

Decision No. 39846

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of SIERRA PACIFIC POWER COMPANY, a corporation, for a certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing applicant to extend its electric service in the County of Alpine and into the County of Mono, State of California.

ORIGINAL

Application No. 28040

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for the Applicant.

O P I N I O N

Sierra Pacific Power Company asks authority to enlarge its service area in Alpine County and to introduce electric service into the northern portion of Mono County and, in so doing, to exercise franchises granted by said counties permitting the installation and maintenance of electric facilities upon the roads and highways thereof.

A hearing on this application was held by Examiner Daly at which certified copies of the franchises were introduced in evidence. The one granted by Alpine County was received as Exhibit 1 and the one granted by Mono County as Exhibit 2. The costs incurred by Applicant in obtaining these franchises are stated to have been \$232.50 and \$199.20, respectively. Each franchise is for a term of 50 years and a fee is payable annually to the grantor equivalent to two per cent of the gross annual receipts arising from the use, operation or possession thereof.

Applicant now supplies electric service in a limited area in northern Alpine County lying south and west of the point where State Highway No. 8 crosses the boundary line between the States of California and Nevada, under authority granted by Decision No. 32727. Energy for this purpose is obtained from

Applicant's Nevada system and distributed by means of lines built upon private property. No franchise was required for such distribution. Applicant now proposes to enlarge this service area in Alpine County thus established, and in so doing, hereafter normally to locate its facilities upon roads and highways.

Applicant also proposes to introduce electric service into the northern portion of Mono County, distributing therein energy obtained from another point in its Nevada system.

Ninety residents, about evenly divided between the two counties, have requested service to approximately 120 locations and their expressed requirements are sufficient to justify the necessary extensions under Applicant's filed extension rule. The portions of Alpine and Mono Counties in which these extensions are planned both lie north of the northern boundary line of the seventh tier of townships north, M.D.B., and Applicant asks that the requested authority be limited to territory north of said line.

Inasmuch as no other electric service is being rendered in the territory in which Applicant asks authority to operate, no question of duplication of operative rights is involved.

The rates to be applied in this enlarged service area are Applicant's presently filed tariffs for domestic service and water heating service in Alpine County and appropriate schedules for other classes of service to be filed as the needs for such develop.

No opposition to the granting of the requested authority was manifested at the hearing.

It appears from the foregoing that a need for electric service in the aforementioned territory exists, that Applicant is able and willing to supply

the same under reasonable conditions, and that the requested authority should be granted.

The authority hereby granted is subject to the following provisions of law:

That the Commission shall have no power to authorize the capitalization of the franchises involved herein or this certificate of public convenience and necessity or the right to own, operate or enjoy such franchises 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 franchises, certificate of public convenience and necessity or right.

O R D E R

A public hearing having been held upon the application of Sierra Pacific Power Company, the matter having been considered, it appearing to the Commission and being found as a fact that the public convenience and necessity so require, therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that Sierra Pacific Power Company be and hereby is authorized to exercise the rights and privileges granted by the County of Alpine by Ordinance No. 146, adopted November 4, 1946, in that portion of Alpine County lying north of the northern boundary line of the seventh tier of townships north, M.D.B., and the rights and privileges granted by the County of Mono by Ordinance No. 188, adopted December 2, 1946, in that portion of Mono County lying north of the northern boundary line of the seventh tier of townships north, M.D.B.

The effective date of this Order shall be the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 7th day of January, 1947.

Robert P. Kula
Justin F. Calver
Francis B. Case
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Commissioners.