

# Electric Firm Denied Power Unit Rights

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 8. (U.P.)—Application of the Southern Sierras Power company to lease a 40,000-kilovolt amperes generating unit at the Boulder canyon electric plant has been blocked by Secretary of the Interior Ickes, it was announced here today.

The board of water and power commissioners received a telegram from E. E. Scattergood, chief engineer and general manager of the Los Angeles bureau of power and light, notifying them Ickes ruled the lease would violate the government's contract with the Los Angeles department of water and power.

Until the telegram was received, the utility had been considered an almost certain choice for the contract. The proposed lease had provided that the Southern Sierras Power company and the Nevada-California Power company use the generating plant for a period of three years. The bureau of reclamation was to have received from the power companies one-half mill per kilowatt hour while the Los Angeles bureau would have been required to pay the federal bureau 1.63 mills.

The water and power commissioners dispatched a telegram to Scattergood at Washington, praising him for his successful attempts to block the lease.