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Decision No. 79969

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application of
SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY
for a certificate that the present
and future public convenience and
necessity require or will require
the construction and operation by
applicant of the No. 1 230-kv
transmission line from San Onofre
Generating Station and inter-
connection with Southern California
Edison Company System to Escondido
Substation to Mission Substation.

Application No. 52735

(Filed July 8, 1971)

INTERIM OPINION AND ORDER

San Diego Gas & Electric Company (applicant) seeks an order under Section 1001 of the Public Utilities Code and General Order No. 131 granting to it a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct and operate one 230-kv transmission line from San Onofre Generating Station to applicant's Mission substation via applicant's Escondido substation.

Public hearings on the application began July 27, 1971, and have not been completed as of this date. On April 12, 1972, applicant moved for an interim order authorizing the construction of that portion of the transmission line between Escondido substation and Mission substation. In support of the motion applicant asserts that the evidence shows that the transmission line is needed, that the route proposed is feasible, and that applicant has men and equipment prepared to begin the construction immediately.

As the construction of such a line requires much planning, pre-purchase of equipment, and assignment of personnel, all of which has been done, delay in commencing construction will cause re-assignment of personnel, nonuse of equipment, and substantial increases in cost. The staff concurred in the motion as did counsel representing parties who are opposing other segments of the proposed transmission line. At no time during the hearings was the portion of the transmission line between Escondido substation and Mission substation subject to opposition.

A formal opinion and order covering all aspects of this application will be issued by the Commission upon submission of the entire case. However, to expedite construction and thereby avoid increased costs, an interim order is necessary.

The Commission finds that:

1. The construction of the proposed facility:

- (a) Is reasonably required to meet area demands for present and/or future reliable and economic electric service; and
- (b) Will not produce an unreasonable burden on natural resources, aesthetics of the area in which the proposed facility is to be located, public health and safety, air and water quality in the vicinity, or parks, recreational and scenic areas, or historic sites and buildings or archaeological sites.

2. Public convenience and necessity require the construction of the proposed transmission line between Escondido substation and Mission substation as set forth in the application.

The Commission concludes that applicant's motion should be granted.

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Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that San Diego Gas & Electric Company is granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct a 230-kv transmission line between Escondido substation and Mission substation as set forth in its application.

The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at Los Angeles, California,
this 18th day of APRIL, 1972.

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Commissioners