

**ORIGINAL**Decision No. 54262

## 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 UNITED STATES OF )  
 AMERICA, acting through the Super- )  
 intendent of Sequoia and Kings )  
 Canyon National Parks, dated )  
 October 17, 1956. )

Application No. 38535

OPINION AND ORDER

By the above-entitled application Southern California Edison Company requests authority to carry out the terms and conditions of a contract dated October 17, 1956, with the United States of America acting through the Superintendent of Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks. Said contract relates to the supply of electric energy and service to the Park Service, its concessioners, and others in the Giant Forest and Lodgepole areas in Sequoia National Park, California. A copy of the contract is attached to the application and marked Exhibit A.

In order to furnish said service, applicant must construct an 11 kv distribution line approximately 16 miles long, from the Ash Mountain Headquarters Area, now served by applicant, to the Lodgepole Area in Sequoia National Park. This extension is estimated to cost \$150,000.

The reason for entering into this contract is that the Park Service does not have available sufficient funds to pay the cost of the initial line extension required by applicant's filed extension rule. Park Service has agreed, however, to pay a minimum charge of

\$1,250 per month, or \$15,000 per year, for all electric service furnished to the Park Service, its concessioners and others within the Giant Forest and Lodgepole developed areas, for a period of 10 years.

Applicant states that it believes there is a good possibility that revenue from such electric service under regularly filed tariff schedules will exceed the minimum charge for some portion of the term of the contract due to the potential growth of electric service requirements within the Park area. It has agreed to waive the provisions of its extension rule.

The contract provides that no payment other than the charges provided for in applicant's filed tariff schedules, plus said minimum charge, if any, will be required of the Park Service for the cost of furnishing and maintaining the initial distribution to Lodgepole. However, all further extension of said system will be made in accordance with applicant's applicable rules in effect at the time such extensions are made. The contract is to continue for a period of 10 years from and after October 17, 1956.

Provision is made that the contract shall not become effective until authorized by this Commission and that at all times the contract shall be subject to such changes or modifications as this Commission may, from time to time, direct in the exercise of its jurisdiction.

The Commission having considered the above-entitled application and being of the opinion that the application should be granted and that a public hearing thereon is not necessary; therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. That Southern California Edison Company be and it is authorized to carry out the terms and conditions of the written contract dated October 17, 1956, with The United States of America, acting through the Superintendent of Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, and to furnish the service described therein under the terms, charges and conditions stated therein.
2. That Southern California Edison Company shall file a statement with this Commission promptly after termination of this contract showing the date when said contract was terminated.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of DECEMBER, 1956.

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President

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Commissioners