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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

EVALUATION & COMPLIANCE DIVISION
Energy Branch

RESOLUTION E-3056
October 28, 1987

R E S O L U T I O N

ORDER AUTHORIZING SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY (SCE) TO ESTABLISH SCHEDULE NO. AP-I, AGRICULTURAL AND PUMPING - INTERRUPTIBLE, AND FORM NO. 14-256, CONTRACT FOR SERVICE, IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 744 OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES CODE.

(Advice Letter 767-E filed September 11, 1987.)

SUMMARY

By Advice Letter 767-E, filed September 11, 1987 Southern California Edison Company (SCE) requests authorization to establish Schedule No. AP-I, Agricultural and Pumping - Interruptible, in order to comply with the requirements of Section 744 of the Public Utilities Code as added by the adoption in August 1986 of Assembly Bill 2882, (AB 2882).

BACKGROUND

1. Section 744 (b) of the Public Utilities Code states in pertinent part that "...Every electrical corporation furnishing electricity to an agricultural producer shall, in addition to its regular service, prepare and file tariffs providing, where economically and technologically feasible, for optional alternative interruptible service to any agricultural producer...". SCE is hereby complying with this legislative action by filing Advice Letter 767-E.
2. In addition, this interruptible rate option is intended to make SCE's rates more competitive with alternative energy sources, thus mitigating the potential loss of sales which would otherwise result from uneconomic conversion to diesel pumping by some of its larger pumping customers who will benefit from this interruptible option.
3. Also additional use of large high-use pumps are expected to return additional incremental sales which will benefit all customers in the long run.

4. Schedule AP-I is an option available to agricultural and pumping accounts with 1) a measured demand of 50 kW or greater or 2) a connected load of 50 hp or greater which are served under a regularly filed Agricultural and Pumping rate schedule, except for Schedule PA-1 customers receiving off-peak credit and customers on parallel generation or experimental schedules.

5. The interruptible option provides for an energy discount of \$0.015 per kWh if the customer agrees to allow immediate and automatic interruption of his pumping load for a maximum of 15 interruptions or 180 hours per year.

6. The amount of the energy discount proposed is the same as for SCE's Schedule No. I-3, General Service - Large- Interruptible currently in effect. SCE has proposed this level in order to be consistent with the large power interruptible schedules and to provide its agricultural customers with an equitable interruptible rate.

7. Interruptions will be initiated at SCE's discretion, based on capacity shortages or other system emergency operating conditions, via a radio signal controlled switch installed on the customer's pump. Though the pump will be interrupted automatically, it must be restarted manually.

8. Participating customers will be notified simultaneously upon interruption by a customer notification device which can be installed in their home and/or office. The notification device will also signal the customer when the interruption has been terminated.

9. The customer will be required to pay for the cost of installing the communications and monitoring equipment necessary to implement this option.

10. The installation cost is approximately \$2,500 per pump exclusive of the Income Tax Component of Contributions.

11. This advice letter also establishes Form No. 14-256, Contract for Service, which is required by SCE under Schedule AP-1.

12. Except as noted above, this filing will not increase or decrease any rate or charge, cause the withdrawal of service, nor conflict with other schedules or rules.

13. SCE has requested that this filing become effective on October 21, 1987, which is 40 days from the date filed and within the 40-day statutory time allowed under the provisions of General Order 96-A.

PROTESTS

1. No protests have been filed in this matter.

FINDINGS

1. The Staff of the Evaluation and Compliance Division have reviewed SCE's request to establish Schedule AP-I and Form No. 14-256 - Contract for Service together with their supporting workpapers and recommend its approval.
2. An average revenue shortfall of \$50,000 for the remaining two months of 1987 will occur and will flow through the ERAM balancing account. The rate impact on other SCE customers in this class will be minimal.
3. Public notification of this filing has been made by supplying copies of the filing to other utilities, governmental agencies and to all interested parties who requested such notification.

THEREFORE:

1. Southern California Edison Company is authorized under the provisions of General Order 96-A to implement both Schedule AP-I - Interruptible and Form No. 14-256 - Contract for Service.
2. This advice letter and the accompanying tariff schedule and forms shall be marked to show that they were accepted for filing by Commission Resolution E-3056. The effective date of this Advice Letter filing shall be October 28, 1987, as requested by SCE under the provisions of General Order 96-A. This Resolution is effective today.

I certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its regular scheduled meeting on October 28, 1987. The following Commissioners approved it:

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