

HOW do OTHER
TOWNS in which
Its SERVICES are
USED look upon the
Carolina POWER
and LIGHT
Company?



The question is answered
in the following reports
submitted by commit-
tees to the Mayor and
the Board of Commis-
sioners.

THE ANSWER

Committees sent by the mayor and board of commissioners to towns and cities which use Carolina Power and Light Company service found the service to be satisfactory in every way and to have the additional advantage of being much more economical than that given by the town of Dunn. These committees were sent to gather information which might be of value to citizens who will be called upon to ratify or reject a contract made with the company through which it agrees to buy the municipal plant here and furnish service from its own plants. The company will pay \$45,000 for the plant, this sum to be used in retiring bonds voted for the plant's construction.

Reports from the several committees, addressed to Mayor J. Loyd Wade, are as follows:

"At the request of one of the commissioners of the town of Dunn, a committee composed of the undersigned visited Henderson and Oxford on Wednesday, November 30; with a view of ascertaining, whether or not the services rendered by the Carolina Power and Light Company proves satisfactory to the citizens of those towns.

"First we visited Henderson where we called on the owners of the Drug Stores, Banks, Dry Goods Stores, Cotton Mills, the Police, Doctors and other citizens. We inquired particularly concerning the services rendered, the treatment accorded by the employees of the Carolina Power and Light Company and whether or not the service and rates charged them were satisfactory.

"Without exception, we were told that the service was excellent, that the treatment accorded them was all they could ask and that the rates were lower than they had been able to obtain from any system used prior to the advent of the Carolina Power and Light Company. They also assured us that the current was much better and steadier than that from any service they had had in the past, and that when the power was interrupted for any cause that the officials of the company did all they could to restore the power at the earliest possible moment. As a result of this interest displayed by the officials, we were assured it was a very rare occurrence for the current to be off for more than a few minutes at a time.

"At Oxford we were informed that the services rendered by the Carolina Power & Light Company there was equally as satisfactory as at Henderson. The citizens interviewed were not only highly satisfied but took occasion to speak of the cordial relations which existed between the Carolina Power and Light Company and its patrons.

"While we were obtaining this general information we, at the same time, made comparisons between the cost of current furnished by the company in Henderson and Oxford and that furnished by the Dunn Municipal plant.

"We found that owing to the sliding scale of rates that the lights in Henderson and Oxford cost the consumers approximately half as much as current is now costing the people of Dunn. As an illustration of this one drug store in Henderson which used the same number of kilowatts as did Hood and Grantham in their store during the month of October, had to pay \$9.38 as compared with \$20.85 paid by Hood and Grantham.

"We understand that the schedule of rates charged for current by the Carolina Power and Light Company is regulated by the North Carolina Corporation Commission and that it cannot charge the citizens of Dunn a higher rate than that charged in the other towns in which it operates. This being true and the fact that the towns now being served by that company are so well pleased with the service they are getting, it is our opinion that the citizens of Dunn would make no mistake in voting to sell the local plant to the Carolina Power and Light Company and in so doing secure a cheaper, steadier, and more satisfactory service.

Yours very truly,

D. H. HOOD, GEO. L. CANNADY, E. P. DAVIS, J. T. GUY, Committee."

"We visited the city of Goldsboro to investigate the service rendered the citizenship by the Carolina Power and Light Company. We called on the mayor, commissioners, prominent merchants and the manufacturing industries and superintendent of the water and light department and we are glad to report that they spoke in the highest terms of the service rendered and that their rate, upon investigation, was about one half of what the consumers in Dunn pay. They have service all the time and spoke in the highest terms of the service rendered them by the Carolina Power and Light Company and that it was far superior to when conducted under their municipal ownership. We do not hesitate to say that you have made a good trade with the Carolina Power and Light Company and recommend voters to ratify your action voting for sale of our light plant on the 13th day of December.

Yours truly,

AS. A. TAYLOR, McD. HOLLIDAY, O. P. SHELL, G. K. GRANTHAM, Com."

"On December 1st we went to Raleigh accompanied by one of your commissioners, to investigate the service rendered the citizens of Raleigh by the Carolina Power and Light Company and also to get all information that we possibly could, either favorable or unfavorable, to this power company. After calling on the mayor, president of the Chamber of Commerce, numbers of merchants and numbers of prominent citizens, we are indeed glad to report that there was not a dissenting voice against them. Every one spoke in the highest terms of their service and by comparative figures we could see that the consumers of the city of Raleigh were getting their lights for, approximately speaking, about one half of what we are paying. They assured us that they had and were living up to their contract and were giving the very best service regardless of expense. At the time when a number of towns were out of lights on account of water the Carolina Power and Light Company were doing their duty and were furnishing lights by hauling water in tank cars to aid them in furnishing the city with lights. The citizens are never inconvenienced and always have lights and current. For the number of years the Carolina Power and Light Company have been in Raleigh they have done much to bring industries there, cooperating with the citizenship and always being honorable in their dealings with the public and we do not hesitate in stating that we think the citizens will do the right thing by ratifying the sale of the plant on the 13th of December and think it one of the biggest moves for the town of Dunn to get on the Carolina Power and Light Company's lines.

Yours truly,

J. W. WHITEHEAD, R. J. PARKER, B. M. BREWER, E. J. HUDSON, B. O. TOWNSEND, Committee."