

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the matter of the Petition of the)
Coalinga Water and Electric Corporation,)
a corporation, for a certificate that)
public convenience and necessity require)
the exercise of certain franchises here-)
tofore granted to it by the Counties of)
Monterey, San Luis Obispo and Santa)
Barbara.)

Application No. 327

Sutherland and Barbour for applicant.

W. L. McKinley for Coast Counties Gas and
Electric Company.

ESHELSMAN, COMMISSIONER.

OPINION

The petitioner is a public utility corporation organized under the laws of the State of California and is now supplying electric power for domestic and industrial purposes in Coalinga, Fresno County, and in the oil fields adjacent thereto.

While there is no control by direct stock ownership of the applicant by the San Joaquin Light and Power Corporation, yet it is in evidence that the same individuals that control the San Joaquin Light and Power Corporation control the applicant through stock ownership.

Applicant has an authorized stock issue of \$500,000 six per cent cumulative preferred and \$1,500,000 common stock, of which there is issued \$500 of preferred stock and \$1,000,000 of common stock.

Applicant has an authorized bonded indebtedness of \$2,000,000, of which there has been issued \$593,000.

Applicant has secured franchises from the Counties of Monterey, San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara, giving it permission

to construct, equip, operate and maintain an electric power or pole and wire system for the purpose of conducting, transmitting, and distributing electricity and electric energy upon and along any of the public roads, streets and highways within each of said counties, and it asks for a certificate that public convenience and necessity require the exercise of such franchises and the construction of such pole lines and the distribution of electrical energy within the counties named.

Applicant controls through stock ownership, Midland Counties Gas and Electric Company, which serves San Luis Obispo and Arroyo Grande in San Luis Obispo County and Santa Maria in Santa Barbara County, and Paso Robles Light and Water Company, which serves Paso Robles in San Luis Obispo County. With the exception of these two companies, there is no utility distributing electrical energy within the territory which this company applies to serve, which embraces all of San Luis Obispo County, that portion of Monterey County south of an east and west line midway between King City and San Lucas, and that portion of Santa Barbara County lying north of Santa Ynez Mission. The two local companies, of which this company owns the stock, are now furnishing electricity for domestic and industrial purposes generated by steam. The design of the applicant is to secure hydro-electric energy from the San Joaquin Light and Power Corporation with which it is affiliated, as indicated above, and distribute it to the consumers of its affiliated companies in Paso Robles and Santa Maria, and to the rest of the territory covered by the application, the smaller steam plants to be abandoned and the larger to be held for auxiliary purposes.

No one appeared in opposition to the application, but the Coast Counties Gas and Electric Company, through its representative, desired to be assured that the granting of the application would not permit the distribution of electricity within any

of the territory now served by it, and the applicant is willing that its territory should be so restricted.

The carrying out of the enterprise as suggested, will have the effect of substituting and supplying ~~and~~ hydroelectric energy for steam heat energy and will likewise serve to bring a supply of electricity for domestic and industrial purposes to a considerable territory not now served and it is my opinion that the application should be granted. I therefore, submit the following order:

ORDER

Coalinga Water and Electric Corporation, having applied to this Commission for a certificate that the public convenience and necessity require the exercise by it of rights granted under franchises granted by the Boards of Supervisors of the Counties of Monterey, San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara, empowering it to transmit and distribute electricity within said counties, and a hearing having been duly held and being fully advised in the premises,

THE COMMISSION HEREBY FINDS AS A FACT that public convenience and necessity will be served by the granting of the prayer of applicant to exercise the franchises aforesaid, and to serve all of that portion of Monterey County lying south of an east and west line midway between King City and San Lucas, all of San Luis Obispo County, and all of Santa Barbara County lying north of an east and west line through Santa Ynez Mission and west of an east and west line ten miles east of Santa Ynez Mission, and

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the applicant be permitted to exercise said franchises and to distribute electricity within the territory herein outlined.

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 19th day
of February, 1913.

John W. Eschleman

H. B. Loveland

Alfred G. Foster

Max Miller

Edwin C. Edgerton

Commissioners.