JO ORIGINAL Decision No. 59778 BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA In the Matter of the Application of SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY, a corporation, for Certificate that Public Convenience and Necessity should require and will require the exercise by Applicant of the rights, privileges and franchise granted by Ordinance No. 820 of the County of Ventura, State of California, in accordance with Franchise Ordinance No. 820 of said County.

Application No. 41926

OPINION

Southern California Edison Company, in this proceeding, asks for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to exercise the rights and privileges of a franchise granted by the County of Ventura, permitting the construction, operation and maintenance of ground water observation wells within a designated unincorporated area of said County.

The franchise referred to, a copy of which is attached to the application and designated as Exhibit A, was granted by the County and is of 50 year duration. A fee is payable annually to the city equivalent to 2 per cent of the gross receipts arising from the use, operation, or possession of the franchise.

The costs incurred by applicant in obtaining the franchise are stated to have been \$740.73, which amount does not include costs incident to this application.

It is alleged that the rights and privileges granted by said franchise are necessary and useful in connection with the generation of electricity at applicant's Mandalay Steam Station and that applicant is the only public utility presently providing electricity to the County of Ventura.

No objection to the granting of the requested certificate has been received.

After consideration it is found as a fact that public convenience and necessity require the exercise by applicant of the right, privilege and franchise granted to applicant by Ordinance No. 820, of the County of Ventura. A public hearing is not necessary.

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

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.

ORDER

The above entitled application having been filed, and the Commission being informed in the premises,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a certificate of public convenience and necessity be and it is granted to Southern California Edison Company to exercise the rights and privileges granted by the County of Ventura, by Ordinance No. 820, adopted September 8, 1959, within the area designated therein.

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

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