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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)
and San Diego Gas & Electric Company)
to modify Decision 44086, Decision)
67000, Decision 69425, Decision 69688,)
Decision 78435, and Decision 88991 to)
fix a realigned boundary line between)
the electric service areas of applicants)
in the County of Orange.)

Application 83-10-20
(Filed Oct. 12, 1983)

O P I N I O N

By a series of decisions, which are set forth in the caption, Southern California Edison Company (Edison) and San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) have been authorized from time to time to realign their common boundary line. By this application Edison and SDG&E seek a further realignment of their boundary in Orange County. Edison furnishes electric service to customers generally throughout Orange County, except in the southeastern portion where SDG&E furnishes electric service to its customers. In the area where Edison and SDG&E seek to change their common boundary, the existing boundary follows section lines running north and south.

Edison and SDG&E have agreed upon a realignment of their boundary which generally follows newly developed roads, parkways, or tract boundaries in order to prevent duplication of distribution facilities and to prevent customer confusion and public relations problems relating to the boundary line.

Edison and SDG&E alleged that there will be no change in the supplier of electricity to any customer resulting from the boundary line changes they seek. In addition, no utility property or facilities are planned to be transferred as a result of the proposed change.

Edison and SDG&E request ex parte handling of their application, in order to meet the construction schedule of the Mission Viejo Company, the land development company in the area in question. That company has requested the proposed boundary realignment in order to prevent its development from being served by more than one electric distribution company.

Discussion

The three parcels of service area to be exchanged are all triangular in shape and are based upon the north/south section line that now forms the mutual boundary between the two utilities. Two of these triangular areas are to be relinquished by SDG&E to Edison, and the remaining area is to be relinquished by Edison to SDG&E. The first of these triangular areas is located entirely within Section 3, Township (T) 7 South (S), Range (R) 8 West (W), San Bernardino Meridian (SBM). One side of the triangle is the section line between Section 3 and Section 4 running north and south. The second side of the triangle is the existing boundary between Edison and SDG&E running approximately east southeast. The third side of the triangle is proposed Sheep Hills Road running approximately east northeast. The second parcel to be relinquished by SDG&E to Edison is a triangular parcel that transcends the section line between Sections 3 and 10 T. 7 S., R. 8 W., SBM. The base of this triangle is the section line running north and south which is also the common boundary between the utilities. The second side of the triangle is formed by Moulton Parkway running approximately southeast. The third side of the triangle is formed by proposed Alicia Parkway running approximately southwest. The third triangular area, that to be relinquished by Edison to SDG&E, is located on the same north/south section as the other two parcels except that it is located in Section 9 and Section 16, T. 7 S., R. 8 W., SBM. This third triangular area is based upon the north and south running section line. Side two is the proposed Oso Parkway running approximately southeast. The third leg of the triangle is the proposed Alicia Parkway running approximately southwest.

While Township and Section lines look reasonable and logical on maps, they rarely correspond with the topographical features of the land, which form the basis for actual boundaries between developments. Consequently, it is necessary from time to time to adjust the abstract boundaries as they appear on service area maps to correspond to the boundaries that are dictated by topography, geography, shifting boundaries between political entities, changing ownership of real estate, and the development patterns of that property.

There are no protests to the application and no reason in the public interest why it ought to be denied, delayed, or modified. Accordingly, we will grant the authority sought by Edison and SDG&E to adjust the boundaries as they propose.

Findings of Fact

1. The Mission Viejo Company has requested the proposed boundary changes in order to insure that its developments are served by the same supplier of electric power.

2. SDG&E has agreed to relinquish two triangular parcels of its service territory and Edison has agreed to relinquish one triangular parcel of its service territory.

3. There are no protests to the application, and no reason in the public interest why it ought to be denied, delayed, or limited.

Conclusion of Law

The application should be granted.

O R D E R

It is ordered that:

1. Edison and SDG&E are authorized to relinquish the triangular portions of their service territories as described in the application and to adjust their service territory boundary lines to reflect those relinquishments.

2. Edison and SDG&E shall file amended service territory maps within 30 days of the date of this order.

This order is effective today.

Dated DEC 7 1983, at San Francisco, California.

LEONARD M. GRIMES, JR.
President

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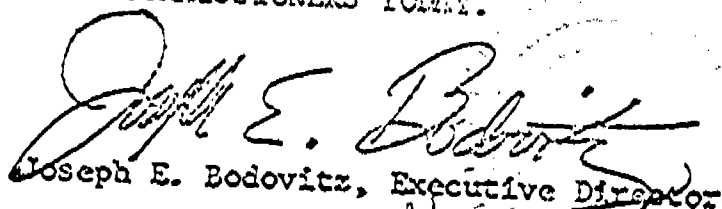
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Commissioners

I CERTIFY THAT THIS DECISION
WAS APPROVED BY THE ABOVE
COMMISSIONERS TODAY.


Joseph E. Bodovitz, Executive Director