Decision No. 1888

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

John O. Forster, S. Young, Edward Sexton,
Guy Williams, Leo E. Windolph, L. P. Morrison,
S. M. Bathgate, J. S. Malcom, H. Halladay,
Robert Scott, C. E. Crumrine, H. Larkin,
Clayton H. Landreth, C. J. Guilbert, Oscar
Rosenbaum, Gordon Robertson, Hugh McNinch,
John J. Harrison, Arley H. Leck, William
Bathgate, Jr., M. F. Forster, J. L. Hunter,
C. R. Cook, Albert Pryor, Henry Vanderleck,
J. May Smith, Aaron Buchheim, Carl H. Hankey,
Ferris F. Kelly, R. Y. Williams. Ferris F. Kelly, R. Y. Williams, Complainants,

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Case No. 2488.

San Diego Consolidated Gas and Electric Company, a Corporation, .Defendant.

In the Matter of the Investigation upon the Commission's own motion into the rates, charges, classifications, contracts, practices, rules and regulations of SAN DIEGO CONSOLIDATED GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY, a

public.utility corporation.

Case No. 2491.

R. Y. Williams, for John O. Forster, San Diego Chamber of Commerce, and 160

other interested parties.

J. J. Deuel and L. S. Wing, for California
Farm Bureau Federation.

James O'Keefe, City Attorney of San Diego, for City of San Diego. Sweet, Stearns & Forward and Chickering & Gregory, by Allen Chickering and W. C. Fox, for San Diego Consolidated Gas and Electric Company.

CARR, COMMISSIONER:

#### OBINION

The complaint of John O. Forster et al. vs. San Diego Consolidated Gas and Electric Company alleges unreasonably high electric rates and poor service conditions prevailing in the vicinity of San Juan Capistrano. The rates of this Company not having

cess of a return at the rate of 72 per cent on its investment. Upon this showing being made, the Company stated that it was agreeable to an order being made reducing its rates so as to decrease its income approximately \$400,000., a year, and if the order of the Commission went no further than this, it was willing to submit both proceedings upon the evidence presented.

Representatives of the consumers present at the hearing urged that such an order be made rather than to suffer the delay . . . incident to a protracted rate proceeding. While a slightly different result might be obtained if such a proceeding were had, when the element of delay is considered, it is apparent that the consumers will be better off to have an order made at once along the lines to which the Company assents.

The gas rates of this Company have been controlled for some years by the price of fuel oil, and a considerable reduction from the gas rates originally established has accrued to this group of consumers. Substantially all the excess earnings of the Company are being made in its electric and steamheat departments, and the rate reduction herein ordered is confined to those branches. The reductions in electric rates made by the Company in 1927 have been given consideration in determining the spread of the reductions. As the agricultural consumers have not benefited from any rate reduction in recent years, this group will receive a somewhat larger reduction than other groups of consumers.

The form of agricultural schedule has been the subject of much consideration. Representatives of the California Farm Bureau Federation, who appeared for the agricultural interests have strongly urged the type of schedule in use in Northern California, and such a schedule has been adopted. It is generally recognized that this form of schedule more equitably distributes the cost of service as between individuals of the group than does the existing form of schedule. While the new schedule will give a reduction of 15% to the entire agricultural group, a few consumers bills will be increased slightly, while other consumers will receive reductions ranging from little or nothing to considerably in excess of 15%.

service delivered on and after May 1, 1928.

(2) San Diego Consolidated Gas and Electric Company charge and collect for electric power supplied to the City of San Diego, effective with bills based on meter readings taken on and after April 20, 1928, in accordance with the following energy charges:

First 100,000 K.W.H. per month at \$.019 per K.W.H. Next 150,000 # # # .015 # # All over 250,000 # # # # .011 # #

(3) That certain contract entered into by and between San Diego Consolidated Gas and Electric Company and San Diego Electric Railway Company, dated January 1, 1925, is hereby modified with respect to the energy charges as follows:

That portion reading:

"For the first 300 kilowatt hours
per month per kilowatt of maximum
demand, one and thirty-one hundredths,
(1.31) cents per kilowatt hour of alternating current energy.

is hereby changed to read:

"For the first 300 kilowatt hours per month per kilowatt of maximum demand, one and twenty-three hundredths (1.23) cents per kilowatt hour of alternating current energy.

For all over 300 kilowatt
hours per month per kilowatt
of maximum demand, ninety
hundredths
(.90) cents per kilowatt
hour of alternating current energy."

such modification of energy charges to be effective with billing based on meter readings taken on and after April 20, 1928, and the contract in all other respects to remain unchanged.

For all other purposes the effective date of this order shall be twenty (20) days from and after the date hereof.

The foregoing opinion and order are hereby approved and ordered filed as the opinion and order of the Railroad Commission of the State of California.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this /8 day of April, 1928.

EXHIBIT "A"

(a) For the purpose of calculating rates for less than all night service, it will be assumed that the average hour of turning off all night service is 5:30 a.m. and the average hours of nightly services used:

All night service (4000 hours per year) ll hours per night Midnight service (2000 hours per year) 5½ hours per night

- (b) Contracts are made for a period of one to five years.
- (c) If one municipality or lighting district adjoins a second, and the lighting of both are fed from the same circuit, then the two districts shall earn a rate based on their combined installation, provided the hours of burning and the characteristics of the circuits are the same.

#### SCHEDULE NO. 1-4.

(Superseding Schedule No. 10 Electric)

# SERIES MUNICIPAL STREET LIGHTING - ORNAMENTAL POST:

Applicable to service to electrolier or other lighting systems where the customer owns the equipment and the company supplies energy at one or more central points.

#### TERRITORY: .

Entire territory served.

#### RATE:

A	Rates per La	mp per Month
Candle Power of Lamp	Midnight Service	All Night Service
100	\$1.00	\$1.55
250	1.80	
400	2.60	2.70
600		<b>3.</b> 85
	<b>3</b> ₊60	5.05
1,000	4.75	7.25

- (a) Company renews all burned out lamps, repairs broken globes and refractors, cleans refractors not oftener than every three months. Company repairs wiring in posts and makes minor repairs to wiring, but where replacement of underground conduit is required, the Company will do the same at the expense of the customer. Company also paints and cleans posts as needed.
  - (b) Contracts are made for a period of one year.

# SCHEDULE NO. 1-5.

(Superseding Schedule No. 3 Electric)

# SIGNS, DISPLAYS AND OUTLINE LIGHTING:

This schedule applies only to exterior lighting, such as signs, displays, billboards, outline lighting and street streamers.

#### TERRITORY:

Entire territory served.

#### RATE:

# Rate per Month

Burning	to	11:00	p.m.		-9£	per	watt	of	connected	Ioad
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Patrol charge \$1.00 per sign per month.

## MINIMUM CHARGE:

The minimum charge for all the foregoing rates will be at least \$1.00 to which \$1.00 will be added for patrol service.

- (a) Contracts will be required for a period of one year.
- (b) Bills are payable monthly in advance.

#### SCHEDULE NO. 1-6.

(Superseding Schedule No. 11 Electric)

# MISCELLANEOUS STREET LIGHTING INSTALLATIONS:

This schedule covers certain ornamental lighting installations.

#### TERRITORY:

Applicable to the San Diego District only.

#### RATE:

- (1) 7th and Upas Streets, 5-1 light posts, 60 watt 110 volt, \$1.5755 per post per month, operated all night.
- (2) Kensington Park, 4-1 light posts, 100 watt, 110 volt, \$2.4725 per post per month.

12-2 light posts, 40 watt, 110 volt, \$2.4150 per post per month.

Lamps burning until midnight.

- (1) The Company maintains and furnishes free lamp and globe renewals in all the above schedules.
- (2) Schedule for 7th and Upas Streets, (1) is for no definite period. Contract for Kensington Park, (2) is for five years.
- (3) Customer furnishes the original installation.

# SCHEDULE NO. L-7

(Superseding Schedule No. 12 Electric)

# ORNAMENTAL MULTIPLE BLOCK LICHTING:

This schedule applies to various multiple ornamental post street lighting, posts containing from five to seven globes, with a total of 220, 270 and 340 watts per post.

## TERRITORY:

Applicable to the City of San Diego only.

# RATE:

Five and seven globe posts, 270 or 340 watts per post, \$4.60 per post per month, burning to midnight.

Five globe posts, 220 watts per post, \$4.60 per post per month, burning all night.

- (1) Company renews all burned out lamps and broken globes and maintains entire system.
- (2) Contracts are for a period of one year.
  - (3) City furnishes the original installation.

CEH SCHEDULE NO. C-1. (Superseding Schedule No. 18 Electric) COMBINATION RATE FOR RESIDENTIAL SERVICE: Applicable to residential domestic cooking, space heating or water heating, with which residential lighting may be combined. Not applicable to lighting alone. TERRITORY: Entire territory served. RATE: Applicable to residences, individual flats or individual apartments of seven active rooms or less. 12 KWH or less per meter per month \$1.00 \$ .9 .06 per KWH 18 per meter per month: Next 150 03 Excess For residences, individual flats or individual apartments of more than seven rooms, the second block of 7¢ gross or 6¢ net shall be increased 5 KWH for each additional room. MINIMUM CHARGE: 50¢ per month per kilowatt of connected capacity of domestic power, heating and cooking apparatus, but not less than \$3.00 per month. The connected capacity for the determination of the minimum bill of customers served under this rate will be determined by taking the sum of only the electrical apparatus which is permanently connected, such as electric refrigerators, motors, ranges and other cooking and heating apparatus not in the class known as socket appliances. SPECIAL CONDITIONS: (1) These rates apply only where customer installs and uses cooking or water heating appliances other than lamp socket appliances of at least 4 kilowatt capacity. Heating appliances other than cooking or water heating appliances will not

- (2) Active rooms are all rooms, except bathrooms, halls,
- (3) Connected load will be taken as the name plate rating of all heating, cooking and water heating apparatus other than lamp socket devices which may be connected at any one time taken to the nearest 1/10 kilowatt.
- (4) Single phase power service of 3 horsepower or less may be combined under this schedule, in which case each horsepower of connected load shall be considered equivalent to l kilowatt of connected load in determining the minimum charge.
- (5) Service under this schedule will be granted in the first instance for not less than 12 months.
- (6) In case of purely seasonal service, the minimum bill may be made accumulative on a 12 months' basis. For air heating the service will be considered seasonal where the connected load in air heaters equals or exceeds the connected load of other appliances.

#### SCHEDULE, No. P-1.

(Superseding Schedules Nos. 5 and 6 - Electric)

# GENERAL POWER SERVICE:

Applicable to alternating current for general commercial and industrial power service and to commercial heating and cooking service and rectifier service.

#### TERRITORY:

Entire territory served.

#### RATE:

Rate per K.W.H. for monthly consumption

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Horse power of Connected Load	First 50 K.W.H. per H.P.	Next 50 K.W.H. per H.P.	Next 100 K.W.H. per H.P.	200 & Over K.W.H. per H.P.		
1 - 4 H.P.	5.0€	2.4¢	1.8¢	1.5¢		
5 - 9 *	<b>3.</b> 8	2.3	1.7	1.4		
10 - 24 *	3.6	2.2	1.6	1.3		
25 - 49 "	3.2	2.1	1.5	1.2		
50 - 99 #	2.6	1.9	1.4	1.1		
100 - 249 "	2.3	1.6	1.3	1.0		
250 - 499 "	2.1	1.4	1.2	• 9		
500 and over	2.0	1.2	1.1	-9		

# MINIMUM CHARGE:

- (a) <u>Voltage</u> This schedule of rates will apply to alternating current service rendered at standard voltage in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Company. All necessary transformers to obtain such voltage will be supplied, owned and maintained by the Company.
- (b) Any consumer may obtain the rate for a larger installation by guaranteeing the rates and minimum charge applicable to the larger installation.
- (c) In case of intermittent service customer may pay for all energy used at the above rates without a minimum charge

by the payment of a service charge of \$5.00 per connected horse power per year in addition to the energy charge. This service charge is payable at the rate of \$1.00 per month per H.P. for the first five months, beginning with the first

- (d) The above rates and minimum charges may be based on horse power of measured maximum demand instead of horse power of connected load, providing the installation consists of at least two motors and has a total connected capacity of at least 50 H.P., in which case the horse power of demand on which the rates and minimum charges will be based will not be less than 40% of the connected load and in no case shall the minimum be less than \$50.00 per month.
- (e) The maximum demand in any month shall be the average horse power input (746 watts equivalent) indicated or recorded by instruments to be supplied, owned and maintained by the Company and at the Company's expense upon the consumer's premises, adjacent to watt-hour meters, in the 15 minute interval in which the consumption of electric energy is greater than in any other 15 minute interval in the month, or, at the option of the Company, the maximum demand may be determined by test.

In case of connected loads of 500 H.P. or over, the Company may base the consumer's maximum demand upon a 30 minute interval instead of a 15 minute interval.

. In the case of hoists, elevators, welding machines, furnaces and other installations where the energy demand is intermittent, or subject to violent fluctuations, the Company may base the consumer's maximum demand upon a 5 minute interval instead of a 15 minute interval.

- (f) Maximum demand meters when used will be installed and maintained by the Company at its expense.
- (g) Where the primary use of power is seasonal the minimum charge may, at the option of the consumer, be made accumulative over a twelve months' period.
- (h) Wherever, upon test, any motor is found to be delivering more than 125% of its capacity as indicated by its name plate rating, the Company may disregard the name plate rating and base its charges upon the actual output as calculated from test.
  - (1) Customer may not decrease his connected load for the purpose of avoiding payment of minimum bills.
- (j) Alternating current metered to motor generator sets, mercury are rectifiers, A.C. Compens-Arcs, or A.C. motion picture projection machines, where such energy is used for the purpose of serving motion picture projection machines only, and not used for general lighting purposes, may be billed to the consumer under this schedule. No other lighting service is included under this schedule.

LV SCHEDULE NO. P-2. (Superseding Schedule No. 14 Electric) WHOLESALE POWER SERVICE: This schedule is applicable to energy supplied for all power purposes when the connected load in motors is 100 horsepower or greater, energy to be delivered and measured at primary potential of 2200, 4000 or 11,000 volts, consumer supplying necessary transformers. TERRITORY: Entire territory served. RATE: (1) Demand Charge: SI.25 per k.w. of maximum demand. Plus - (4(2) Energy Charge First 50,000 kwh per month 1.20 per kwh
Over 50,000 " " " -80 " " Over 50,000 " The above rate is subject to an increase or decrease on the basis of \$.0005 per kilowatt hour for each full log increase or decrease in the cost of oil above or below the price of \$1.05 per barrel, f.o.b. the Company's oil tanks San Diego. MINIMUM CHARGE: The minimum charge will be at least \$24.00 per connected horsepower per year. SPECIAL CONDITIONS: (a) The total charge per month is the sum of the demand and energy charge. (b) The maximum demand in any month will be the average kilowatt delivery in the fifteen minute interval in which the consumption of electric energy is greater than in any other fifteen minute interval in the month, but in no case will such maximum demand be less than 50% of the total connected load. For maximum demands occurring between the hours of 11:00 P.M. and 6:00 A.M. of the following day, only 60% of such maximum demands shell be considered when computing demand charge. (c) Lighting will be allowed under this schedule of rates provided the connected load in lighting does not exceed 5% of the connected load in power. The customer must furnish his own transformers for the purpose of reducing the voltage to that of his lighting circuit. All energy furnished for both power and light shall be measured by means of one meter. -19-

#### SCHEDULE P-3 (CONT\*D)

#### SPECIAL CONDITIONS: (Cont'd)

## (e) CONTRACTS:

The Company may require a contract for service under this schedule for a period not to exceed three years when service is first rendered and thereafter from year to year.

#### (f) CONNECTED LOAD:

The above rates and annual charges will be based on the largest load that may be connected at any one time. For the purpose of calculating service charge one kilowatt of lighting or heating load will be rated at one horsepower.

# (g) CHARGES FOR SERVICE BEGUN OR DISCONTINUED DURING THE AGRICULTURAL YEAR:

When service is first begun or permanently discontinued during the agricultural year, the demand charge will be prorated according to the proportion of the six months' season from April 1st to September 30th during which service is taken. Consumers permanently increasing or decreasing their connected load will have their demand charges adjusted upon the same basis, and the relative position in the energy blocking will be maintained.

No adjustment will be made when installations shut down for a few months or for the balance of the season.

# SCHEDULE NO. P-4.

# (Superseding Schedule No. 4 - Electric)

# DIRECT CURRENT POWER SERVICE:

Applicable to 500-volt direct current power service for elevators and variable speed motors to which three-phase alternating current is not easily adapted.

#### TERRITORY:

Applicable to the contral business district of San Diego.

#### RATE:

First Next	100	k.w.h.	per	meter	per	month	7¢ p	er "	k.w.h.
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**	500	**	17	17	12	17	34	77	**
All over	1,000	**	77	ñ	19	rt .	2.56	**	47

# MINIMUM CHARGE:

\$1.00 per horsepower of connected load per month.

LV SCHEDULE NO. P-5 (Superseding Schedule No. 15, Electric) STAND-BY OR AUXILIARY FOR LIGHTING OR POWER SERVICE: Applicable to stand-by or breakdown service supplied to customers whose premises are regularly supplied with light or power from a privately owned source of supply and to other electric service where the Company must stand ready at all times to supply electricity for lighting or power service, but where the use of electric service is not of a usual, regular, or continuous character. The maximum load served under this schedule is 1,000 kilowatts. TERRITORY: Entire territory served. RATE: The rate schedule used will be that applicable to the class of business if continuously supplied. The minimum specified herein shall replace the minimum charge specified in such schedule, but the kilowatt-hour charge, readiness to serve charge, and all other conditions specified in said rate schedule, shall remain unchanged. Where the appropriate rate schedule carries a higher minimum charge than the minimum specified herein, the former shall be substituted for that provided herein. MINIMUM CHARGE: The minimum charge for each kilowatt or fraction thereof, of maximum load, which the Company agrees to stand ready to supply shall be \$1.00 per kilowatt per month of such maximum load, but not less than \$20.00 per month. SPECIAL CONDITIONS: (1) In case the customer desires the Company to stand ready to supply the entire connected load of the customer's plant, then such maximum load will be estimated by the Com--23-

pany, based on tests and other information available. In case the customer desires the Company to stand ready to supply a number of kilowatts less than the maximum demand of the entire customer's plant, or an isolated part thereof, as estimated by the Company, then the Company shall install a suitable circuit breaker enclosed in a steel box equipped with lock, the cost thereof to be paid by the customer. The Company shall have sole control of the adjustment and operation of said circuit breaker, and it is to be in no way interfered with by the customer. This circuit breaker shall be set to break the connection with the Company's service in case the customer's maximum demand shall at any time materially exceed the number of kilowatts which the Company is obligated to stand ready to supply. If said circuit breaker should open, due to excess of customer's demand above the number of kilowatts agreed on, the Company will renew the connection upon due notice and upon receiving satisfactory assurance that the customer will reduce his maximum demand to the specified figure, or contract for an additional capacity, such contract to be for a period of one year from that date.

- (2) Metering and billing for stand-by service shall be kept separate and distinct from the metering and billing for regular exclusive service supplied at the same location.
- (3) This schedule will only be given where the customer will sign a contract for at least one year.

#### SCHEDULE NO. P-6.

# (Superseding Schedule No. 16 - Electric)

#### WIRELESS TELECRAPH SERVICE:

Applicable to service to wireless telegraph installations.

#### TERRITORY:

Entire territory served.

#### RATE:

Established power rates in all districts served.

#### MINIMUM CHARGE:

#### DISCOUNT:

As set forth under established power rates.

#### SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

For permanent commercial installations, established power schedules may apply.

In the event that service is continued for a period of twelve consecutive months, the installation charge herein provided will be refunded.

# SCHEDULE NO. 1

# (Superseding Schedule No. 1 - Steam)

# GENERAL SERVICE:

Applicable to general steam heating service.

## TERRITORY:

A portion of the business district of the City of San Diego, California, as described in the Preliminary Statement.

#### RATE:

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First Next Next Over	75,000 75,000 150,000 300,000	#	per	month m	• • •	\$1.00 .90 .80 .70	
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#### MINIMUM CHARGE:

Cubic Fee	et to be Heated	Monthly Charge
Up to	50,000	\$2.50
50,001 to	100,000	4.50
100,001 to	150,000	6.25
150,001 to	200,000	7,75
200,001 to	250,000	9.25
250,001 to	300,000	10.50
300,001 to	350,000	11.50
350,001 to	400,000	12.50
400,001 to	450,000	13.50
450,001 to	500,000	14.50
500,001 to	600,000	16.00
600,001 to	700,000	17.50
700,001 to	800,000	18.50
800,001 to	900,000	19.25
900,001 to	1,000,000	20.00
Over	1,000,000	20.00

# SPECIAL CONDITION:

Service under this schedule is granted in the first instance for not less than one year.