

ORIGINALDecision No. 70610

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 require
and will require the exercise
by Applicant of the rights,
privileges and franchise granted
by the City of Visalia, County
of Tulare, State of California,
in accordance with Franchise
Ordinance No. 1116 of said City.

Application No. 48318
(Filed March 18, 1966)

O P I N I O N

Southern California Edison Company, in this proceeding, requests a certificate of public convenience and necessity to exercise the rights and privileges of a franchise granted by the City of Visalia, 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, is of indeterminate 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, but not less than 1/2 per cent of the gross annual receipts from sales of electricity within the limits of the city.

The costs incurred by applicant in obtaining the franchise are stated to have been \$798.32, which amount does not include costs incident to this application.

Applicant has served electricity in and about the City of Visalia without competition for many years. As of December 31, 1965 it served 8,816 electric customers within the city. 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. 1116, of the City of Visalia.

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 Southern California Edison Company

to exercise the rights and privileges granted by the City of
Visalia, by Ordinance No. 1116, adopted April 5, 1965.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 26th
day of APRIL, 1966.

Fredrick B. Holdhoff
President
John E. Whitcomb
George L. Grover
Augustus
William L. Bennett
Commissioners