

Decision No. 77681

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of PACIFIC GAS AND
ELECTRIC COMPANY and SOUTHERN
CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY for
an order authorizing an agreement
relating to easements and rights
of way for electric transmission
facilities.
(Electric)

Application No. 52072
(Filed July 24, 1970)

OPINION AND ORDER

A joint application by Pacific Gas and Electric Company (Pacific) and Southern California Edison Company (Edison) requests an order of the Commission authorizing them to carry out the terms and conditions of an agreement by which Pacific grants to Edison, in exchange for an annual payment, certain easements and rights of way adjacent to Midway Substation for the construction, maintenance and operation of electric substation and transmission facilities constituting part of the extra high voltage interconnection between the electric transmission systems of Pacific and Edison.

The agreement referred to as the Midway Easement was executed by Pacific and Edison on March 12, 1970. A copy of the agreement is attached to the application as Exhibit A.

The Midway Easement is said to cover two parcels of land owned by Pacific in Kern County, California, adjacent to its Midway Substation near Bakersfield. Midway Substation is a 500 kilovolt electric substation presently forming the southernmost extension of Pacific's extra high voltage electric transmission system, which is interconnected there with Edison's extra high voltage transmission system.

The application states that on the basis of engineering design and cost feasibility studies Edison and Pacific determined that it would be advisable for Edison to locate certain 500 kilovolt substation facilities, including series capacitors and related equipment, adjacent to Pacific's Midway Substation. The parcel of land necessary for this purpose is described as parcel 1 in the Midway Easement and is shown on the map attached thereto. It is a rectangle having a width of 325 feet, a length of 400 feet and an area of about 2.98 acres. The original cost is stated to be approximately \$9,185.

The other parcel of land covered by the Midway Easement is traversed by Edison's 500 kilovolt transmission lines extending south from parcel 1. This other parcel is described as parcel 2 in the Midway Easement and is also shown on the map attached thereto. It has an average length of about 679 feet, and for most of that length it has a width of about 330 feet. Its area is approximately 5.2 acres. Its original cost is said to be approximately \$16,028.

Parcels 1 and 2 are lands owned by Pacific and considered by Pacific not necessary or useful in the performance of its duties to the public during the duration of the Midway Easement.

Also included in the grant to Edison is a right of way for ingress and egress to parcel 1. Parcel 2 is accessible directly from parcel 1 on one end and from a bordering highway on the other.

In exchange for the grant of easements and rights of way Edison agrees in the Midway Easement to pay Pacific an annual payment of \$862 initially which is subject to redetermination by Pacific at five-year intervals but no increase can exceed 15% of the then effective annual payment. The annual payments are retroactive to January 1, 1966, which is approximately the date on which Edison took possession of the property for commencement of construction of the facilities involved.

Edison's substation and transmission facilities on parcels 1 and 2 have been constructed and the final components of them, the service capacitors, were placed in full operation on March 31, 1969.

The Commission finds that the proposed agreement is not adverse to the public interest and concludes that the application should be granted. A public hearing is not necessary.

IT IS ORDERED that:

Pacific Gas and Electric Company and Southern California Edison Company are authorized to carry out the terms and conditions of an agreement relating to easements and rights of way for transmission facilities, a copy of which is attached to the application as Exhibit A.

The effective date of this order shall be the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 1st day of SEPTEMBER, 1970.

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Chairman
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William J. Lyons, Jr.
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Vernon L. Sturgeon
Commissioners