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Decision No. 23527

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application of the Midland Counties Public Service Corporation for an Order of the Railroad Commission authorizing applicant to file and make effective revised electric rate Schedule M-C-1 applicable to heating and cooking service in the entire territory served by applicant and to withdraw and cancel filed rate Schedule M-C-1 (Revised Sheet CRC. No. 336-E)

Application No. 21025

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BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

Midland Counties Public Service Corporation has filed with the Commission revised Schedule M-C-1 (Exhibit "C") to supersede and take the place of existing revised Schedule M-C-1 (revised Sheet 336-E - Exhibit "B"), the latter Schedule superseding Schedule M-C-1, revised Sheet 299-E - Exhibit "A", and said named exhibits being annexed to and made a part of the application. It has been requested that the revised Schedule (Exhibit "C") be made effective on March 1, 1937 on less than the regular thirty (30) days' notice.

The occasion for the present filing is to correct the filing made December 31, 1936 under Section 63-(b) of the Public Utilities Act. Filing made December 31, 1936 in reference to the above named Schedule, while lowering the base rate, likewise made certain changes in the wording of Schedule M-C-1, which under certain conditions may result in increases in the future. On the

December filing referred to, no showing as to the justification of such changes was made and no finding was made authorizing said changes. The changes on the revised filing may now be reviewed:

1. The title of revised Schedule M-C-1 reads: "Heating and Cooking Service" in place of the wording, "Commercial Heating and Cooking Service." This change widens the application of said Schedule.

2. The conditions under which single phase power service is obtainable are more clearly stated. The proposed Schedule provides in part as follows:

"Applicable * * * to single phase power service, 5 hp. or less, when combined on the same meter with heating and cooking service of at least 2 kw. capacity."

The comparable wording of canceled Schedule M-C-1 (Exhibit "A") was:

"Single phase motors aggregating 3 hp. or less may be combined under this Schedule * * *."

Applicant alleges that the wording of the last mentioned clause was incorrect and confusing, inasmuch as it might have been interpreted to hold out service to single phase motors alone, rather than that such service could be rendered only when combined with commercial heating and cooking equipment of a substantial character. The proposed change in the clause clearly states the conditions under which motor load may be served.

3. In the proposed Schedule M-C-1, the following clause under special condition (a) of canceled Schedule M-C-1 (Exhibit "A") has been omitted:

"The lighting load including lamp socket devices, such as flat irons, toasters, etc. will not be considered as part of the connected load when determining the minimum charges."

It is alleged that the above quoted clause was inadvertently and erroneously carried forward to a Schedule which would not in any wise be applicable to lighting service.

It is further alleged that the elimination of said clause from Schedule M-C-1 will not result in any increases in the charges to be made to any present M-C-1 customers of applicant.

We are of the opinion that in so far as proposed Schedule M-C-1 may result in increased rates and charges, such increases are justified, and further that this is not a matter for a public hearing.

O R D E R

It is ordered that Midland Counties Public Service Corporation be, and it is hereby authorized, to publish on less than thirty (30) days' notice, effective March 1, 1937, revised Schedule M-C-1 (Exhibit "C"), filed February 17, 1937.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 15th day of March, 1937.

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