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Decision No. 60759

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY,)
a corporation, for an Order of the)
Public Utilities Commission of the)
State of California, authorizing it)
to carry out the terms and conditions)
of an Agreement for Extension of)
Cverhead Electric Line, dated
April 13, 1960, with THE PACIFIC)
TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

Application No. 42371
Amended

OPINION_AND ORDER

Southern California Edison Company by the above-entitled amended application filed August 3, 1960, superseding the original application filed June 16, 1960, hereby requests an order of the Commission authorizing it to carry out the terms and conditions of an agreement for extension of overhead electric line dated April 13, 1960, with The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company.

The agreement provides that the applicant shall supply the electric requirements of two Telephone Company microwave relay stations located in the Kelso and Cima areas of eastern San Bernardino County. A copy of this agreement is attached to the application and marked as Exhibit "A". The refund provisions of the agreement are clarified by letter from the Telephone Company to applicant dated June 10, 1960, a copy of which is attached to the application and marked as Exhibit "C". A map delineating the proposed extension is attached to the application and marked as Exhibit "B".

By letter dated October 12, 1959, the Telephone Company requested applicant to furnish electric service to the two microwave relay stations under construction by the Telephone Company in eastern San Bernardino County.

Preliminary investigations disclosed that service to these two microwave stations could be furnished either:

- 1. By the construction of one 220/66/16 kv substation at Cima and approximately 26 miles of 16 kv line at an estimated cost of \$294,498, or
- 2. By the construction of two substations, one 220/66/16 kv substation at Cima, and one 220/16 kv substation near Kelso, and the construction of approximately 8 miles of 16 kv line at an estimated cost of \$285,000.

The estimated cost of the latter method was lower than that of the first alternative and, based on this estimated cost, a proposal to provide service to the two microwave stations was made in December, 1959, and the agreement of April 13, 1960, was entered into by The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company and applicant.

Applicant has subsequently decided that the first alternative method of service consisting of one substation at Cima, together with approximately 26 miles of 16 kv line, was more desirable because better quality service could be furnished to the Telephone Company and electric service to additional customers in the general area could be more readily and economically furnished by means of these facilities. Construction of these facilities has now been completed.

The agreement provides that the Telephone Company advance the estimated cost of construction of \$285,000, less an allowance equal to ten times the estimated annual revenue from the line of \$60,000, or a net sum of \$225,000. This amount was advanced to applicant by the Telephone Company at the time the agreement of April 13, 1960, was executed. If there had been an existing line from which a 16 kv extension could have been made, the deposit required to construct 26 miles of 16 kv line at 45 cents per foot

would have been \$61,776. It is provided that for a period of ten years, in accordance with applicant's line extension Rule No. 15 in effect at the time the agreement was negotiated, refunds up to this amount of \$61,776 will be made to the Telephone Company for additional permanent electrical installations supplied from this line extension and the remainder of the advance in the amount of \$163,224 is to be treated as a nonrefundable contribution in aid of construction.

As alleged by applicant, refunds are subject to the further limitation that they shall accrue, or be made, only for such loads as are connected after such time as the consecutive six months' revenues from the extension shall have exceeded \$3,000. This statement is verified by the letter of June 10, 1960, to applicant from the Telephone Company, a copy of which is attached to the application and marked as Exhibit "C".

Applicant alleges that it can carry out the terms and conditions of said "Agreement for Extension of Overhead Electric Lines" without impairing service rendered, and to be rendered, by it to its other customers and said contract is beneficial to the applicant and to its customers.

The agreement contains the provision that it shall at all times be subject to such changes or modifications by the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California as said Commission may, from time to time, direct in the exercise of its jurisdiction.

The Commission having considered the request of applicant and being of the opinion that the agreement of April 13, 1960, will not be adverse to the public interest and that the application should be granted, and being of the further opinion that a public hearing is not necessary, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that applicant be and it is authorized to carry out the terms and conditions of the agreement dated April 13, 1960, with The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company and to render the service prescribed therein under the terms, charges and conditions stated therein.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Southern California Edison
Company shall file with this Commission a statement showing the date
on which electric power and energy were first delivered from the
extension and subsequently shall notify this Commission of the date
of termination of said contract within thirty days from and after said
date of termination.

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

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