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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
the SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WATER COMPANY )  
(U 133 W) for an order authorizing )  
it to increase rates for electric )  
service in its Bear Valley Electric )  
District. )

Application 88-05-026  
(Filed May 11, 1988)

OPINION MODIFYING DECISION 89-01-043

Summary of Decision

This decision modifies baseline quantities for submetered Domestic Service Multi-Family Accommodations adopted in Decision (D.) 89-01-043 in Southern California Water Company's (SCW) general rate case application for its Bear Valley Electric District. The modification makes the baseline quantities for submetered Domestic Service Multi-Family Accommodations the same as the baseline quantities for Domestic Service Single-Family Accommodations.

Background

D.89-01-043 adopted, among other things, rates for electric service in SCW's Bear Valley Electric District. The rate design adopted in D.89-01-043 allowed lower baseline quantities for submetered Domestic Service Multi-Family Accommodations (Schedule DMS) than for Domestic Service Single-Family Accommodations (Schedule D). Table 1 shows the currently allowed baseline allowances for the two schedules. SCW contends that different baseline allowances for Schedules DMS and D are inconsistent with Rule 18 B.1.b.(2) of SCW's tariffs which requires that:

"Each space in new mobilehome parks shall be individually metered by the utility or submetered by the owner or developer of the mobilehome park and electricity shall be furnished at the same rates and charges that would apply if the tenants were purchasing electricity directly from the utility."

Therefore, SCW requests that the baseline quantities for Schedule DMS be increased to the level of baseline quantities in Schedule D. According to SCW, the required changes to the baseline quantities in Schedule DMS can be achieved by revising pages 9 and 10 of Appendix A-5 of D.89-01-043.

Table 1

Currently Authorized Baseline Allowances

	<u>Schedule D</u>		<u>Schedule DMS</u>
	<u>Basic Allowances</u>	<u>All Electric Allowances</u>	<u>Basic Allowances</u>
Summer	320 kWh	560 kWh	120 kWh
Winter	320 kWh	1,200 kWh	120 kWh

The Division of Ratepayer Advocates (DRA) has reviewed the application. DRA recommends that the requested modification be approved. No party has objected to the modification.

Discussion

We agree with SCW that the baseline quantities for Schedule DMS are inconsistent with Rule 18 of SCW's tariffs. Also since SCW's requested modification is consistent with the baseline policy adopted in D.89-01-043, and is minor in nature, we will approve it.

In addition, since the disparity between the baseline allowances between the two schedules is so large, we will make this order effective immediately.

Findings of Fact

1. D.89-01-043 adopted, among other things, rates for electric service for SCW's Bear Valley Electric District.
2. The rate design adopted in D.89-01-043 allowed much lower baseline quantities for submetered Schedule DMS than for Schedule D.

3. Authorization of different baseline quantities for Schedule DMS and Schedule D is inconsistent with the baseline policy we established in D.89-01-043, and with Rule 18 of SCW's tariffs.

4. SCW requests that the baseline quantities for Schedule DMS be increased to the level of baseline quantities in Schedule D.

5. DRA recommends that SCW's request be approved.

6. No party has objected to SCW's request.

7. The proposed modification will require revision of pages 9 and 10 of Appendix A-5 of D.89-01-043.

Conclusion of Law

D.89-01-043 should be modified as set forth below.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Southern California Water Company's rate schedule for its Bear Valley Electric District shall be revised in accordance with Appendix A attached to this order. ✓

2. Southern California Water Company is authorized to file revised schedule for its Bear Valley Electric District attached to this decision as Appendix A. This filing shall comply with General Order 96-A. The effective date of the revised schedule shall be 5 days after the date of filing. The revised schedule shall apply only to service rendered on and after its effective date. ✓

3. Revised schedule in Appendix A shall supersede the schedule in Appendix A-5 of Decision 89-01-043. ✓

4. The proceeding in Application 88-05-026 is closed. ✓  
This order is effective today.

Dated MAY 04 1990, at San Francisco, California.

G. MITCHELL WILK  
President  
FREDERICK R. DUDA  
STANLEY W. HULETT  
JOHN B. OHANIAN  
PATRICIA M. ECKERT  
Commissioners

I CERTIFY THAT THIS DECISION  
WAS APPROVED BY THE ABOVE  
COMMISSIONERS TODAY

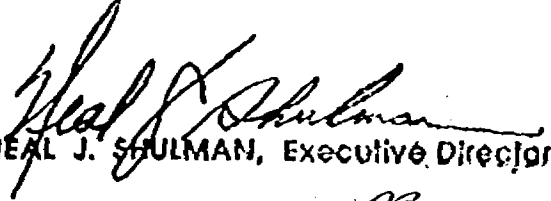
  
NEAL J. SHULMAN, Executive Director

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## Schedule No. DMS

DOMESTIC SERVICE - MULTI-FAMILY ACCOMMODATION - SUBMETEREDAPPLICABILITY

Applicable to domestic service, including lighting, heating, cooking and power or combination thereof in a multi-family accommodation on a single premise where all single-family accommodations are separately submetered. This schedule is closed to new installations except for mobile home parks.

TERRITORY

Big Bear Lake and vicinity, San Bernardino County.

RATES

Energy Charges:	Per Meter Per Month		
	Baseline	Non-Baseline	
Base Rate per kWh .....	\$ 0.04425	\$ 0.04425	(I)
PJAC Rate per kWh .....	0.02948	0.05816	(R)
Total per kWh .....	\$ 0.07366	\$ 0.10243	(I)
Customer Service Charge .....	\$ 3.00		
Discount (per dwelling unit per month) .....	\$ 1.35		

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. Purchased Power Adjustment Clause: All service under this schedule will be subject to the Purchased Power Adjustment Clause described in the Preliminary Statements. The adjustment amount shall be the product of the total kWh for which the bill is rendered times the adjustment rate per kWh.

2. An applicant for service shall pay an \$8.00 connection charge.

3. The following quantities of electricity are to be billed at the rates for baseline usage:

BASELINE QUANTITIES  
(Per kWh Per Month Per Dwelling Unit)  
Summer 320 - Winter 320

4. Multipliers: In determination of the multiplier it is the responsibility of the customer to advise the Company within 15 days following any change in the number of single-family accommodations on the meter.

5. Miscellaneous Loads: Miscellaneous electrical loads such as general lighting, laundry rooms, general maintenance and other similar usage incidental to the operation of the premises of a multi-family accommodation will be considered as domestic usage.

6. Exclusions: Electric energy for non-domestic enterprises such as rooming houses, boarding houses, dormitories, rest homes, military barracks, transient trailer parks, stores, restaurants, service stations, and other similar establishments must be separately metered and billed under the General Service Schedule No. A.

7. Supplemental Baseline Allowance - Life Support Devices: Eligible permanent residential customers may be allowed standard additional baseline quantities of electricity if a member of the household regularly requires the use of life support equipment which utilizes mechanical or artificial means to sustain, restore, or supplant a vital function, or mechanical equipment which is relied upon for mobility both within and outside of buildings, or if a member of the household is paraplegic or quadriplegic. Eligible customers shall make application to the Company that use of an essential life-support device is required. The Company may additionally require that the customer provide the Company with a letter, acceptable to the Company, from a medical doctor or osteopath licensed to practice medicine in the State of California, describing the requirement of such life-support device. The Company may require a new or renewed application and/or certificate when needed in the opinion of the Company.