

Decision No. 37246

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 require that it exercise the right and privilege granted it under franchise to construct and use an electric distribution and transmission system within the City of SIGNAL HILL, County of Los Angeles, State of California.

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Application No. 25899

Gail C. Larkin, B. F. Woodard, and Bruce Renwick, by B. F. Woodard for Applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

Southern California Edison Company Ltd. seeks authority to exercise a franchise granted by the City of Signal Hill, permitting the maintenance of electric facilities upon the streets of said city.

The franchise referred to is one granted by the city in accordance with the Franchise Act of 1937, and it is provided therein that it shall be of indeterminate duration. A fee is payable annually to the city equivalent to 2 per cent of the gross receipts arising from the use of the franchise, but not less than 1 per cent for all sales of electricity by applicant within the City. The direct costs to applicant in obtaining the franchise are stated to have been \$237.00.

As this utility has for many years served electricity within and about the City of Signal Hill without competition, it is evident that its request for a certificate to exercise its franchise should be granted.

The certificate of public convenience and necessity granted herein is subject to the following provisions of law:

- (a) That the Commission shall have no power to authorize the capitalization of the franchise involved herein

or this certificate of public convenience and necessity or the right to own, operate or enjoy such franchise or certificate of public convenience and necessity in excess of the amount (exclusive of any tax or annual charge) actually paid to the State or to a political subdivision thereof as the consideration for the grant of such franchise, certificate of public convenience and necessity or right.

- (b) That the franchise involved herein shall never be given any value before any court or other public authority in any proceeding of any character in excess of the cost to the grantee of the necessary publication and any other sum paid by it to the municipality therefor at the time of the acquisition thereof.

O R D E R

A public hearing having been held upon the application of Southern California Edison Company Ltd., the matter considered, and it appearing to the Commission and it being found as a fact that public convenience and necessity so require, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Southern California Edison Company Ltd., be and hereby is granted a certificate to exercise the right and privilege granted by the City of Signal Hill by Ordinance No. 257, adopted November 1, 1943.

The effective date of this Order shall be the twentieth day from and after the date hereof.

Dated, San Francisco, California this 8<sup>th</sup> day of August 1944

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Justus F. Cressney  
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Commissioners