

whom we spoke had not attempted to accumulate the initial costs incurred by them. The companies who were willing to estimate the initial cost, however, consistently said they believed it ran from one to several million dollars, depending on the extent of the existing records, the need for a property inventory, and similar matters.

In addition to the additional cost of accounting for plant, there would be additional cost incurred for other matters related to Federal Power Commission regulations. We have not attempted to measure these other costs.

Yours very truly,

HASKINS & SELLS.

Mr. FUQUA. Thank you.

Mr. FITE. Thank you very much, sir.

Mr. MACDONALD. Do you have any extra copies of that letter?

Mr. FUQUA. Yes, sir; I have some. I have two or three.

Mr. MACDONALD. Perhaps the committee could utilize some of them.

Mr. FUQUA. I have four copies.

Mr. MACDONALD. Even though the House is in session we will call the next witness because the witness list is quite long and time is fairly limited.

Mr. Sim Gideon, general manager of the Lower Colorado River Authority, Austin, Tex.

STATEMENT OF SIM GIDEON, GENERAL MANAGER, LOWER COLORADO RIVER AUTHORITY, AUSTIN, TEX.

Mr. GIDEON. Mr. Chairman, I have filed a written statement with the committee and being as you have a long list of witnesses I will just try to summarize it.

Mr. MACDONALD. Fine. Without objection, to make it clear for the record, your statement will be inserted as read at this point.

(Mr. Gideon's prepared statement follows:)

STATEMENT OF SIM GIDEON, GENERAL MANAGER, LOWER COLORADO RIVER AUTHORITY

Mr. Chairman, the Lower Colorado River Authority, an agency of the State of Texas, would like to go on record in support of House Bill 5348 (introduced by Congressman Rogers) and is filing with the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee a copy of this letter as reflecting the views and position of the Lower Colorado River Authority.

Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) is an agency of the State of Texas which owns and operates an electric generation and transmission system in numerous counties in Central Texas, generally in the area around Austin. The System of the Authority includes hydro generation on the Colorado River (this is the Colorado River in Texas) in a total capacity of 234,000 kilowatts; a recently completed steam plant of 125,000 kilowatts capacity near Bastrop, Texas, with an additional unit of 125,000 kilowatts to be in commercial operation by January 1, 1968; a small steam plant of 60,000 kilowatts capacity we lease; and some 2,000 miles of 69,000 and 138,000 volt transmission lines. LCRA sells at wholesale the entire electric supply for 30 municipalities in the Central Texas area all of which operate their own distribution systems; LCRA serves retail customers directly in 3 municipalities and supplies 11 REA cooperatives in the Central Texas area directly through LCRA transmission lines and indirectly through lines of neighboring utilities.

The transmission system of the Authority is interconnected with the systems of all contiguous utilities including Texas Power & Light Company on the north and east; West Texas Utilities Company on the west; Central Power & Light Company on the south and east; City Public Service Board (the municipal electric system of the City of San Antonio) on the south; the municipal electric system of the City of Austin and Houston Lighting & Power Company on the south and east.

Our System is an integral part of a voluntary power pool called South Texas Interconnected Systems, which has been in existence for some thirty years.