

ation, and shall have either filed such amendments or shall have mailed them and advised the Commission by telephone and telegram as contemplated by Section 34.9 of the Regulations;

(ii) The Commission, by further order, shall have approved the subscription price per share to be received by Applicant for the Common Stock and the compensation to be paid to underwriters under the proposed arrangement as described above.

(C) This authorization shall expire unless the transactions hereby authorized are consummated within 60 days from the date of issuance of this order.

(D) The foregoing authorization is without prejudice to the authority of this Commission or any other regulatory body with respect to rates, service, accounts, valuation, estimates or determinations of costs, or any other matter whatsoever which is now pending or which may come before this Commission.

(E) Nothing in this order shall be construed to imply any guarantee or obligation on the part of the United States in respect to any securities to which this order relates.

By the Commission. Commissioner Morgan dissents on the grounds that the period of public notice was unreasonably short, that the notice of application was deficient and that the construction of one of the facilities to be financed from the proceeds of the securities authorized herein—the Oregon-California inter-tie as proposed by Applicant—has not been shown to be compatible with the public interest and should not be authorized pending policy decisions relative to such an inter-tie scheduled by the current session of the Congress. A Commission opinion and Commissioner Morgan's dissent will be issued later.

JOSEPH H. GUTRIDE, *Secretary*.

Mr. ROGERS of Florida. Would the gentleman yield?

Mr. SWIDLER. I am not through—excuse me. Certainly.

Mr. ROGERS of Florida. I will let you finish in just a minute.

Is it a normal procedure for individual Commissioners to issue press releases?

Mr. SWIDLER. No, sir; it was the first time this had happened. This was a great shock. The Commission has never been the same.

Mr. ROGERS of Florida. I would think maybe some Governors and other people mentioned in the press release might not be the same.

What I want to know, the point I want to make, in your press release, do you comment on matters outside the purview of the actual order?

Mr. SWIDLER. No, sir.

Mr. ROGERS of Florida. In press releases?

Mr. SWIDLER. No, sir.

Mr. ROGERS of Florida. Was this done with the concurrence of the other members?

Mr. SWIDLER. No, sir.

Mr. ROGERS of Florida. I am rather amazed.

I yield back.

Mr. MOSS. Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. BROTZMAN. Yes.

Mr. MOSS. I think we should recognize here that we are dealing with something other than content. There were complaints made to my Subcommittee on Information, and in all respect, Mr. Chairman, the levity you are attempting to engender you did not attempt to engender when you visited my office to discuss it.

The Commission acted here and suppressed a dissent, and I am going to request permission to put into this record the chronology and the fact of the suppression and the fact that the Commission subsequently acted by appropriate minute to make certain that this type of suppression not occur again.

As a result of it, we interrogated other Commissioners and we found one other where rules tended to suppress dissents.