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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY (SCE), AUTHORIZATION TO REVISE TARIFF RULES CONCERNING MAIN AND SERVICE EXTENSIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PRIOR COMMISSION ORDER

By Advice Letters 616-E and 617-E, both filed April 14, 1983, SCE requests authorization to revise its filed electric tariff Rules 1, 15 & 16 as set forth in Cal. P.U.C. Sheets 7236-E through 7242-E, inclusive, and 7243-E through 7260-E, inclusive, respectively. The purpose of these filings is to implement the provisions of Ordering Paragraphs 1, 2 & 3 in Commission Decision 82-04-068, dated April 8, 1982, as amended by Decisions 82-09-110, 82-12-039, and 82-12-094, in Case 10260. The facts are as follows:

1. Commission Decisions in Case 10260 ending with Decisions 82-12-094, established the allowances, rates, practices and procedures concerning free footage for new connections and required the respondent gas and/or electric utilities to jointly form a committee for the purpose of preparing draft line and service extension rules to implement the Commission's expressed principles and policies.
2. Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) has submitted, on behalf of the Joint Utility Committee (Committee) draft rules for electric service, as required by Decision 82-12-094.
3. The draft rules were sent to all parties in C.10260 for review. The comments of the parties and of the staff were reviewed by the Committee before submission of the tariffs by the utility.
4. The Utilities Division staff reviewed the Committee draft, settled differences with the Committee with one exception, and was of the opinion that the draft complies, for the most part, with the decisions. The filed advice letters are the result of that review.
5. Protests have been made by parties in Case 10260 over the "Uneconomic Extension" provision and other parts of the electric tariffs. The "Uneconomic Extension" provision, upon review, is unsupported and should not be permitted to go into effect. The other portions of the rule that are objected to may go into effect at the present time but may benefit from further evaluation if any party finds cause to file an application to consider a specific issue.
6. The staff has reviewed Advice Letter 616-E and is of the opinion that it agrees with the Committee's draft and complies with Ordering Paragraph 3 of Decision 82-04-068 and subsequent decisions, and recommends approval.

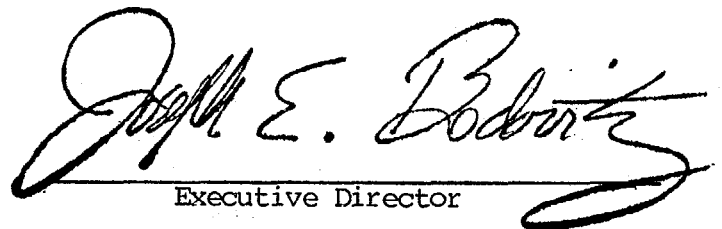
7. The maximum free footage allowance for electric line extension has been set by the Committee at 1200 feet and is based on 2/3 of the existing 1800 feet maximum free footage allowance.
8. Page 4 of Decision 82-09-110 states: "Decision 82-04-068 establishes maximum allowances of 2500 feet for electric extensions and 177 feet for gas extensions and requires all new customers to pay 1/3 of their actual extension within these limits." Therefore, the maximum free footage allowance should be: $2/3 \times 2500 \text{ feet} = 1667 \text{ feet}$.
9. The staff has reviewed Advice Letter 617-E and is of the opinion that the filing, in part, does not comply with the decisions and that the utility should be instructed to file a revised tariff sheet to reflect the intent of Decision 82-04-068. In order to comply with the decisions, Cal. P.U.C. Sheet 7245-E should be revised in that Paragraph D.l.a.(1). be changed to show 1667 feet per applicant instead of 1200 feet, and that the "Uneconomic Extension" provision on Sheet 7249-E should be deleted.
10. Notification of these advice letter filings has been made by mailing copies of the filings to other utilities, local government agencies, and interested parties who have requested copies. Notification to all of the above is also required for the Commission-ordered revisions.
11. We find that the intent of Decision 82-04-068 establishes maximum allowances of 2500 feet for electric extensions, and that Sheet 7245-E should be rejected because the 1200 feet in Paragraph D.l.a.(1). in electric Rule 15 should be 1667 feet. We also find that Sheet 7249-E should be rejected because it contains unauthorized "Uneconomic Extension" provisions. In all other respects, we find the proposed revisions to the electric tariffs to be just and reasonable.

THEREFORE:

1. Southern California Edison Company is authorized under Public Utilities Code Section 454 to place Advice Letter 616-E and Cal. P.U.C. Sheets 7237-E through 7242-E, inclusive, into effect on June 15, 1983.
2. Cal. P.U.C. Sheets 7245-E and 7249-E are hereby rejected, as are Cal. P.U.C. Sheets 7259-E and 7260-E, the Table of Contents (T/C) pages that refer to them, and SCE is instructed to file new tariff sheets setting the maximum free footage allowance at 1667 feet and deleting the "Uneconomic Extension" provisions.
3. The balance of Advice Letter 617-E and accompanying tariff sheets shall be held in abeyance until receipt of replacement tariff sheets for Sheets 7245-E and 7249-E and new T/C pages to replace Sheets 7259-E and 7260-E, as ordered above, and upon receipt of said replacement sheets, they will all go into effect on June 15, 1983.

4. With the exception of Cal. P.U.C. Sheets 7245-E, 7249-E, 7259-E, & 7260-E, the above filings and accompanying tariff sheets, plus subsequent replacement tariff sheets, shall be marked to show that they were authorized for filing by Commission Resolution E-1971. This resolution is effective today.

I certify that this resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its regular conference on June 1, 1983. The following Commissioners approved it:



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