Decision No. 28591

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Petition of ) THE SOUTHERN SIERRAS POWER COMPANY, ) a corporation, THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, ) a municipal corporation, and DEPARTMENT ) OF WATER AND POWER OF THE CITY OF LOS ) ANGELES, for an order authorizing said ) Company to sell certain property to ) said City.

Application No. 19209

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Henry W. Coil, for The Southern Sierras Power Company; Ray L. Cheseboro, City Attorney, and -J. M. Stevens, Assistant City Attorney, for the City of Los Angeles.

## BY THE COMMISSION:

The Southern Sierras Power Company, hereinefter sometimes referred to as the Company, asks permission to sell to the City of Los Angeles, and Department of Water and Power of the City of Los Angeles, hereinafter sometimes referred to as the City, the properties described in the deeds attached as Exhibits A, B, C, D and E, to the petition in this application.

The Company operates in Mono and Inyo Counties the following hydro-electric plants:

NAME OF PLANT				PLANT	CAPACITY K.V.A.
Inyo County:					
Bishop Creek No.	2			•	6,750
Bishop Creek No.					8,400
Bishop Creek No.	4		٠	•	6,750
Bishop Creek No.					3,545

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Bishop Creek No. 6 . . . .

## NAME OF PLANT -Cont'd

PLANT CAPACITY K.V.A.

Mono County:

Adems Main (Mono Gorge)	6,250
Adams Auxiliary (Mono Gorge)	3,000
Poole Plant(Lee Vining Creek)	12,500
Lee Vining Creek No. 3	2,500
Rush Creek	11,250
Mill Creck	3,330

Lec Vining Crick No.3. The Adams plants and the Pythe plant are owned by The Southern Sierras Power Company. The other plants are said to be owned by The Nevada-California Power Company but leased and operated by The Southern Sierras Power Company. Plants of the Company not mentioned above are not affected by the transaction set forth in this application.

It is reported that the City of Los Angeles in 1920 made an unsuccessful attempt to acquire by eminent domain proceedings, the company's water rights on the Owens River Gorge. The Company and the City have now entered into an agreement covering the sale of such water rights, as well as other properties, in Inyo and Mono Counties.

The Company asks permission to sell to the City of Los Angeles 320 acres of land on the Mono Gorge, together with all water and water rights appurtenant thereto, the two Adams electric generating plants situate thereon and that certain transmission line and telephone line extending from the Adams main plant to where it intersects with the transmission and telephone line of the City of Los Angeles. The City is obligated to deliver to the Company, until September 1, 1938 the entire output of the two hydro-clectric plants. The Company agrees to pay the City as a maintenance and operating charge the sum of two and one-half mills (§.0025) per kilowatt hour of electric energy gen-

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erated at the plants, except that energy generated at said plants during the period ending September 1, 1938, between the hours of 11 o'clock p.m. of one day and 7 o'clock a.m. of each succeeding day during the period of ninety(90) days constituting the spring and summer run-off season of each seasonal year, unless consumed, distributed or otherwise put to beneficial use by the Company, shall not be included in computing the amount of electric energy generated at the said plants.

The Company is also selling to the City a small parcel of land on Bishop Creek, Inyo County, and several hundred acros of land on Rush Creek in Mono County. These lands are below the existing power plants of the Company.

The Company is also selling to the City its interest in water and water rights below Bishop Creek plant No. 6; below the Ruch Creek plant; and below the Poole plant on Lee Vining Creek. The City will divert the water of Lee Vining Creek above the intake to Lee Vining Creek plant No. 3, which will make this plant non-operative.

The several deeds recognize the Company's right to impound water above the plants mentioned and use the same for the purpose of generating electric energy. They limit the amount of water that may be carried over from one season to another.

A more detailed description of the properties which the Company asks permission to sell to the City is contained in said Exhibits A, B, C, D and E, to which reference is here made.

The Company reports that the properties which it has agreed to sell to the City cost it \$1,646,373.10 and that it is selling the same for \$2,024,967.75. The purchase of the properties by the City will enable the City to materially increase its water supply.

The rights which the Company has under the deeds, we think, will fully protect its electric service until it can obtain electric

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energy from the Boulder Canyon development under its contract with the United States Government.

## ORDER

The Southern Sierras Power Company having asked permission to cell to the City of Los Angeles the properties described in Exhibits A, B, C, D and E attached to the petition filed in this proceeding, the Commission having considered applicants' request and being of the opinion that this is not a matter in which a public hearing is necessary, that the sale of said properties for the consideration mentioned does not determine the value of any of the properties retained by the Company, and that this application should be granted, as herein provided, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that The Southern Sierras Power Company be, and it is hereby, authorized to sell, grant and convey to the City of Los Angeles the properties described in Exhibits A, B, C, D and E attached to the petition filed in this proceeding.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, that within thirty(30) days after the conveyance of said properties, The Southern Sierras Power Company shall file with the Commission a copy of each deed or other instrument of conveyance executed to transfer the title to said properties to the City of Los Angeles.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, that The Southern Sierras Power Company shall within a reasonable time after receiving payment for part or all of the aforesaid properties, file with the Commission a report or reports showing in detail the purpose, or purposes, for which it expended the proceeds from the sale of all or part of said properties.

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IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, that the authority herein granted shall become effective upon the date hereof.

DATED at San Francisco, California this <u>18</u> day of <u>Manualu</u> 1933.

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Commissioners.