

**ORIGINAL**

Decision No. 63878

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 author- )  
 izing Applicant Southern California )  
 Edison Company to enter into a special )  
 agreement with the WESTERN UNION )  
 TELEGRAPH COMPANY, a New York )  
 corporation. )

Application No. 44364

O P I N I O N

Applicant's Request

Southern California Edison Company (Edison) requests an order authorizing it to enter into and carry out the terms of an agreement dated March 23, 1962, with the Western Union Telegraph Company (Western). Said agreement relates to the request of Western for electrical service to its microwave radio relay station at Bailey Peak, San Bernardino County. A copy of the agreement is attached to the application as Exhibit A.

Proposed Agreement

Applicant agrees to extend a 2,300 volt electric distribution line a distance of 1.56 miles, to install other required facilities and to furnish all of the electric energy required by Western for said microwave radio relay station. Such facilities will cost Edison approximately \$22,864.

Western will pay for its electric service in accordance with Edison's filed Schedules A-6 (A), General Service - Block Rate, and P-1, Power-General Connected Load Basis. The annual revenue from this service is estimated to be \$1,800.

Western has advanced Edison \$13,864. This amount is equivalent to the estimated costs of construction, \$22,864, less

an allowance of \$9,000 based on five times the estimated annual revenue. Western also will pay an annual fixed charge of nine percent of the amount advanced or \$103.98 per month, and any continuing costs to Edison for right of way fees or land rentals. The advance is subject to refund and the annual fixed charge is subject to adjustment should separately metered permanent installations be subsequently served from the facilities.

The agreement provides that it shall continue in force for a term of five years after service is supplied to Western and that it shall continue thereafter until terminated by either party giving the other thirty days' written notice. In granting the authorization herein requested, we place Edison on notice that it may be required to bear any costs incident to the service being authorized herein should it appear, in any future rate proceedings, that the cost of rendering this service is not fully compensatory or is in any way a burden on Edison's other customers.

The agreement states that it shall not become effective until authorized by this Commission and that it shall be subject to the rules of Edison and to such changes or modifications as this Commission may direct in the exercise of its jurisdiction. Edison and Western are hereby placed on notice that in any future rate proceedings this Commission will not be obligated to consider the opposition of either party to any proposed changes in this contract predicated on the existence of a contract between the parties authorized by this Commission.

It is noted that Edison during the years 1960, 1961, and 1962 has requested authorization by this Commission of a number of agreements relating to the extension of electric lines to isolated areas.

Findings and Conclusions

The Commission finds that the proposed contract is not adverse to the public interest and concludes that the application should be granted. A public hearing is not necessary.

O R D E R

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Southern California Edison Company is authorized to carry out the terms and conditions of the written agreement with Western Union Telegraph Company, dated March 23, 1962, set forth in Exhibit A attached to the application, and is authorized to render the service described therein under the terms, charges and conditions stated therein.
2. Southern California Edison Company shall file with this Commission within thirty days after the effective date of this order, two certified copies of said agreement, as executed, together with a statement of the date when said agreement is deemed to have become effective.
3. Southern California Edison Company shall file with this Commission a statement showing the date the electric service was first supplied under said agreement and shall file a statement promptly after termination of said agreement, showing the date of each termination.
4. Southern California Edison Company shall file with this Commission within one hundred and twenty days after the effective date of this order a report on its study of an appropriate

tariff, or tariffs, relating to the extension of, and service from, electric lines to isolated areas.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 1962.

George A. Hoover  
President  
Richard B. Smith  
Everett H. Rogers  
Fredrick B. Hallock  
Commissioners

Commissioner C. Lyn Fox, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.