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Decision No. 87472 June 21, 1977

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

VERNON HAHN,

Complainant,

v

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
EDISON COMPANY,

Defendant.

Case No. 10294
(Filed March 22, 1977)

OPINION AND ORDER

Complainant requests an order for the refund of \$30.98 for a residential service electric bill, of a \$2.50 reconnection charge, and of an unspecified amount for the inconvenience caused him. Complainant states that he purchased, but did not occupy the residence during the billing period, and that he could not have used the amount of electricity billed by defendant.

Pursuant to Rule 13.2 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, complainant and defendant consented to the Expedited Complaint Procedure and waived the presence of a court reporter and a record of the hearing and findings of fact and conclusions of law. This matter was heard and submitted on May 26, 1977.

Defendant presented evidence that a 1½-horsepower circulating swimming pool pump on the property would normally consume the amount of electricity used during the August 5, 1976 to September 21, 1976 billing period if the pump operated for 8 to 9 hours per day; that its tests of the electric meter on the residence

showed that the meter was operating within the prescribed limits of accuracy; and that no ground condition existed. Defendant asserts that pool builders recommend minimum pump use of 8 hours per day in the summer and 4 hours per day in the winter.

After reviewing the evidence it is our opinion that the relief requested should be denied.

IT IS ORDERED that the relief requested is denied.

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

Dated at SAN FRANCISCO, California, this 21st day of JUNE, 1977.

William Sproun Jr. President
Vernon L. Sturgeon
Michael D. Gavelle

Commissioners

Commissioner Robert Batnovich, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.