Decision No. 84580

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Peter G. White and) Carleen A. White for deviation from) requirement for underground electric) service.

Application No. 55631 (Filed April 16, 1975)

<u>o p i n i o n</u>

Peter G. White and Carleen A. White seek a deviation from the mandatory provisions of the line extension rules of Southern California Edison Company applicable to new residential subdivisions and developments in relation to the extension of service to their parcel of property located at 58355 Cereus Avenue, Yucca Valley, San Bernardino County.

Applicants' property is part of Tract 6286, a residential subdivision that has existed since 1963. No electric service is presently being provided to the subdivision, except for a single residence that is served by an overhead line, which was installed in 1973.

It is alleged that applicants have no interest in the subdivision, except for their own property; that there are no plans for future development of the subdivision; that because of the length of the extension and the rocky nature of the soil, Southern California Edison Company estimates the cost of undergrounding would be in excess of \$1,300; that applicants are presently living on the property without electric service; and that the proposed overhead extension, which would be in the valley, would be less conspicuous than the existing poles and overhead line, which are located on top of a ridge.

After consideration the Commission finds that:

1. The application of the mandatory requirement of Rule 15.C.1.a(1) of Southern California Edison Company would be impractical and unjust.

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2. Tract 6286 is presently being served by an overhead electric line. An overhead line serving applicants would be no more conspicuous and would have no more environmental impact than the existing line.

3. It is reasonably certain that the project involved in this proceeding will not have a significant effect on the environment.

4. The requested deviation would not be adverse to the public interest.

5. A public hearing is not necessary.

The Commission concludes that the application should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that Southern California Edison Company is authorized and directed to deviate from the mandatory undergrounding provisions of their line extension rules to the extent of providing overhead line extension to applicants' property located at 58355 Cereus Avenue, Yucca Valley, San Bernardino County.

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

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Commissioner William Arrons. Jr., being necessarily absent. did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.