

Decision No. 48965**ORIGINAL**

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 of the
 State of California authorizing it
 to carry out the terms of an agree-
 ment with the MEMORIAL NATIONAL HOME
 FOUNDATION, a non-profit California
 corporation, operator of Truman Boyd
 Manor, a housing development.)

Application No. 34503

OPINION AND ORDER

In this application Southern California Edison Company requests authority to carry out the terms of an agreement dated May 31, 1953 with the Memorial National Home Foundation, hereinafter referred to as "Foundation". Said agreement provides for the supply of all electric energy and service by Edison to a public housing development in the City of Long Beach at rates and charges which differ from Edison's filed tariff schedules. A copy of said agreement is attached to the application and marked "Exhibit A".

The application states that Foundation is organized in California as a nonprofit California corporation and is now the operator of a housing development known as Truman Boyd Manor located south of Arlington Street between Union Pacific Railroad right of way and Santa Fe Avenue north of Spring Street in the City of Long Beach, California and that such housing development consists of dwelling units housing approximately one thousand families and supplemental administration buildings. The application further states that Edison and Foundation entered into said agreement after Edison had been informed by the United States of America,

through its Public Housing Administrator, that the government was conveying said housing project to Foundation. Edison also states that inasmuch as continuity of electric service to the occupants of the housing project was necessary and in the public interest, the agreement provides that it should be effective on and after May 31, 1953, the date the former contract with the United States of America was to be terminated.

The agreement states that Edison agrees to deliver and sell to Foundation all energy and electric service required by Foundation during the term of the agreement for the housing development at rates and under the terms and conditions set forth in the following manner:

DOMESTIC SERVICE - HOUSING PROJECT

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to alternating current electric service for general domestic and household purposes in a housing project through a master meter, including incidental nondomestic service.

TERRITORY

In the City of Long Beach within the boundary of the Truman Boyd Manor Project of the Memorial National Home Foundation.

RATES

		<u>Per Meter per Month</u>
First	14,000 kwhr or less	\$650.00
Next	36,000 kwhr, per kwhr	2.7¢
Next	150,000 kwhr, per kwhr	1.9¢
Excess	kwhr, per kwhr	1.5¢

Minimum Charge:

The minimum charge in any month shall be \$650.00.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. Voltage: These rates will apply to three-phase service rendered at nominal primary voltage of 4,000 volts where Foundation owns, maintains, and operates the distribution system for serving loads at standard secondary voltages.

2. Incidental Nondomestic Service, for the purpose of this schedule, is service essential to the operation of the housing project including such uses as office, yard and street lighting and appliances. It does not include service to dwellings or in buildings used primarily for trade or for any uses not essential to the operation of the housing project.

3. Applicable Rules and Regulations: This contract is subject to the rules and regulations on file with the Public Utilities Commission except for such rules as may be in conflict with the method of serving the project prescribed by the applicability clause and special conditions herein.

Applicant states that it is recognized in the terms and provisions of the agreement that applicant had theretofore filed its application (Application No. 33952) for an order of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California authorizing it to increase rates charged by it for electric service, and that such rate application includes proposed new schedules specifically applicable to general, domestic and household purposes in a multifamily accommodation, to street lighting, and to general lighting and single-phase power service of the class presently served at the aforesaid housing development. The agreement specifically states that if at any time during the existence of the agreement the Public Utilities Commission authorizes Edison to make effective the rate schedules presently proposed by the company in its Application No. 33952, or any other schedules applicable to any of the classes of service for the said housing development, then said new applicable rate schedules shall become effective and shall be applied to the service rendered pursuant to this agreement. The Foundation further agrees that at its own expense and risk it will promptly make any changes or additions to its wiring and facilities as required to take service under said applicable rate schedules. Applicant states that it is informed and believes and upon such information and belief alleges that the rates specified in Exhibit A have been designed generally in conformance with the principles developed in Decision No. 46176, dated September 4, 1951,

prescribing rates for service to the Compton Mutual Housing Association for a somewhat similar housing project, and are consistent with applicant's existing Long Beach rate level for single family domestic service.

Attached to the application, and marked "Exhibit B", and by reference made a part thereof, is a graph showing the relative relationships between the applicant's existing DM-1-L (D-6) rate in Long Beach if applied to 1,000 units, the rates specified in the attached agreement and applicant's existing DM-1-L (D-3) rate if applied to 500 units and the rate prescribed by the aforesaid Decision No. 46176 for the Compton Mutual Housing Association.

Based on the arithmetical average for various kwhr consumptions per family unit per month, the rates proposed in the agreement are approximately 17.5% below the present DM-1-L (D-6) Long Beach rates. This average reduction is comparable to the approximately 16.9% reduction, based on the average of the same kwhr consumptions per family unit, prescribed for the Compton Project when compared to the present DM-1-L (D-3) Compton rates.

The agreement further states that it shall become effective on and after May 31, 1953 and shall continue in effect until cancelled by either party's giving not less than 30 days' notice to the other of its intention so to terminate the agreement. The agreement further provides that at all times it shall be subject to such changes or modifications by the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California as said Commission from time to time may direct in the exercise of its jurisdiction.

Since the rates of the applicant for electric service are the subject of investigation in a proceeding now before this Commission, under Application No. 33952, it appears appropriate, therefore, to grant Edison's request in the present application

and to place the parties on notice that a final determination in Application No. 33952 may require a modification of the agreement of May 31, 1953 with respect to service to Foundation.

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 be and it is authorized to carry out the terms and conditions of the written agreement with Memorial National Home Foundation, dated May 31, 1953, and to render the service described therein under the terms, charges and conditions stated therein, provided, however, that this Commission, in the exercise of its jurisdiction, may prescribe other, similar or different rates, terms and conditions for the delivery of electric energy and service covered by the agreement.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 17th day of August, 1953.

President
Justus J. Coakley

Harold P. Kula

John E. Mitchell

Commissioners