

Decision No. 32727

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
 SIERRA PACIFIC POWER COMPANY (a cor-
 poration) for a certificate of public
 convenience and necessity authorizing
 applicant to extend its electric ser-
 vice into the County of Alpine, Cali-
 fornia.

ORIGINAL

Application No. 23182

V. D. Armstrong, for Applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

Sierra Pacific Power Company has applied for authority to build into the State of California an extension of its nearby electric distribution system in the State of Nevada to supply four prospective customers in Alpine County located near the State boundary line and to charge for the service thus supplied the rates being charged for similar service in the adjoining Nevada territory. A public hearing on the application has been held.

No other utility supplies electric service in Alpine County and because of its generally mountainous character the cost of bringing service from the south end of Lake Tahoe, the nearest other source of supply, is prohibitive. The California portion of the proposed extension into this limited farming area, which will be about two miles long, can be built at a reasonable cost and service supplied from it under conditions fairly similar to those prevailing in Nevada. The domestic rate which applicant proposes to apply in this area is lower than that applying in its

Tahoe district due to the seasonal character of the Tahoe load. The water heating rate has no parallel in the Tahoe district. Copies of these rates were submitted at the hearing and marked Exhibits 1 and 2 respectively.

The greater portion of the extension will be in California and will be built entirely upon private property. For this reason applicant has not obtained any franchise and does not contemplate doing so. The prospective customers have deposited the necessary advances and otherwise complied with applicant's filed rules and regulations pertaining to extensions.

It is evident that this is the only practical means of making electric service available in this territory and that the requested authority should be given.

O R D E R

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a certificate of public convenience and necessity be and hereby is granted to Sierra Pacific Power Company to build an electric distribution line extending approximately two miles southerly and westerly from a point near where State Highway Route No. 8 crosses the State boundary line and by means thereof supply electric energy from its Nevada system to the inhabitants of a limited portion of Alpine County.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that applicant be and hereby is authorized to charge for domestic service and water heating service in this area the rates set forth in Exhibit A of this Order, which rates shall become effective for bills based upon meter readings taken on and after February 1, 1940. The authority hereby granted is sub-

ject to the following conditions:

- (1) Applicant will never claim before this Commission or before any court or other public body a value for the certificate hereby granted in excess of the cost thereof.
- (2) Applicant shall on or before February 1, 1940 file with this Commission in the prescribed form and manner copies of the rates above authorized.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 16th day of January, 1940.

Ray L. Caley
Gregory R. Hillman
Ralph Walbridge

Justin J. Caseman
Commissioners

EXHIBIT A
SCHEDULE D-5
RESIDENTIAL SERVICE

AVAILABILITY

This schedule is available for residential service.

TERRITORY

That portion of Alpine County, California supplied by means of extensions from this company's adjacent distribution system in Nevada.

RATE

First 30 kw-h per meter per month - - - 7.0¢ per kw-h.
Next 200 kw-h per meter per month - - - 3.2¢ per kw-h.
Excess kw-h.per meter per month - - - 2.0¢ per kw-h.

Minimum charge: \$1.00 per month per meter.

SCHEDULE W-1
WATER HEATING SERVICE

AVAILABILITY

This schedule is available for residential and commercial water heating service.

TERRITORY

That portion of Alpine County, California supplied by means of extensions from this company's adjacent distribution system in Nevada.

RATE

First 300 kw-h per meter per month - - - 1.5¢ per kw-h.
Excess kw-h per meter per month - - - 1.0¢ per kw-h.

Minimum charge: None.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

Company may at its own option provide current limiting services which will restrict the use of energy between the hours of 4 P.M. and 9 P.M., or such other hours as it may specify from time to time.