

circumstances, a restatement. It is going to be the same law, as I read the language here in H.R. 5348. This was the question really that I had in my mind as I listened to your testimony, as to how you would be differently affected.

I don't perceive this either frankly.

Mr. SOMMERS. Well, anything that affects our interconnection and the utilities with whom we are connected would certainly affect our position.

In other words, through this interconnection we have what you might say are some valuable considerations in that we can receive and we can give help to our neighbors in the time of emergency, and that has worked time and time again. It has worked very well.

And what we want to do is to see that that is more or less preserved. That is our interest in it as far as the city public service board is concerned.

Mr. MACDONALD. Thank you very much.

Mr. SOMMERS. Thank you, sir.

Mr. MACDONALD. The next witness is Mr. Charles G. Thrash, Jr., attorney for the Houston Lighting & Power Co., Houston, Tex.

STATEMENT OF P. H. ROBINSON, PRESIDENT, HOUSTON LIGHTING & POWER CO., PRESENTED BY CHARLES G. THRASH, JR., COUNSEL

Mr. THRASH. Mr. Chairman, the Houston Lighting & Power Co. wants to first express its appreciation for the opportunity to be here to make its views known on this legislation that is being considered. I am appearing here today in behalf of Mr. P. H. Robinson, who is the president of the company.

My name, as the statement indicates, is Charles Thrash, and I am a member of the law firm of Baker, Botts, Shepherd & Coates in Houston, which firm is counsel for the Houston Lighting & Power Co.

If I may, with your permission, rather than reading or substantially reading this statement, I would like to introduce it at length in the record.

Mr. MACDONALD. Yes, sir.

Mr. THRASH. And then try to summarize and discuss preferably with reference to several charts and maps that we have.

Mr. MACDONALD. Without objection, it is so ordered.

(The statement referred to follows:)

STATEMENT OF P. H. ROBINSON, PRESIDENT, HOUSTON LIGHTING & POWER CO., PRESENTED BY CHARLES G. THRASH, JR., COUNSEL

It is our understanding that the purpose and effect of H.R. 5348 will be to prevent the extension of jurisdiction by the Federal Power Commission, by arbitrary administrative rule, to intrastate electric systems. We have particularized our understanding of the effect of H.R. 5348 on the wall chart.

The first question is, of course, why shouldn't such jurisdiction be extended? The principal reason is that there is no need for such jurisdiction. This may be easily seen when the facts of the internal Texas systems are taken into account.

The principal material facts with regard to the internal Texas systems are as follows:

1. Each system is situated entirely within the State.
2. All generation is accomplished within the State.
3. All transmission is accomplished within the State.
4. All sales, whether at wholesale or retail, are made within the State.
5. All of the energy generated by such systems is consumed within the State.