

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA**

SPECIAL CM #18-21

July 2, 2018

2:02 ~ 2:07 P.M.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Comer H. ‘Randy’ RANDALL, *Chairman*; and COMMISSIONERS John E. ‘Butch’ HOWARD, Elliott F. ELAM, Jr., Swain E. WHITFIELD, Thomas J. ‘Tom’ ERVIN, and G. O’Neal HAMILTON

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Justin T. WILLIAMS

ADVISOR TO COMMISSION: Joseph Melchers, Esq.
GENERAL COUNSEL

PRESENTING AGENDA: Douglas K. Pratt
TECHNICAL ADVISORY STAFF

STAFF PRESENT: Jocelyn G. Boyd, Chief Clerk/Administrator; F. David Butler, Esq., Senior Counsel; Deborah Easterling and Patricia Stephens, Clerk’s Staff; Randy Erskine, Information Technology Staff; and Jo Elizabeth M. Wheat, CVR-CM/M-GNSC, Court Reporter.

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2 **CHAIRMAN RANDALL:** Please be seated. I want
3 to welcome everyone to this afternoon's meeting.
4 Now if you'd please take a moment for a moment of
5 silence.

6 [Brief pause]

7 Amen.

8 Mr. Pratt.

9 **MR. PRATT:** Yes, sir. Mr. Chairman, it's an
10 honor to read the agenda for your first meeting as
11 Chairman.

12 The first order of business, I'd like to call
13 attention to the fact we have another Special
14 Business Meeting scheduled for tomorrow at 3 p.m.

15 **CHAIRMAN RANDALL:** Thank you.

16 **MR. PRATT:** Okay. Moving into the Utilities
17 Agenda, as you know, we have one item, which
18 involves consideration of [electronic disruption] – of
19 the [electronic disruption] –

20 **CHAIRMAN RANDALL:** Let's start over, Mr.
21 Pratt.

22 **MR. PRATT:** Sorry about that. – experimental
23 rate called for in House Assembly Bill 4375, which
24 includes provision for an experimental rate.

25 **COMMISSIONER ELAM:** Mr. Chairman.

26 **CHAIRMAN RANDALL:** Commissioner Elam.

27 **COMMISSIONER ELAM:** Mr. Chairman, under the
28 provisions of South Carolina Code Annotated Section
29 58-34-20, the South Carolina General Assembly has
30 directed this Commission to provide an experimental
31 rate to SCE&G customers, to be paid for a period of
32 no earlier than April 1, 2018, until the issuance

1 of this Commission's final order on the merits in
2 the V.C. Summer matters. The experimental rate
3 ordered by the General Assembly is to be calculated
4 by taking the current electric utility rates that
5 SCE&G customers are paying and reducing that amount
6 by several of the rate increases imposed under the
7 provisions of the Base Load Review Act in Order
8 Nos. 2011-738, 2012-761, 2013-680(A), 2014-785,
9 2015-712, and 2016-758. The total amount of the
10 increases under these Orders was \$367,364,487.
11 Accordingly, Section 58-34-20 requires SCE&G to
12 calculate new rates for its customers based on its
13 present total retail revenues minus \$367,364,487 –
14 which represents approximately a 15 percent
15 reduction in rates and tariffs – and I move that we
16 order the company to do so.

17 While the statute references the experimental
18 rate on a going-forward basis, it also states that
19 such rates shall be paid with the period beginning
20 no earlier than April 1, 2018. Based upon the
21 filing made by SCE&G late this morning, July 2nd,
22 in the form of a letter to Chief Clerk and
23 Administrator, Jocelyn Boyd, SCE&G has interpreted
24 this to mean that the decrement should date from
25 April 1, 2018. The company has therefore made
26 proposed tariff filings consistent with that date.
27 I next move that we consider the proposed decrement
28 implementation proposals set out by the company in
29 its letter of today's date, and that we reconvene
30 tomorrow to further consider the implementation of
31 what we today have ordered.

32 In its letter, SCE&G computed the rate

1 increases authorized by the six revised rates
2 orders referenced by House Bill 4375 for each of
3 its 25 retail electric rates and for each billing
4 component applicable under those rates. SCE&G has
5 submitted to the Commission its calculations of the
6 rate decrements required to remove those increases
7 from current rates. These rate decrements are
8 shown on the proposed tariff sheet summary
9 submitted this morning by SCE&G in this docket.
10 Pursuant to this Motion, SCE&G shall file with the
11 Commission no later than 11 a.m. tomorrow, Tuesday,
12 July 3rd, 2018, the full tariff sheets referenced
13 in the tariff sheet summary. SCE&G shall also
14 simultaneously provide a reconciliation
15 demonstrating that the tariffs filed produce the
16 revenue reduction ordered by this Commission. Upon
17 review of the filings, the Commission shall then
18 direct and order appropriate experimental rate
19 reductions for SCE&G customers.

20 I so move, Mr. Chairman.

21 **COMMISSIONER ERVIN:** I'll second the motion.

22 **CHAIRMAN RANDALL:** You've heard the motion.

23 Is there any comment or discussion?

24 [No response]

25 If not, all in favor, please say "aye"?

26 **COMMISSIONERS:** Aye.

27 **CHAIRMAN RANDALL:** All opposed, "no"?

28 [No response]

29 The motion is carried. Thank you,
30 Commissioner Elam.

31 Do we have anything else to come – okay. We
32 thank you all for being –

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COMMISSIONER WHITFIELD: Mr. Chairman, I'd remind, as stated, we do have a meeting again tomorrow at 3.

CHAIRMAN RANDALL: Tomorrow at 3 o'clock. Thank you all for coming. This meeting is adjourned.

[WHEREUPON, at 2:07 p.m., the proceedings in the above-entitled matter were adjourned.]



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