

Decision No. 25382

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Investigation
on the Commission's own motion into
the reasonableness and interpreta-
tion of the rules, regulations,
practices and operations of Los
Angeles Gas and Electric Corpora-
tion, Southern California Edison
Company, Ltd., Southern Sierras Pow-
er Company, San Diego Consolidated
Gas and Electric Company, Southern
California Gas Company, and Southern
Counties Gas Company, and more par-
ticularly as to Rules 17 and 24.

CASE NO. 3049

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Electric Corporation.

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Edison Company, Ltd.

S. W. Binckley, for Southern California
Gas Company.

T. A. Hunter and H. W. Howe, for Certain
Industrial Consumers.

H. C. Dillon, for San Diego Consolidated
Gas and Electric Company.

STEVENOT, Commissioner.

FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION

The above entitled matter was reopened for further hearing, in Los Angeles on October 21, 1932, in behalf of Los Angeles Gas and Electric Corporation, said corporation having filed a petition for modification of this Commission's order of November 16, 1931 (Decision No. 24229), respecting the provisions of Rule and Regulation No. 17 entitled "Readings of Separate Meters not Combined."

The record shows that petitioner is in direct competition with the City of Los Angeles, operating through its Department of Water and Power, and that subsequent to the Commission's order

of November 16, 1931, above referred to, the said City of Los Angeles duly adopted, effective July 1, 1932, Ordinance No. 71,475, permitting the combining of meter readings under certain conditions, thus putting petitioner at a serious disadvantage in obtaining new business or retaining its existing business. Petitioner therefore requests that it be permitted to modify or amend its Rule and Regulation No. 17, in so far as its electric operations are concerned, to meet the provisions of the above mentioned ordinance of the City of Los Angeles.

No one appeared in opposition to the petition. The request of petitioner appears reasonable and I recommend the following form of order.

FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER

Los Angeles Gas and Electric Corporation having asked that this Commission make its Supplemental Order in the above entitled matter, authorizing petitioner to adopt Rule and Regulation No. 17 as amended and made a part of the petition herein, a public hearing having been held and the matter submitted,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Rule and Regulation No. 17, entitled, "Readings of Separate Meters not Combined," found just and reasonable in this Commission's Decision No. 24229, dated November 16, 1931, be, insofar as it relates only to the electric operations of Los Angeles Gas and Electric Corporation, and the same is, hereby amended to read as follows:

RULE AND REGULATION
No. 17

READINGS OF SEPARATE METERS NOT COMBINED

For the purpose of making charges each meter upon the consumer's premises will be considered separately and readings of two or more meters will not be combined except as follows:

- (a) Where combinations of meter readings are specifically provided for in rate schedules.

- (b) Where the maintenance of adequate service and/or where the Corporation's operating convenience shall require the installation of two or more meters upon the consumer's premises, instead of one meter.
- (c) As applied to existing facilities of present consumers where meter readings were combined prior to December 1, 1931.
- (d) Where two or more meters or service connections are installed on a consumer's premises for one class of service used by the consumer, and not for separate tenants, the readings of said meters, upon application to the Corporation, may be combined for the purpose of computing bills, provided the consumer pays a monthly charge of one and one-quarter per cent (1 $\frac{1}{4}$ %) of the cost of furnishing and installing all meters and services and line and transformer construction additional to that required for the Corporation's operating convenience and necessity and in addition thereto ten cents (10¢) per meter per month for each such additional meter. The Corporation, under this provision, will not be required to increase the number of service connections to any premises in excess of those required for its operating convenience and necessity.

(The application of paragraph (b) shall be determined by the nature of the meter installation which would be made for new consumers enjoying a similar character of service.)

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Los Angeles Gas and Electric Corporation file and make effective, on or before January 1, 1933, Rule and Regulation No. 17 as authorized herein.

In all other respects, Decision No. 24229 shall remain in full force and effect.

The effective date of this order is December 30th, 1932.

The foregoing Supplemental Opinion and Order are hereby approved and ordered filed as the First Supplemental Opinion and Order of the Railroad Commission of the State of California.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 10th day of December, 1932.

C. J. Jones
W. A. Cunn
W. B. Harris
Fred G. Stewart
 Commissioners.