

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 50008

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
SIERRA PACIFIC POWER COMPANY
for an order authorizing it to
issue its unsecured promissory Notes.

Application No. 39625

OPINION AND ORDER

This is an application for an order of the Commission authorizing Sierra Pacific Power Company to issue \$850,000 of unsecured promissory notes.

The company reports that in order to provide temporary financing of its expansion program it issued two short-term unsecured 4% notes aggregating \$750,000 to mature December 31, 1957, and one unsecured 4½% note due May 27, 1958, in the amount of \$100,000, which notes now are outstanding.

Pending permanent financing, applicant desires to refund the notes for further periods which will permit an ultimate maturity date of not later than December 31, 1958, in each case. The company anticipates that the interest rate payable on the notes will be not in excess of 1/4 of 1% over the prime rate of New York banks at the time of the issue, renewal or extension of said notes.

The Commission has considered this application and is of the opinion that a public hearing is not necessary, that the money, property or labor to be procured or paid for by the issue of the notes herein authorized is reasonably required by applicant for the

purpose specified herein, that such purpose is not, in whole or in part, reasonably chargeable to operating expenses or to income, and that the matter should be approved; therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. Sierra Pacific Power Company, in order to refinance existing indebtedness, may issue its unsecured promissory notes in the aggregate amount of \$850,000, such notes to have an extended maturity date of not later than December 31, 1958, and to bear interest at a rate determined as set forth herein.

2. Sierra Pacific Power Company shall file with the Commission a report, or reports, as required by General Order No. 24-A, which order, insofar as applicable, is made a part of this order.

3. The authorization herein granted is for the issue of notes only and is not to be construed as indicative of amounts to be included in a future rate base for the determination of just and reasonable rates.

4. The authority herein granted will become effective when Sierra Pacific Power Company has paid the fee prescribed by Section 1904(b) of the Public Utilities Code, which fee is \$850.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 19th day of December, 1957.

[Signature]
President

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Commissioners

