

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 71518

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of Application of)
 SIERRA PACIFIC POWER COMPANY)
 for an order authorizing it)
 (a) to extend certain unsecured)
 promissory notes payable to banks)
 for periods in excess of the)
 original twelve (12) month term.)

Application No. 48882
Filed October 20, 1966

O P I N I O N

In this proceeding Sierra Pacific Power Company requests authorization from the Commission to issue promissory notes for the purpose of renewing unsecured notes evidencing short-term bank loans. The application indicates that, as of September 30, 1966, said loans aggregated \$8,000,000, which sum was used to finance part of the company's construction program.

Applicant reports that the renewal notes will mature on or before September 30, 1967, and will bear interest at a rate not in excess of one-quarter of 1% over the prime rate.

The Commission has considered this matter and finds that: (1) the proposed notes are for a proper purpose; (2) the money, property or labor to be procured or paid for by the issue of the notes herein authorized is reasonably required for the purpose specified herein; and (3) such purpose is not, in whole or in part, reasonably chargeable to operating expenses or to income. On the basis of these findings, we conclude that the application should be granted. A public hearing is not necessary.

The authorization herein granted is for the purpose of this proceeding only and is not to be construed as indicative of amounts to be included in proceedings for the determination of just and reasonable rates.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Sierra Pacific Power Company may issue its unsecured promissory notes in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$8,000,000 for the purpose specified in this proceeding. Said notes shall bear interest at a rate of not to exceed one-quarter of 1% above the prime rate and shall mature not later than September 30, 1967.

2. Sierra Pacific Power Company shall file with the Commission a report, or reports, as required by General Order No. 24-B, which order, insofar as applicable, is hereby made a part of this order.

3. This order shall become effective when Sierra Pacific Power Company has paid the fee prescribed by Section 1904(b) of the Public Utilities Code, which fee is \$4,500.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 9th day of NOVEMBER, 1966.

[Signature] President
George T. Grover
Frederick R. Holbrook
[Signature]
William W. Bennett Commissioners

