

Decision No. 32276

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY
LTD. for an Order (1) Authorizing
the Filing by Applicant of Certain
Rates Limited to Territory in which
are Located Electrical Lines and
Equipment about to be Acquired from
The City of Los Angeles and the
Department of Water and Power of
The City of Los Angeles, and (2)
Making said Rates Effective on all
Meter Readings in said Territory
from and after September 1, 1939.

ORIGINAL

Application No. 22939

O P I N I O N

BY THE COMMISSION:

This application of Southern California Edison Company, Ltd. (sometimes hereinafter referred to as Company) requests authority: (1) to file rates which shall be charged to consumers now served by electric lines of the City of Los Angeles (hereinafter referred to as Department), which properties located outside of the City, are to be acquired by applicant; and (2), to make said rates effective in the cases of said consumers for all meter readings taken on and after September 1, 1939.

Under date of June 6, 1939 the Commission, by its Decision No. 22057 in Application No. 22772, authorized applicant to execute that agreement attached as Exhibit B of that application entitled, "Contract of Compromise and Settlement Between the City of Los Angeles and the Department of Water and Power of the City of Los Angeles and the Southern California Edison Company Ltd." That contract provided for the transfer by Company of certain of its electrical properties situated within the limits of the City of Los Angeles to the Department and for the transfer by Department

of certain of its electrical properties located outside the City to Company which said Department had previously acquired from Los Angeles Gas and Electric Corporation. Paragraph 9 of said agreement provides as follows: "The Company will file with the Railroad Commission, to be effective concurrently with transfer of property to it, rates applicable to the consumers served by such property the same as are now charged by the Department in such territory." This application proposes the filing of rates to execute the terms of said agreement, which will constitute the final step in the transfer of electrical properties under the agreement. The City, through counsel for the Department of Water and Power, has signified its approval of the particular rates now submitted for filing.

Several facts surrounding the resulting rate situation should be mentioned. The Company already furnishes service generally throughout unincorporated areas adjacent to and surrounded by the City of Los Angeles at rates on file with the Commission. These rates, in cases of areas abutting the City, are in some instances somewhat higher than rates charged by the Department, hence to transfer billings of certain of the present consumers of the Department to rate schedules of the Company would obviously increase their charges for service. On the other hand in one portion of the unincorporated territory surrounded by the City, known as Gilmore Island, the rates filed by the Company are lower than those being charged by the Department.

The transfer of the utility service in these territories from Department to the Company will directly affect about 9586 electric consumers. The territorial and rate groupings are as follows:

(1) Territory No. 1 consists of seven distinct "territories" in which the Company will acquire lines from the Department. In those seven "territories" the Company now serves 359 consumers at rates higher than those charged by the Department. The Company,

in those "territories," will take over some 9,148 consumers from the Department. The existing Company consumers will, by the proposed rate filing, obtain reductions and all customers in those territories will then be served at rates which are substantially the same as those now being charged by the Department.

(2) Territory No. 2 consists of a single unincorporated area entirely surrounded by the City of Los Angeles and known as "Gilmore Island." Existing Company consumers in this area are now charged rates lower than those charged by the Department in this same unincorporated territory. The Department consumers in this area (approximately twenty-one) who will be transferred to the Company under the proposed schedules will be accorded the same rates as those charged existing Company consumers in the area.

(3) The Department now serves fifty-eight consumers in various locations in county territory which is now generally served by the Company. These fifty-eight Department consumers, because of their widely scattered locations, cannot be grouped in any specific territorial limits without also including therein substantial portions of the Company's distribution system with its numerous consumers. For this reason the fifty-eight Department consumers when taken over by the Company will be accorded rates substantially the same as those now charged by the Department. However, such rates will be extended to these specific fifty-eight consumers only so long as they occupy their present premises. The general rate schedules of the Company will apply to any service rendered to the fifty-eight consumers at different premises or to any succeeding occupants of the present premises subsequent to transfer of these fifty-eight consumers from the Department to the Company.

The fact that in these unincorporated territories both the Department and the Company have been rendering service at different rates makes it somewhat difficult for the applicant,

upon taking over all consumers of the Department in such territories, immediately to adjust its rates in a manner entirely equitable to both existing consumers and those who will be acquired by transfer. The applicant alleges that its proposed rates are in conformity with the understanding expressed in paragraph 9 of its agreement with the Department though they are not in all respects identical with the rates of the Department. We believe that the proposed rates are as equitable as can be devised at the present time. Their application will aid the gradual process effecting a greater uniformity in rates than has heretofore existed.

O R D E R

The Southern California Edison Company Ltd. having made application for authority to file certain schedules attached to and made a part of said application, and it appearing to the Commission that such application should be granted without public hearing thereon; Therefore

Good cause appearing, IT IS ORDERED that Southern California Edison Company Ltd. be and it is hereby authorized to file such schedules, consisting of the revised preliminary statement, the rate schedules and the revised Rule and Regulation No. 32 attached as Exhibit A, together with the Rate Zone Maps attached as Exhibit B to said application, such schedules to become effective and applicable to all meter readings taken on and after September 1, 1939.

The effective date of this Order shall be the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California this 29th day of

August, 1939.

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