

DECISION NO. 686.

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the matter of the application of
George H. Johnson, for permission to
sell, and of California-Oregon Power
Company for permission to buy the
plant owned by said George H. Johnson
supplying electric light and power to
the town of Sisson.
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Application No. 477

George H. Johnson, in propria persona

Morrison, Dunne & Brobeck, for California-Oregon
Power Company.

ESHELEMAN, Commissioner.

O P I N I O N

George H. Johnson, one of the applicants herein, owns a small electrical plant supplying approximately 200 consumers within the town of Sisson, County of Siskiyou. The town is increasing in population and the system is now becoming inadequate for the needs of its patrons.

California-Oregon Power Company is a corporation developing and distributing electrical energy in Southern Oregon and Northern California and is now distributing electricity within Siskiyou County.

Applicant Johnson desires to dispose of his system to the California-Oregon Power Company for a consideration of \$15,000.00, and I believe the application should be granted with the proper conditions annexed. The engineers of the Commission report that the price of \$15,000.00 is somewhat excessive, but if such a price is not used for rate fixing purposes

I believe the improvement of the service, which should be brought about by the substitution of better facilities in the control of the California-Oregon Power Company, makes it advantageous from the public standpoint for the transfer to be made.

The California-Oregon Power Company desires to put in the rates which prevail in its system throughout Northern California and Southern Oregon but this should not be permitted unless such rates are substantially the same as the rates which are now accorded to the people of Sisson by George H. Johnson, and the Town of Sisson. There is a dispute between the applicant/ ~~as to~~ whether or not the standard rates of the California-Oregon Power Company are lower than those heretofore accorded to the town of Sisson and the said town is withholding payment of certain claims presented on the basis of the California-Oregon Power Company's rates, on the ground that such claims if computed on the basis of the rates of George H. Johnson, the present owner of the system, would represent a less amount.

I recommend that the application be granted subject to the conditions set out in the order, and submit the following order:

O R D E R

George H. Johnson having applied to sell, and the California-Oregon Power Company having applied to purchase all of the plant owned by said George H. Johnson at and near the town of Sisson, in the County of Siskiyou, for the sum of \$15,000.00, and a hearing having been held and being fully apprised in the premises

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, That George H. Johnson be permitted to sell, and the California-Oregon Power Company be permitted to purchase all of the plant owned by George H. Johnson used and

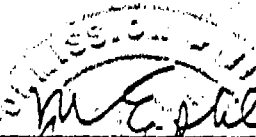
useful for supplying electricity to the town of Sisson and adjacent territory for the sum of \$15,000.00. This order is made subject to the following conditions:

1. The price of \$15,000.00 agreed upon shall not be held as binding upon this Commission or any other public authority in any rate fixing inquiry.

2. This transfer shall not be used to increase any of the rates to be charged to the patrons of George H. Johnson; and if, after analysis by this Commission, the rates offered by the California-Oregon Power Company to be charged to the patrons which have heretofore taken service from the system of George H. Johnson shall be found to be in excess of the rates heretofore accorded by said George H. Johnson to said patrons, then the lower rate accorded by said George H. Johnson shall be made to apply, and any greater amount heretofore ~~collected~~ collected by the said California-Oregon Power Company shall in each instance be refunded on the order of this Commission; and pending a determination of this question the rates heretofore charged by said George H. Johnson shall be and remain in effect as the only legal rates to be charged by the California-Oregon Power Company.

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 24th day of May, 1913.


John M. C. Sullivan
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