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Decision No. 83308

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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 Palm Desert, County of)
Riverside, State of California, in)
Accordance with Franchise Ordinance)
No. 21 of said City.)

Application No. 54983
(Filed June 21, 1974)

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 Palm Desert 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, was granted by the city in accordance with the Franchise Act of 1937 and is of indeterminate duration. A fee is payable annually to the city equivalent to two percent of the gross receipts arising from the use, operation, or possession of the franchise, but not less than one percent of the gross annual receipts from sales of electricity within the limits of the city under said franchise.

The costs incurred by applicant in obtaining the franchise are stated to have been \$27.50, which amount does not include costs incident to this application.

Applicant has served electricity in and about the city of Palm Desert without competition for many years. As of December 31, 1973 it served 5,200 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. 21 of the city of Palm Desert.

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 Palm Desert by Ordinance No. 21 adopted March 14, 1974.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 20th
day of AUGUST, 1974.

Vernon L. Sturgeon
President
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Commissioners