

Decision No. 7439

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the matter of the joint application :
of the SOUTHERN SIERRAS POWER COMPANY : Application
and the HOLTON POWER COMPANY for a : No. 5334
revision of rates. : :

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

Southern Sierras Power Company asks that, pending the final determination of its rates and charges for electricity, it be permitted to place in effect in the City of San Bernardino such rates as the Commission shall authorize Southern California Edison Company to charge for similar service in said City of San Bernardino.

The lighting rates of both companies which are in competition in the City of San Bernardino have been identical and other rates charged by these two competing companies have been on a parity.

The Commission under date of April 15, 1920, by Decision No. 7424 in Application No. 5394, has authorized Southern California Edison Company to add a temporary surcharge of 27% to all its rates and charges for electricity.

For very substantial reasons the rates of these two companies where they are in competition should remain the same. A marked difference in rates, such as would result if this application be not granted, would cause a transfer of business from the high to the low rate company, thus imposing a burden resulting in a denial or breakdown of service.

From every standpoint it is better that the rates of these two companies be kept on a parity in competitive territory, at least until final rate schedules are established.

O R D E R

Based upon the foregoing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that Southern Sierras Power Company be and it is hereby authorized to charge and collect for electric energy sold in the City of San Bernardino the same rates and charges as authorized to Southern California Edison Company by this Commission in Decision No. 7424, which rates shall be effective for all regular meter readings taken on and after April 25, 1920, to and including all regular meter readings taken on and before January 25, 1921, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.

PROVIDED, Southern Sierras Power Company shall on or before April 25, 1920 file with the Railroad Commission such changes in its existing schedules of electric rates as shall be necessary to comply with the provisions hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this
19th day of April, 1920.

Edwin O. Edgerston

Stanley R. Perkins

H. B. Bunn

Dwight M. Austin

Commissioners.