

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 70100

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Joint Application of the SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY, a corporation, and the SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WATER COMPANY, a corporation, for an order establishing a boundary line separating their respective service areas.

Application No. 47855
(Filed August 31, 1965)

OPINION AND ORDER

Southern California Edison Company (Edison) and Southern California Water Company (California Water) jointly request an order establishing a boundary line separating their respective service areas in San Bernardino County.

Edison and its predecessor in interest, California Electric Power Company, were authorized by this Commission to exercise franchises in San Bernardino County by Decision No. 34741, dated November 4, 1941 and Decision No. 55271, dated July 15, 1957, respectively. California Water was authorized by this Commission to exercise a franchise in San Bernardino County by Decision No. 9396, dated August 23, 1921.

The application states that for many years applicants have been providing electric service to the public in the vicinity of Big Bear Lake and adjacent areas in San Bernardino County and that from time to time they have established informal boundary lines between areas within which they respectively serve.

Negotiations were initiated by applicants to define and establish a mutually acceptable boundary line between their electric service areas, which would represent a reasonable and factual

allocation of territory giving recognition to past development and current installations. Applicants state they have now agreed upon a boundary line as shown on a map and a property description attached to the application as Exhibits A and B, respectively.

Edison desires that the boundary line agreed upon be established by decision of this Commission without affecting Edison's rights to install and maintain electric transmission lines throughout the entire County of San Bernardino. Edison is placed on notice that the request to install and maintain electric transmission lines throughout the entire County of San Bernardino is not authorized by this decision and that establishment of the boundary line authorized herein is for the purpose of avoiding duplication of service facilities.

The Commission finds that establishment of the boundary line as proposed in the application will avoid duplication of service facilities, and is not adverse to the public interest; that public convenience and necessity require that an order should be issued granting the authority requested; and that a public hearing is not necessary. The Commission may hereafter, by appropriate proceeding and order, limit the authority herein granted to each respective applicant as to any territory within the County of San Bernardino not then being served by it.

This order is subject to the following provision of law:

The Commission shall have no power to authorize the capitalization of this certificate of public convenience and necessity or the right to own, operate or enjoy such certificate of public convenience and necessity in excess of the amount (exclusive of any tax or annual charge) actually paid to the State as the consideration for the issuance of such certificate of public convenience and necessity or right.

The action taken herein shall not be construed to be a finding of the value of the properties that might be transferred as a result of this decision.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Applicants are authorized to establish a boundary line, including revision of any existing formal or informal boundary line, separating their service areas in San Bernardino County according to a map and legal description attached to the application as Exhibits A and B, respectively.

2. Applicants shall, within thirty days after the effective date of this order, file four copies of tariff service area maps, in accordance with the Commission's General Order No. 96-A which shall reflect the boundary line authorized by this order.

3. Neither applicant, except upon further authority of this Commission, may supply electricity within any part or portion of San Bernardino County then being served with electricity by the other applicant or by any other utility.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 21st day of December, 1965.

Frederick B. Holbeck
President

George E. Trover
Secretary

William C. Bennett
Commissioners