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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMISSION ADVISORY
AND COMPLIANCE DIVISION
Energy Branch

RESOLUTION E-3059
November 25, 1987

R E S O L U T I O N

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY (SCE) REQUESTS TO ESTABLISH TWO NEW SAMPLE FORMS ENTITLED "AGREEMENT FOR EXTENSION OF OVERHEAD ELECTRIC LINE (EXCEPTIONAL CASE)," AND "AGREEMENT FOR EXTENSION OF UNDERGROUND ELECTRIC LINE, (EXCEPTIONAL CASE)" PARTIAL INSTALLATION BY APPLICANT, APPLICABLE TO NEW RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS.

ADVICE LETTER 765-E, filed August 28, 1987.

DISCUSSION

1. By Advice Letter 765-E, filed August 28, 1987, Southern California Edison Company, (SCE) requests authorization to file Sample Contract Forms for electric distribution systems as set forth on Cal. P.U.C. Sheet Nos. 9290-E to 9291-E, inclusive.
2. The purpose of this filing is to establish two new sample forms entitled "Agreement for Extension of Overhead Electric Line (Exceptional Case) Form No. 14-202", and "Agreement for Extension of Underground Electric Line, (Exceptional Case) Partial Installation by Applicant Form No. 14-203", respectively.
3. In the past SCE has filed line extension contracts on an individual exceptional case basis. SCE's proposed new forms will be consistent with those exceptional case filings previously approved by this Commission.
4. The individual contracts were filed, under conditions acceptable to line extension applicants and SCE, for the purpose of preventing the line extension installation costs from becoming a burden on SCE's other ratepayers. They were filed under SCE's "Exceptional Case" provisions of Rule No. 15 - Line Extensions, Section E.7; Rule No. 15.1 - Underground Extensions Within New Commercial and Industrial Developments, Section D.3.
4. SCE has received numerous requests from developers of commercial, industrial and residential developments to install underground and overhead electric distribution systems in their project before actual users of electric service or loads that they might place on the system are known.
5. The difference between the contracts filed with this advice letter and SCE's existing line extension contracts filed as sample forms for Rule No. 15, 15.1 and 15.2, are the refundable advance provisions and the requirement for payment of ongoing ownership costs.

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6. The new sample forms will require the Applicant to advance SCE's estimated-installed cost of the line extension, excluding the cost of the transformers, meters, and services, and a 10-year ownership fund based on that cost minus any applicable revenue credit.
7. SCE will utilize these forms only when the estimated-installed cost of the line extension is greater than five times the estimated annual base rate revenue.
8. Refunds of such advances will be made in the amount of five times the estimated annual base rate revenue anticipated by SCE from electrical loads connected to the line extension.
9. The ownership fund is adjusted when additional load is served from the line which increases SCE's estimate of base rate revenue.
10. After 10 years no further refunds or adjustments are made.
11. Similar exceptional case line extension contract forms have been in use by SCE since June 1983. The Staff and SCE agreed at that time that it would be appropriate and desirable, following experience with the individual contract filings, to file the contracts as standard forms. Since 1983, approximately fifteen such contracts have been filed by SCE, on an individual basis and approved by this Commission without protest.
12. Pacific Gas and Electric Company established similar forms by Resolution No. E-1998 dated March 9, 1984 which are currently in effect.
13. Approval of these new sample forms will reduce the administrative costs to SCE and the Commission associated with processing individual filings. The agreement terms and conditions have been found by previous experience, as noted above, to be fair to the line extension applicant, and have prevented line extension installations from being a burden on SCE's other ratepayers.
14. All future contracts will be entered on Form No. 14-202, Agreement for Extension of Overhead Electric Line (Exceptional Case), or Form No. 14-203, Agreement for Extension of Underground Electric Line, (Exceptional Case) Partial Installation by Applicant, and will therefore not require further Commission authorization.
15. Public notification of this advice letter filing has been made by mailing copies of the advice letter to other utilities, governmental agencies, and to interested parties who requested such notification.
16. No protests have been received in this matter.

FINDINGS

1. The Energy Branch, and the Service and Safety Branch of the Commission Advisory and Compliance Division have reviewed this filing and finds that these special contracts are necessary in order to expeditiously provide service to applicants involved in Exceptional Case line extension agreements. Approval of Form No. 14-202 and Form No. 14-203 is in the public interest.
2. We find that this filing is just and reasonable, and will provide service to the applicants in such a manner as to not create a burden on other ratepayers.

THEREFORE:

1. Authority is granted under Sections 451, 454 and 532 of the Public Utilities Code for Southern California Edison Company to place this Advice Letter and accompanying tariff sheets into effect today in accordance with General Order 96-A.
2. All future exceptional case agreements for electric facilities to commercial, industrial and residential developments shall be filed on Sample Form No. 14-202 - Agreement for Extension of Overhead Electric Line (Exceptional Case) or Sample Form No. 14-203 - Agreement for Extension of Underground Electric Line (Exceptional Case) Partial Installation by Applicant.
3. The above Advice Letter and accompanying tariff sheets shall be marked to show that they were approved for filing by Commission Resolution E-3059. This Resolution is effective today.

I certify that this resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its regular conference on November 25, 1987. The following Commissioners approved it:

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