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Decision No. 91799 MAY 20 1988

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY)
for an order of the Public Utilities)
Commission of the State of California)
authorizing applicant to increase)
rates charged by it for electric)
service.)

Application No. 33952
(Filed December 16, 1952)
Petition for Modification
of Decision No. 49665
(Filed February 27, 1980)

OPINION AND ORDER MODIFYING
DEPRECIATION REPORTING
REQUIREMENTS OF DECISION NO. 49665

On February 27, 1980, Southern California Edison Company (Edison) filed its petition for ex parte modification of the depreciation reporting requirements of Decision No. 49665 issued February 16, 1954 in Application No. 33952. Copies of the petition were served by Edison on all parties appearing in Edison's most recently completed general rate proceeding, Application No. 57602. No protests to the granting of the petition have been filed by any party.

Decision No. 49665, which was the "First Interim Opinion and Order" in Edison's Application No. 33952, authorized and directed Edison to carry out the terms and provisions of the "Memorandum of Understanding Relative to Depreciation Practices for Rate and Accounting Purposes of the Southern California Edison Company," which memorandum was attached to Decision No. 49665 as Appendix A.

Paragraph B.3. of the Memorandum of Understanding provided as follows:

- "3. The Company will maintain a staff within its organization to review depreciation charges. The Management will submit proposed basic depreciation rates for each year and supporting data for Commission review not later than the preceding December 1st. The first such report shall be filed on or before December 1, 1954, to cover proposed depreciation rates for the year 1955. The Company shall also submit to the Commission by April 1st of each year the finalized basis of the current year depreciation accrual calculations."

Edison currently follows the procedure set forth in the Memorandum of Understanding.

Edison requests modification of that portion of Decision No. 49665, as set forth in Paragraph B.3. of Appendix A of that decision, which requires Edison to submit for review, by December 1 of each year, its proposed basic depreciation rates and supporting data for the succeeding year, and to submit, by April 1 of each year, the finalized basis of the current year depreciation accrual calculations.

Edison respectfully requests that such decision be modified to require that Edison submit its proposed depreciation rates, supporting data, and depreciation accrual calculations for each year for Commission review not later than May 1 of the year for which such rates are to be effective.

Edison submits that such a modification is justified for the following reasons:

1. Processing time will be minimized for both the Commission staff and Edison;
2. The resulting reporting requirement will be comparable to that of other major California utilities; and
3. This request, if granted, will result in only a minor change in Decision No. 49665, as allowed by the Commission's Rule No. 43.

Since the requested modification to Decision No. 49665 would not affect the rights of any parties, Edison respectfully requests that this petition for modification be granted without a hearing. Additionally, this requested modification does not affect the Commission's procedures for depreciation rate reviews adopted September 13, 1977.

Additionally, Edison hereby requests permission to deviate from the service requirements of the Commission's Rule No. 43 by serving this petition upon parties to Edison's last general rate case, Application No. 57602, for the following reasons:

1. Rule No. 43 requires that a petition for modification contain a certificate of service on all parties;
2. Decision No. 49665, which Edison is requesting to modify, was issued on February 16, 1954;
3. In view of the lapse of time since the issuance of Decision No. 49665, many parties to Decision No. 49665 may be difficult to locate; and
4. Edison believes that, for these reasons, it is more appropriate to notify parties to Edison's last general rate case, Application No. 57602.

Edison's request for permission to deviate from the service requirements of the Commission's Rule No. 43 by serving this petition upon the parties to Edison's last general rate case, Application No. 57602 is hereby granted. A public hearing is not required because none has been requested by any of the parties served with the petition.

For the reasons set forth in Edison's petition for modification, the requested relief is reasonable and should be granted.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Paragraph B.3. of Appendix A attached to Decision No. 49665, issued February 16, 1954 in Application No. 33952 is revised to read as follows:

3. Southern California Edison Company (Edison) shall maintain a staff within its organization to review depreciation charges. Edison shall submit its proposed depreciation rates, supporting data, and depreciation accrual calculations for each year for Commission review not later than May 1 of the year for which such depreciation rates are to be effective.

2. The Executive Director shall serve a copy of this opinion and order upon all parties who have entered appearances in Edison's last general rate proceeding, Application No. 57602.

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

Dated MAY 20 1980 , at San Francisco, California.

John E. Guyon
President
James L. Thompson
Richard D. Linnell
Clair T. DeLoach
James M. Jamieson
Commissioners