

Decision No. 22958

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Application of
THE SOUTHERN SIERRAS POWER COMPANY,
an electrical utility corporation,
for authority under Section 15 and
Subdivision B, Section 17, of the Pub-
lic Utilities Act of the State of Cal-
ifornia, to make effective retroactive-
ly from and as of May 18, 1936, within
the territorial limits served through
and from The Southern Sierras Power
Company's Brawley City Electric Sub-
station, Imperial County, California,
proposed schedules of rates for elec-
tric service in the Imperial Valley,
California, being filed by applicant
company under advice letter No. 119
to the California Railroad Commission.

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BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND ORDER AUTHORIZING FILING
OF DECREASED RATES ON LESS THAN
30 DAYS' NOTICE.

The Southern Sierras Power Company has filed its application praying the Commission authorize it to publish a new schedule of decreased rates estimated to vary from 10 to 15 per cent covering electric service rendered within the City of Brawley and adjacent territory served through and from its electric substation at Brawley, and to make such rates retroactive uniformly to its patrons within that area on electric energy consumption since May 18, 1936. The utility states in its application that on May 18, 1936 the Imperial Irrigation District commenced competitive electric service within the City of Brawley at rates practically the same as those now proposed although the rates of the District have not as yet been formally published. Inasmuch as the utility has thus been subject to competition since that date, it prays that it be authorized to make retroactive the same rates as those which the

District has accorded.

The Southern Sierras Power Company will also make effective a similar schedule throughout the entire Coachella and Imperial Valleys outside of the area served from its City of Brawley electric sub-station. The reduced rates to this outside area will not, however, be made effective except upon thirty days' notice and will therefore not require the Commission's formal approval.

The Commission is of the opinion that applicant should be permitted to reduce its rates within the City of Brawley and the adjacent area served by its Brawley substation to the level of those established by the Imperial Irrigation District, and that a public hearing upon this application is not required.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that The Southern Sierras Power Company be permitted and is hereby authorized to file within five days from date hereof a schedule of reduced rates applicable to electric service within the City of Brawley and the adjacent area served through and from its Brawley electric substation, as more particularly described and delineated in Exhibit "A" attached to the application, which schedule of rates shall not be less than the rates published by the Imperial Irrigation District applicable to electric service rendered by said District, and The Southern Sierras Power Company is hereby further authorized to make such schedule of electric rates applicable to all power consumption on and after May 18, 1936.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 7th day of July 1936.

W. B. Harris

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Commissioners