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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY)
to Modify Decision No. 92029 regarding)
Energy Economizer Program.)
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Application 61034
(Filed October 30, 1981)

O P I N I O N

Relief Sought

By Application (A.) 61034, Southern California Edison Company (Edison) requests modification of Ordering Paragraph 3 in Decision (D.) 92029, issued July 15, 1980. Ordering Paragraph 3 reads as follows:

"[Edison] shall report to this Commission not later than December 31, 1980, and annually thereafter, any monetary benefits resulting from agreements with ECS and the status of loans made to ECS utilizing ratepayer funds."

Edison asks that D.92029 be modified to eliminate the annual reporting requirement contained in Ordering Paragraph 3.

Background

Edison was authorized in D.89783 to purchase, test, and otherwise develop a metering device designated as the System 200 Energy Economizer (SEE). The SEE device is manufactured by Energy Conservation Systems, Inc. (ECS) and is designed to provide residential and small commercial customers with a display of accumulated monthly electric charges.

A billing factor was authorized to provide Edison with the necessary revenues to purchase SEEs and to assist ECS, through loans, with development of the product. Edison subsequently purchased 200 SEEs and loaned a total of \$1,801,650 to ECS. Revenues collected by Edison to date exceed the total incurred expenses by \$268,204.

On December 23, 1980, Edison terminated its contractual relationship with ECS. The SEE failed to meet performance standards when installed and tested in customers' homes. All of the devices have been removed and returned to ECS.

Discussion

Since the experiment with the SEE is concluded, Edison asks that the annual reporting requirement in D.92029 be eliminated. We find that request to be reasonable and will so modify D.92029.

Edison also asks that any net revenue and expense associated with the SEE program, estimated as an overcollection of \$268,204, should be transferred to the Conservation Load Management Adjustment Clause Balancing Account (CLMAC). Currently, Edison's solar rebate program is funded through CLMAC. Staff auditors have reviewed Edison's accounts and have no dispute with the figures represented by Edison in this application. Accordingly, we will authorize transfer of the unexpended revenues to CLMAC as requested.

Findings of Fact

1. Edison terminated its contractual relationship with ECS on December 23, 1980.
2. Edison has overcollected \$268,204 which will not be expended since the SEE program is concluded.
3. Edison asks that any unexpended revenues should be transferred to the CLMAC.

Conclusions of Law

1. The Commission in D.91126 has provided that any unexpended revenues collected by Edison for the SEE program shall be returned to the ratepayer.
2. Transfer of the unexpended revenues to the CLMAC is a reasonable method of returning any surplus revenues to the ratepayer.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Ordering Paragraph 3 of Decision 92029 is modified to read as follows:

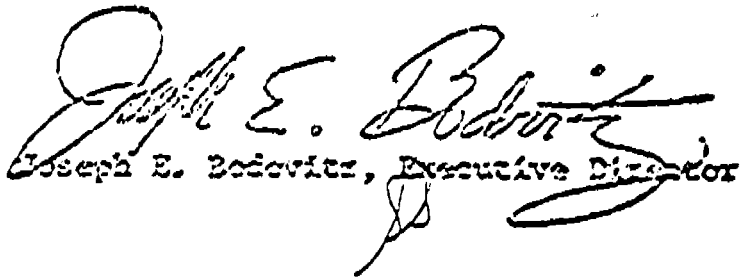
Edison shall report to the Commission by January 31, 1982, the final report on the Energy Economizer Program including any monetary benefits resulting from agreements with ECS and the status of loans made to ECS using ratepayer funds. Edison shall place any unexpended revenue associated with the Energy Economizer Program in the Conservation Load Management Adjustment Clause Balancing Account by January 31, 1982.

This order is effective today.

Dated JAN 19 1982, at San Francisco, California.

JOHN E. BRYSON
President
RICHARD D. GRAVELLE
LEONARD M. GRIMES, JR.
VICTOR GALVO
PRISCILLA C. GREW
Commissioners

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


Joseph E. Bedovitz, Executive Director