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# APPLICABLE RATES FOR BOAT MARINAS OR SMALL CRAFT HARBORS

### Overview

Owners/operators of privately or publicly owned boat marinas or small craft harbors normally take service from Southern California Edison Company (SCE) through a single meter under an applicable general service schedule such as Schedule GS-1, GS-2, or TOU-8. Such customers are permitted to submeter and bill certain tenants as outlined below within the boat marinas or small craft harbors for electrical usage and the owner/operator (referred to as the master-meter customer) must adhere to the requirements of SCE's Rule 18 when submetering and billing its tenants.

Master-meter customers may submeter tenant's electrical usage of certain boats/vessels moored in an individual slip or berth at the marina or harbor for monthly billing purposes, but may not submeter for monthly billing purposes any other tenant or land-based facility. The rates and charges used by the master-meter customer for billing its tenants must not exceed those that would apply if the tenant were purchasing its electricity directly from SCE.<sup>2</sup>

## Domestic Rates

Boats/vessels that qualify as a Single-Family Accommodation (live aboards) can be submetered and billed the domestic rates and charges that would apply if SCE were furnishing the electricity directly to the submetered tenant aboard the boat/vessel. The charges may be less than or equal to what SCE would charge, but may not exceed such charges. The low-income discount or family energy rate assistance, as well as specific rates/charges for medical baseline customers may need to be computed and applied as well.<sup>3</sup>

Alternatively, electricity costs may be embedded in the rental agreement in lieu of billing the tenant from month-to-month using the submetering data. If embedded, the charge for electricity may not be separately identified and can only be adjusted once a year prospectively. (Rule 18 E.2.)

Single Family Accommodation:<sup>4</sup>

- ✓ Permanent residential dwelling
- ✓ Cooking facilities
- ✓ Used as a single-family residence

## Commercial Rates

For boat/vessels that are non-domestic or the electrical usage is commercial in nature (fee-based harbor tours, fishing expeditions, etc.), the rates and charges must not exceed the applicable general service rate that would apply if SCE were furnishing the electricity directly to the submetered tenant. The Applicability section of each rate schedule can help determine which general service rate a non-domestic boat/vessel or other boat slip or berth marina customer may be eligible.

For boats/vessels that are docked for basic storage purposes, the applicable rate would be based on the boat/vessel's intended use (i.e., domestic or non-domestic).

Alternatively, electricity costs may be embedded in the rental agreement in lieu of billing the tenant from month-to-month using the submetering data. If embedded, the charge for electricity may not be separately identified and can only be adjusted once a year prospectively. (Rule 18 E.2.)

## **Land-Based Facilities**

A marina's yacht brokers office, yacht club, and/or marina office are examples of land-based facilities that may have been served through a single meter (master meter) for the marina/harbor prior to 7/1/95. Although submetering is permitted to these facilities; the submetering data cannot be used for monthly billing. The submeter registrations may be used only for informational or accounting purposes.

Thus, electricity costs must be embedded in the rental agreement in lieu of billing the tenant from month-to-month using the submetering data. The charge for electricity may not be separately identified and can only be adjusted once a year prospectively.

On and after 7/1/95, as a result of tariff changes (Rule 16), rather than having the submetered facilities and the nonsubmetered land-based facilities served through the single meter (master meter), Rule 16 requires newly constructed land-based facilities occupied by tenants to be individually metered by SCE.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Harbors and Navigation Code was modified by Assembly Bill 2108 in 1994 to allow publicly-owned marinas to submeter and bill for electricity.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> SCE's Rule 18. Section F.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> SCE's General Service rate schedules applicable to master-metered customers do not reflect the low-income discount or family energy assistance rate that would otherwise be applicable to the submetered customer.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> SCE's Rule 1, Definitions.