Decision No. 463

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of San Diego Consolidated Gas and Electric Corcoration, for an order preliminary to a declaration that public convenience and necessity require and will require the exercise by it of the rights and privileges to be granted to said corporation by the County of San Diego.

Application No. 3146.

Sweet, Stearns and Forward, by F.W. Stearns, for Petitioner.

THELEN. COMMISSIONER.

OPINION.

San Diego Consolidated Gas and Electric Corporation asks for an order preliminary to a declaration that public convenience and necessity require and will require the exercise by petitioner of the rights and privileges to be granted to petitioner by the County of San Diego by ordinance for which petitioner has applied but which has not as yet been granted.

A public hearing herein was held in San Diego on September 1. 1917.

Petitioner is engaged in the business of generating and producing gas and electric energy and of selling the same in the City of San Diego and in both incorporated and in unin-corporated adjacent territory in San Diego County, the entire territory served having an area in excess of one thousand square miles.

Petitioner has recently purchased the gas and electric properties in the cities of Oceanside and Escondido and proposes to build electric transmission lines to connect the electric systems in these communities and also the territory in and adjacent to Fallbrook, with petitioner's main plant in the city of San Diego.

Petitioner proposes to supply electric energy for all purposes within and in the territory adjacent to said communities and along said transmission lines.

Petitioner also intends to construct a 7,000 K.W. electric transmission line from the City of San Diego north to the northern boundary line of the county and thence through a portion of Orange County north to a point approximately one-half mile north of San Juan Capistrano where petitioner will take delivery of electric energy from Southern California Edison Company.

On August 6, 1917, a petition asking that a franchise be granted authorizing petitioner to erect and construct its poles and wires for transmitting and distributing electric energy for all purposes along or upon any and all public streets within the County of San Diego, outside the boundaries of any incorporated city, was filed by petitioner with the board of supervisors of San Diego County. Notice of said application is now being published and the franchise will be sold on September 17, 1917.

No electric energy is being sold in San Diego County by any company other than petitioner herein, except by Del Mar Water. Light and Power Company, which company serves Del Mar and Escondido Mutual Water Company, which company sells electric energy to its stockholders in unincorporated territory adjacent to Escondido. Petitioner does not intend to sell electric energy in the territory served by either of these two companies. Del Mar Water, Light and Power Company purchases its electric energy from petitioner.

Petitioner will hereafter file herein a certified copy of such franchise as the County of San Diego may grant to it, and also the usual stipulation agreeing never to claim a value for the franchise in excess of the amount paid therefor by petitioner to the granting authority.

I recommend that the petition be granted and submit herewith the following form of order:

ORDER

San Diego Consolidated Gas and Electric Corporation having filed herein its petition asking for the order hereinafter set forth and a public hearing having been held and this proceeding being now ready for decision.

upon the filing herein of a certified copy of an ordinance of the County of San Diego granting to petitioner a franchise, and of a stipulation, as set forth in the Opinion which precedes this Order, the RAIIROAD COMMISSION will declare that public convenience and necessity require and will require the exercise by petitioner of the rights and privileges granted to it by such ordinance, subject to such terms and conditions as the

RAILROAD COMMISSION may prescribe.

The foregoing Opinion and Order are hereby approved and ordered filed as the Opinion and order of the RAILROAD COMMISSION OF CALIFORNIA.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 8th day of September, 1917.

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Commissioners.