

DECISION NO. 32279

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of  
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY  
LTD., a corporation, for Certificate  
that Public Convenience and Necessity  
requires that it exercise the right  
and privilege granted it under fran-  
chise to construct and use an electric  
distribution and transmission system  
within the CITY OF HANFORD, County of  
Kings, State of California.

ORIGINAL

Application No. 22890.

B. F. Woodard, and  
Courtney C. Platt, for Applicant

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

Southern California Edison Company Ltd., requests in this proceeding a certificate of public convenience and necessity under Section 50(b) of the Public Utilities Act authorizing the exercise of rights and privileges under an electric franchise granted to it by Ordinance No. 353 of the City Council of the City of Hanford adopted June 12, 1939, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit "A" to the application. Said franchise is for an indeterminate period pursuant to the Franchise Act of 1937.

A public hearing was held August 22, 1939 before Examiner Crenshaw at Los Angeles, California, at which time the matter was submitted. No one appeared to protest the granting of the application.

According to the testimony introduced on behalf of the applicant, applicant and its predecessors have been rendering electric service to the inhabitants of the City of Hanford for many years prior hereto and apparently in accordance with a constitutional franchise covering lighting service only. The new fran-

chise granted by Ordinance No. 353 grants to the Southern California Edison Company Ltd. the privilege of using the public streets and thoroughfares for transmitting and distributing electric energy within the City of Hanford for any and all purposes other than those authorized under the existing constitutional franchise. In view of the legal question raised with reference to the application of the constitutional franchise for all purposes, it was deemed advisable by the applicant to obtain a new franchise.

Applicant now renders electric service in substantially all parts of the City of Hanford and, according to the testimony, no other utility renders like service therein.

It is clear from the evidence that present and future public convenience and necessity require that applicant exercise the franchise granted to it by Ordinance No. 353 in order that it may continue to furnish electricity to the inhabitants of the City of Hanford.

At the hearing a stipulation was filed by the applicant, as a matter of record herein, pursuant to a certain resolution duly adopted June 24, 1932 by the Board of Directors of the applicant company, and submitted at the hearing, that neither the applicant nor its successors or assigns will ever claim before the Railroad Commission of the State of California or before any court or public body, any value for the aforesaid franchise or certificate of public convenience and necessity prayed for, greater than the actual cost of the franchise which is \$55.02 exclusive of the \$50.00 fee for filing the present application.

#### O R D E R

IT IS FOUND AS A FACT that public convenience and necessity require and Southern California Edison Company Ltd. is hereby granted a certificate to exercise the rights and privileges

granted to it by Ordinance No. 353 of the City of Hanford.

This Order shall be effective immediately.

Dated San Francisco, California, August 29, 1939.

Robert A. Quinn  
Grant B. Allen

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Justin J. Casner  
Commissioners