

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 47984

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY,)
a corporation, for an Order of the)
Public Utilities Commission authoriz-)
ing Applicant Southern California)
Edison Company to enter into a special)
agreement with COLUMBIA BROADCASTING)
SYSTEM, INC.)

Application No. 33868

OPINION AND ORDER

In this application Southern California Edison Company asks for authority to enter into an agreement with Columbia Broadcasting System, Inc., dated August 26, 1952 as amended October 8, 1952, a copy of which is attached to the application and marked as Exhibit A. The agreement provides for delivery by Edison of electric energy and service for the operation of Columbia's television transmitting station and a pumping plant in Deer Park on Mt. Wilson, California, said station and pumping plant being hereinafter referred to as project.

The project being operated by Columbia was formerly owned by Thomas S. Lee Enterprises, Inc. and Edison supplied electric energy and service to said project under and pursuant to the terms of an agreement dated December 31, 1948, service under which said agreement was authorized by Decision No. 42723 dated April 19, 1949.

Under the terms of the present agreement, Edison shall own and maintain certain underground facilities and a substation which have been installed at the project in order to provide such electric service and all equipment necessary for metering

such energy. Columbia owns and will maintain a concrete pad which has been installed for the substation and a meter house which has been installed adjacent to said pad. Edison is granted a license to enter and use a site or sites for Edison's facilities. Electric energy and service is to be delivered for said television station at a capacity of 60 kva and a nominal voltage of 240 volts, three phase, for said pumping plant at 5 kva of capacity and 480 volts, three phase, and for lighting service to the project at 35 kva of capacity and 120/240 volts, single phase. Said energy will be delivered to Columbia at the meters located in meter house adjacent to the substation.

Because of the present uncertainty as to the length of time service will be required to the pumping plant, Columbia agrees to pay Edison the sum of \$174.68, representing the cost of installing and removing pumping plant facilities at the project, in the event service is discontinued to the pumping plant any time prior to 36 months from the date of the agreement.

Under the terms of the agreement, Columbia is to pay for all power service furnished to the project at the rates and under the conditions of Edison's filed Schedule P-41 and for all single-phase lighting service furnished to the project at the rates and under the conditions of Edison's filed Schedule L-41 as said schedules now exist or as they may hereafter be amended or superseded. Said schedules are shown on rate sheets Revised CRC No. 2291-E and Revised CRC No. 2266-E, respectively, and are applicable in that portion of Edison's territory known as Zone D.

The agreement provides that, due to the fact that furnishing of electric energy and electric service at the location of the project is subject to extreme hazards of weather, Edison shall not be liable to Columbia for any loss or damage sustained

by Columbia as a result of shortage of supply, or interruption of service, or variation in voltage or frequency resulting from action of the elements or from other matters or causes beyond the reasonable control of Edison.

The agreement is to continue in effect until terminated by Columbia's giving to Edison not less than 30 days' written notice of its intention to terminate. However, since it will be necessary for Edison to use certain public lands of the United States in constructing, operating and maintaining certain facilities necessary for the furnishing of service to customer, and since the present permit for use of such government land as issued to Edison by the United States Department of Agriculture expires on May 23, 1955, the agreement provides that it shall not continue beyond that date or the sooner termination or revocation of said permit, or any extension or renewal of said permit or of any new permit that may be issued to Edison upon the expiration of the present permit.

The Commission having considered the above-entitled application and being of the opinion that the application should be granted and that a public hearing in the matter is not necessary, and good cause appearing, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Southern California Edison Company is authorized to carry out the terms of that certain agreement with Columbia Broadcasting System, Inc., dated August 26, 1952, as amended October 8, 1952, a copy of which is marked Exhibit A and attached to the application, to install the

facilities and render the service therein specified and to charge and collect the rates stated therein.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty (20) days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 2nd day of December, 1952.

A. J. Dunning
President.
Justus F. Casper
Harold A. Kels
Samuel Patten
John L. Mitchell
Commissioners.