

**ORIGINAL**Decision No. 48964

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
Plumas-Sierra Rural Electric Co-operative, )  
 a Corporation, for a sale of certain )  
 facilities and the Application of Sierra ) Application No. 34472  
Pacific Power Company, a corporation, for )  
 permission to buy said facilities and for )  
 an Order of this Commission authorizing )  
 such sale and purchase. )

OPINION AND ORDER

The Plumas-Sierra Rural Electric Co-operative and Sierra Power Company, in this application, request an order of this Commission conferring upon Co-operative all necessary permission to sell, and Sierra Pacific to buy, certain portions of Co-operative's electric transmission and distribution system. These portions consisting of six sections of 7200-volt lines, together with attached secondaries and services and one section of 12,000-volt line together with a two-pole transformer structure, are fully described in the application.

The amount to be paid by Sierra Pacific is stated in the application as the sum of \$6,138.26, which price is the book value of said transmission and distribution facilities as of July 1952 plus a severance charge of 10 per cent. The sale includes the rights-of-way for said lines but does not include the transformers or metering equipment presently installed in connection with the same.

By Decision No. 47989 in Application No. 33396, dated December 2, 1952, Sierra Pacific was granted the exclusive right to serve residents of the areas in which the facilities proposed to be

purchased are situated. Since the Co-operative is not permitted to serve members in these areas, the only value of said facilities to the Co-operative would be salvage value thereof. It would be necessary for Sierra Pacific to construct and install similar facilities in order to serve said areas if authorization to purchase said facilities were not made by this Commission.

It appears that Sierra Pacific, upon acquisition of the properties which it is proposed to transfer, is ready and willing to supply electric service to customers now served through said properties by Co-operative and that the request of Sierra Pacific and Co-operative should be granted. The action taken herein shall not be construed to be a finding of the value of the properties herein authorized to be transferred.

The Commission having considered the request of applicants and being of the opinion that the application should be granted and that a public hearing is not necessary, and it appearing to the Commission that the proposed transfer of property will not be adverse to the public interest, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Plumas-Sierra Rural Electric Co-operative be and it is authorized to sell and convey to Sierra Pacific Power Company, and Sierra Pacific Power Company is authorized to buy, the electric transmission and distribution facilities described in said application for the price stated therein. Concurrently with the consummation of the sale and transfer of said facilities, Plumas-Sierra Rural Electric Co-operative is relieved of and Sierra Pacific Power Company shall undertake the duties and responsibilities of an electrical corporation with respect to electric service to those persons and that area supplied by said facilities.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the Plumas-Sierra Rural Electric Co-operative, on consummation of the sale and transfer to Sierra Pacific Power Company of the properties described in subject application, shall file with this Commission a copy of the deed or bill of sale and a statement showing the effective date of transfer of said properties.

In the event that the purchase of said properties is not consummated within two years after the effective date of this order, the authority granted herein shall expire.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 18 day of August, 1953.

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President

Justin J. Caswell

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John E. Mitchell

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Commissioners