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Decision No. 90152 APR 10 1979

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Sierra Pacific Power
Company for Authority to Reduce its
Electric Rates and Charges Under The
Energy Cost Adjustment Clause
Included in its Electric Tariff.

Application No. 58716
(Filed March 2, 1979)

(Electric)

O P I N I O N

By this application Sierra Pacific Power Company (SPPC) proposes to reduce its electric rates and charges under the Energy Cost Adjustment Clause (ECAC) effective April 1, 1979. SPPC states that the proposed rates will decrease its electric revenues by about 4.7% or \$971,127 on an annual basis.

SPPC proposes to decrease both lifeline and non-lifeline rates due to overcollections as a result of lower energy costs during the 12-month record period ending January 31, 1979.

SPPC believes that this application for a rate reduction can be expeditiously processed and proper investigation by the Commission can be performed without the necessity of a formal hearing.

SPPC requests that the reduction of \$971,127 in ECAC rates be passed on to all customers in the form of a uniform rate reduction of 0.245 ¢/kWh. This is reasonable because in the preceding SPPC ECAC Decision No. 89660 in Application No. 57908 both lifeline and non-lifeline rates were increased by an equal amount.

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The effect of the revenue decrease on classes of service is as follows:

<u>Class of Service</u>	<u>Revenue Decrease</u>	
	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percent</u>
<u>Residential</u>		
D-1 Domestic	\$511,872	4.6%
OL-1 Outdoor Lighting	3,134	2.7
Total Residential	<u>515,006</u>	4.6
<u>Commercial & Industrial - Small</u>		
A-1 General Service	234,999	4.3
A-2 General Service	144,832	5.5
PA Irrigation	1,031	4.1
OL-1 Outdoor Lighting	2,509	2.7
Total Commercial & Industrial - Small	<u>383,371</u>	4.7
T-3 Time-of-Use	12,860	5.4
A-3 Large Power & Light	56,813	5.7
Public Street & Highway Lighting	2,472	2.1
Sales to Public Authorities	<u>605</u>	5.5
Total Sales Revenue	971,127	4.7

The Commission staff has reviewed the application and exhibits and agrees that the reduction is reasonable.

Notice of the application was filed and served in compliance with Rule 24 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. No parties have submitted comments concerning the application.

Pursuant to Finding No. 9 in Decision No. 85731, the generic energy cost adjustment decision, applications other than those for increases may be determined without hearing if no special circumstances exist.

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The Commission concludes that:

1. An ECAC rate reduction as set forth in the ensuing order should be ordered.
2. A public hearing is not necessary.
3. The effective date of this order should be the date hereof because there is an immediate need for a rate reduction.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Sierra Pacific Power Company shall file with this Commission within five days after the effective date of this order, in conformity with the provisions of General Order No. 96-A, revised tariff schedules with rates, charges, and conditions modified as follows:

- a. The Energy Cost Adjustment Clause (ECAC) rates for all lifeline sales are reduced from \$0.02275 to \$0.02030 per ✓ kilowatt-hour.
- b. The rates for all non-lifeline sales are reduced from \$0.03087 to \$0.02842 per kilowatt-hour.

The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 10th

day of APRIL, 1979.

John E. Boyer
President
James L. Strangor
Robert D. Howell
Charles J. DeLoach
Donald J. ...
Commissioners