

**ORIGINAL**Decision No. 67687

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
 PACIFIC POWER & LIGHT COMPANY for a )  
 certificate of public convenience )  
 and necessity to exercise the fran- )  
 chise granted to Applicant by Ordinance No. 55 of the Town Council of )  
 the Town of Etna, Siskiyou County, )  
 California. )

Application No. 46223  
 Filed February 24, 1964

O P I N I O N

Pacific Power & Light Company, in this proceeding, requests a certificate of public convenience and necessity to exercise the rights and privileges of a franchise granted by the Town of Etna, permitting the installation, maintenance and use of an electric distribution and transmission system upon the streets of said city.

The franchise referred to, a copy of which is attached to the application and designated as Exhibit A, was granted by the Town in accordance with the Franchise Act of 1937 and is of indeterminate duration. A fee is payable annually to the Town equivalent to 2 percent of the gross receipts arising from the use, operation, or possession of the franchise, but not less than 1 percent of the gross annual receipts from sales of electricity within the limits of the Town under said franchise and the constitutional franchise claimed by applicant for distribution of electricity throughout the Town for illuminating purposes.

The costs incurred by applicant in obtaining the franchise are stated to have been \$66.55, which amount does not include costs incident to this application.

Applicant has served electricity in and about the Town of Etna without competition for many years. As of December 31, 1963 it served 286 electric customers within the Town. No objection to the granting of the requested certificate has been received and a public hearing is not necessary.

After consideration the Commission finds that public convenience and necessity require the exercise by applicant of the right, privilege and franchise granted to applicant by Ordinance No. 55, of the Town of Etna.

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

1. 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.
2. The franchise involved herein shall never be given any value before any court or other public authority in any proceeding of any character in excess of the cost to the grantee of the necessary publication and any other sum paid by it to the municipality therefor at the time of the acquisition thereof.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that a certificate of public convenience and necessity is granted to Pacific Power & Light Company to exercise the rights and privileges granted by the Town of Etna, by Ordinance No. 55, adopted December 2, 1963.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of AUGUST, 1964.

Frederick B. Hallock  
President  
Earl E. Smith  
Walter A. ...  
George T. ...  
Commissioners

Commissioner William M. Bennett, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.