWER COMPANY.

This company owns and operates electric transmission- and distribution lines in the Counties of Inyo, Kern, San Bernardino and Riverside. Construction by this company was begun in the year 1912 and is claimed to comply completely with the statute. Mr. C.O.

Poole, chief engineer of Southern Sierras Power Company, testified that the only property of this company which contains violations of the law is the distributing system in the City of San Bernardino which was acquired by Southern Sierras Power Company from a predecessor company. Mr. Poole testified that at the present time approximately 25 per cent of the distributing system in the City of San Bernardino violates the law, principally with reference to horizontal and vertical clearances. Southern Sierras Power Company asked for three years within which to reconstruct its San Bernardino property, but stated that the work could be done in less time with special effort and expense. A portion of the electric lines of Southern Sierras Power Company in San Bernardino are on poles owned or operated jointly by Southern Sierras Power Company, Pacific Light and Power Corporation, Home Telephone Company and The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company. Mr. Poole testified that the cost of the Southern Sierras Power Company's share of the necessary reconstruction in San Bernardino will be between \$6000 and \$7000.

BISHOP LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY.

This company owns and operates electric distributing lines in Inyo County. The total mileage is 12 miles, of which eight miles are outside the limits of the Town of Bishop and comply with the law. Of the four miles of electric lines within Bishop, three lines fail to comply with the statute with respect to horizontal and vertical clearances. Reconstruction of these lines has been deferred by reason of the street improvements and changes in curb lines.

Bishop Light and Power Company asks for an extension of two years.

CORONA GAS AND ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY.

This company operates an electric distributing system exclusively in the City of Corona, Riverside County. Mr. Poole testified that 80 per cent of this system complies with the statute and that the remaining portions of the system have not been reconstructed because of street improvements and applications for street lights. He testified that it would cost \$300.00 to complete the reconstruction and asked for an extension of six months for this company.

COACHELLA VALLEY ICE AND ELECTRIC COMPANY.

This company operates an ice and electric plant in Coachella Valley. At the hearing, the representatives of the company stated that they had examined the company's property and that it complies completely with the provisions of the statute.

INTERSTATE TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

This company operates a telephone and telegraph line in the Counties of Inyo, Mono, Kern and San Bernardino. This company's system complies with the statute outside of Bishop, but in Bishop considerable reconstruction work will be necessary. The company expects to do this work within one year but asks an extension of two years.

RIALTO LIGHT, WATER AND POWER COMPANY.

This company operates an electric distributing system in the City of Rialto, San Bernardino County. The property of this company has been largely reconstructed within the last three years. Mr. Poole testified that only 10 or 15 per cent of the system does not now comply with the statute and that an extension of six months' time will be sufficient, although the company is claimed to be not in a thriving condition.

HOLTON POWER COMPANY.

This company owns and operates an electric transmission and distribution system in the cities of Brawley, Imperial, El Centro, Calexico and Holtville, and adjacent territory in Imperial County. Mr. Poole testified that about 90 per cent of this company's system complies with the statute and that the major portion of the remaining 10 per cent is in Brawley, in which city the municipal authorities have directed the company to remove the pole lines from the streets and to place them in the alleys. The company asks two years within which to work out this problem and also a joint arrangement for the use of poles with Imperial Telephone Company and Holton Power Company. Mr. Poole testified that if the work is pursued in the usual course, an expenditure of approximately \$1100 will be necessary.

After careful consideration of all the factors entering into the problem, we are of the opinion that extensions of time should be granted to petitioners herein as follows: to The Southern Sierras Power Company until June 30, 1919; to Bishop Light and Power Company until June 30, 1918; to Corona Gas and Electric Light Company until June 30, 1917; to Interstate Telegraph Company until December 31, 1917; to Rialto Light, Water and Power Company until June 30, 1917; to Holton Power Company until June 30, 1918.

We submit the following form of order:

O R D E R.

Bishop Light and Power Company,  
The Southern Sierras Power Company, / Corona Gas and  
Electric Light Company, Interstate Telegraph Company, Rialto  
Light, Water and Power Company and Holton Power Company having  
asked for extensions of time within which to comply with the  
provisions of Chapter 499, Laws of 1911, as amended by Chapter 600;  
Laws of 1915, and a public hearing having been held,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. The following extensions of time are hereby given to petitioners for complete compliance with the provisions of Chapter 499, Laws of 1911, as amended by Chapter 600, Laws of 1915:

To The Southern Sierras Power Company, to and including June 30, 1919.

To Bishop Light and Power Company, to and including June 30, 1918.

To Corona Gas and Electric Light Company, to and including June 30, 1917.

To Interstate Telegraph Company, to and including December 31, 1917.

To Rialto Light, Water and Power Company, to and including June 30, 1917.

To Holton Power Company, to and including June 30, 1918.

Petitioners shall complete the portions of their respective reconstruction work as follows: The Southern Sierras Power Company shall complete at least one-third of its reconstruction work on or before June 30, 1917, two-thirds on or before June 30, 1918, and the entire work on or before June 30, 1919; Bishop Light and Power Company shall complete at least one-half of its reconstruction work on or before June 30, 1917, and the entire work on or before June 30, 1918; Corona Gas and Electric Light Company shall complete its entire work on or before June 30, 1917; Interstate Telegraph Company shall complete at least one-half of its reconstruction work on or before June 30, 1917, and the entire work on or before December 31, 1917; Rialto Light, Water and Power Company shall complete its entire reconstruction work on or before June 30, 1917; and Holton Power Company shall complete at least one-half of its reconstruction work on or before June 30, 1917, and its entire work on or before June 30, 1918.

2. At the times herein directed, petitioners herein shall file with the Railroad Commission, on forms to be supplied by the Railroad Commission, progress reports showing, in such detail as will be prescribed by the Railroad Commission, the extent to which the necessary reconstruction work has been performed during the period covered by the report, and also the extent to which reconstruction work remains to be done in order that the property will comply with the provisions of Chapter 499, Laws of 1911, as amended by Chapter 600, Laws of 1915. The first report shall cover the period ending December 31, 1916, and shall be filed with the Railroad Commission within 15 days subsequent thereto. The succeeding reports shall cover the succeeding six-months' periods respectively, and shall be filed on or before the expiration of 15 days after the termination of each such succeeding period of six months.

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 26th day of September, 1916.

Max Thelen  
H. B. Woodard

Edwin O. Edgerton  
Frank R. Perkins

Commissioners.