

Decision No. 81345

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Petition of
SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY,
a corporation, for an Order Limiting
or Defining Petitioner's Service Area
Pursuant to the Provisions of
Sections 8101-8109 of the Public
Utilities Code of the State of
California.

Application No. 53853
(Filed February 20, 1973)

OPINION AND ORDER

San Diego Gas & Electric Company (San Diego) requests an order approving an agreement between it and Imperial Irrigation District (District), dated June 22, 1971, defining the duties and responsibilities of each with respect to interchange and boundaries. A copy of the agreement is attached to the petition as Exhibit 1.

San Diego and District are both engaged in the sale and distribution of electric power and energy within Imperial County. Service area boundaries were established by agreement dated April 23, 1946 and approved by Decision No. 38802 dated April 2, 1946, and supplements approved by Decision No. 43923 dated March 14, 1950 and approved by Decision No. 48087 dated December 22, 1952. The agreement was for a period of 25 years and expired April 23, 1971.

The petition states that San Diego and District, in order to avoid future duplication of facilities and services, waste of materials and manpower, and increases in costs and economic losses, all without corresponding benefit to the public, wish to enter into a new agreement for a period of 25 years from the effective date of the agreement to

continue the respective established service area boundaries. These boundaries with limitation and conditions applicable thereto are described in the agreement attached to the petition and will not be repeated. A map showing the boundaries and the geographic area involved is attached to the petition as Exhibit B.

The agreement provides for mutual emergency assistance conditioned on the supplier having available the requisite generating and transmission capacity. The agreement further provides that in the event supplier is unable to furnish emergency service from its own sources of supply but power is available from interconnected agencies, supplier will purchase such power for resale to the distressed party if such operations will not interfere with service to its own customers. The charge for energy so furnished shall be the cost to the supplier plus 15 percent of such cost plus additional reasonable charges for any necessary changes to be made to supplier's facilities.

The agreement provides that it shall not become effective until approved by this Commission and the office of the Treasurer of the State of California, by orders made pursuant to petitions of San Diego and District, respectively, in accordance with provisions of applicable law.

Findings

1. The proposed agreement defining the duties and responsibilities of San Diego and District with respect to interchange and boundaries is not adverse to the public interest and should be approved.

2. A public hearing is not necessary.

The Commission concludes that the petition should be granted subject to the conditions set forth in the ensuing order.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. San Diego Gas & Electric Company is authorized to carry out the terms and conditions of the agreement with Imperial Irrigation District, dated June 22, 1971, attached to the petition as Exhibit 1.

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

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 8th day of MAY, 1973.

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

Commissioner J. P. Vukasin, Jr., being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.