

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 68896

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
WESTERN AWNING ASSOCIATION for an)
order amending General Order No. 95,)
"Rules for Overhead Electric Line)
Construction", with respect to)
minimum allowable clearance of)
service drops of 0-300 volts above)
buildings on premises used for)
residential purposes only.)

Application No. 47400
Filed March 8, 1965

OPINION AND ORDER

Western Awning Association (applicant) requests an order amending and revising certain provisions of Rule No. 54.8-B(4)(b) of General Order No. 95, "Rules for Overhead Electric Line Construction", relating to minimum allowable clearance of service drops of 0-300 volts above buildings on premises used for residential purposes only.

Applicant requests that General Order No. 95 be amended by revising Rule 54.8-B(4)(b), as follows:

a. That the second line of Table 10 be amended to read as follows:

"metal roof, more than 3/8 pitch, or incapable of supporting a person, (c)."

b. That there be added to the footnote under Table 10 a Subsection (c), as follows:

"Service drops having coverings of materials approved by this Commission by Resolution No. E-1109, effective January 2, 1962."

The Commission's presently effective General Order No. 95 governing overhead electric line construction provides for the minimum allowable clearance of service drops of 0-300 volts above

buildings on premises used for residential purposes in Rule 54.8-B(4)(b). Table 10, line 2, of said rule provides for a minimum clearance over metal roofs, more than 3/8 pitch, of 2 feet for buildings served and buildings on premises served, and 8 feet over buildings on other premises.

Applicant contends that this provision of General Order No. 95 was intended for metal buildings to provide for the safety of workmen who walk on roofs and was never intended to apply to minor shade structures made of light gauge material such as awnings and patio covers. However, metal awnings and patio covers may require cleaning or painting from time to time. The Commission is of the opinion that the requested change would constitute a hazard.

After consideration the Commission finds that the proposed changes to General Order No. 95 are not conducive to public safety. The Commission concludes that the application should be denied. A public hearing is not necessary.

IT IS ORDERED that applicant's request contained in Application No. 47400 is denied.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 20th day of April, 1965.

Frederick B. Holbrook
President

Ed. Mitchell

George J. Brewer

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William B. Bennett
Commissioners