

EWEB Directors Express Reservations About Intertie

Directors of the Eugene Water & Electric Board Monday night expressed reservations about the proposed electrical intertie between the Northwest and California. They authorized EWEB participation in a private cooperative study of the project.

"I have some real doubts about the intertie," Supt. Byron Price said, "and we'd better get in here to protect ourselves."

Firms Give New Bids

The Eugene Water & Electric Board Monday night resolved its latest problem of identical bidding for electrical equipment by asking the two firms with similar bids to offer new prices.

In the run-off, Allis Chalmers Manufacturing Co. came out lowest with a new bid of \$42,700 for six power circuit breakers. Federal Pacific Electric Co.'s second bid was \$43,498.

When bids for the equipment were opened last Thursday both had submitted identical bids of \$43,900.

Price said that EWEB's usual practice with identical bids was to flip a coin. "But this time we went to our lawyer," he said.

The caution was appropriate because EWEB is suing these two companies, among others, following charges of price fixing and collusion on other bids.

Smallpox Epidemic

CARDIFF, Wales (AP)—Thousands were vaccinated against smallpox in 40 special clinics in southern Wales Monday. Smallpox has taken a death toll of 3 and 22 smallpox cases, 15 suspected and 7 confirmed, have been hospitalized since the epidemic spread to Wales.

Price said, "and we'd better get in here to protect ourselves." The board accepted his recommendation that it join with other Pacific Northwest utilities in hiring Corporate Service Inc. of Seattle to study the proposal.

Price said that he could foresee that the intertie of Bonneville Power Administration lines with California "could mean shipping our lowest cost hydro power out of the region forever."

To make the matter worse, Price said, the low cost electricity will be going to a region that is in economic competition with the Northwest.

All three EWEB directors at the meeting, Calvin R. Smith, Earl L. McNutt, and L. W. Trommlitz approved the study, but noted it may be a losing battle for the Northwest to fight the intertie.

"I know we are losing the race," Smith said. "But I think we ought to hold the line as long as we can."

Trommlitz said that a difficulty with shipping surplus power to California "is that it won't come back when you need it."

Price agreed that it will be a tough fight for the Northwest to secure regional preference to electricity from the area, but he said, "We don't want to give up on this."

He noted that Californians long have publicly stated they only want power that is not needed in the Northwest. "But the evidence also shows they want firm power—prime power—and they intend to get it," he said.

Legislation is expected to be introduced during the current session of Congress to imple-

ment both regional preference and for the intertie.

Price said that legislation restricting prime power for the Northwest could be changed "at any time" by California's delegation in Congress because "they have the votes at any time."

Price said the study by the Seattle firm can give Northwest utilities "a real chance to study the economics" involved in the intertie, and know how "best to protect our power resources."

In other action, Price was authorized to express the board's opinion on the intertie to Gov. Mark Hatfield's advisory committee on the subject.

Price was instructed to tell the advisory committee it should look into every method of preserving the rights of the Pacific Northwest to power generated in the region.

District Court Records

(March 9, 1962)
TRAFFIC SIGNAL VIOLATION—Dale Edward Allon, 515 Cherry Dr., Eugene, \$10; Merlin Leroy Sullivan, 2505 Madison St., Eugene, \$10; Charles Arthur Morgan, 594 N. 51st St., Springfield, \$15.
STOP SIGN VIOLATION—Delbert Monroe Hubbard, 707 Armstrong Ave., Eugene, \$15.
VIOLATION OF BASIC RULE—Wade Allen Cherry, 490 E. 40th Ave., Eugene, \$25; James Francis Johnson, 2205 S. 1st, Eugene, \$20; Allen Dean Wentz, Fall Creek, \$30; Gary Edward Shields, 971 W. 13th Ave., Eugene, \$20.
TRUCK SPEEDING—Barnett Smith, Orlando, Fla., \$10.
WRONG WAY ON ONEWAY ROAD—Harvey Jackson Noakes, 952 W. 16th Ave., Eugene, \$10.
IMPROPER CHANGING OF LANES—Harold Alfred Salway, Port Goulet, British Columbia, \$15.

Purchase Doubled

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP)—Pakistan announced Sunday it would double its earlier subscription and purchase \$500,000 in United Nations bonds. The government said the decision was made to strengthen the United Nations "as an effective instrument of peace by ensuring its financial solvency."

Bard Back on Checks

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