

INSULL SCHEME OF RATE MAKING WINS APPROVAL

Order of Public Service
Commission Allows
'South System.'

Insull's so-called south system of area rate making at last has won approval (with reservations) from the Indiana public service commission.

But both in an order, written by Commissioner Harry K. Cuthbertson, and the publicity sent out by Insull headquarters here, the idea of a \$427,765 rate decrease, rather than south system recognition, is emphasized.

The reduction will be spread over twenty-six southern Indiana communities.

Insull Victory

Under this system rates are determined by prorating cost of operation of a large utility loop among users.

Passage of the order, with unanimous approval by the commissioners, represents a complete victory for Cuthbertson, who has been trying to get the south system recognized ever since he came on the commission.

It represents a not quite complete victory for the Insull interests, in that they had offered to cut rates but \$370,370 to secure south system recognition. Cuthbertson added \$57,365, or an average saving per community of a little more than \$755 above the Insull offer.

The order gives another gleam of hope for reduction of electric and water rates in Indianapolis, however. For Cuthbertson has the persons asking reduction from the Indianapolis Power and Light Company and the Indianapolis Water Company.

Indianapolis May Benefit

His south system order is introductory, like a previous order in the Marion electric case, and gives reduction of rates pending final hearings.

It had been predicted that such a decree may appear shortly for the relief of Indianapolis. The commission has been besieged with telephone calls asking this be done at once, since this suggestion made editorially in *The Times*.

Three times, previously, the commissioners, except Cuthbertson, have refused the south system idea. Their refusal thus far has prevailed in federal court, the local community idea of rate making having been upheld in a master's report in the Martinsville case.

Emphasized "Home Rule"

The Bloomington rate case gave the commission another chance to emphasize "home rule" principles, rather than standard blanket rates as wanted by the big power loop owners.

The order came from the commission conference about 4:30. Shortly, thereafter, newspapers received mimeographed explanations of the order in detail from Insull headquarters.

The copy contained quotations from Robert M. Feustel, Indiana Insull chieftain, regarding the order and then continued with the following explanation of it:

"The new lower rates affect all classes of customers of the company. Residential customers, however, receive the greatest benefit. Officials of the company Friday night estimated that the reduction in rates for residential customers will constitute more than half of the estimated saving.

Petition Rule Unchanged

They estimated that residential customers will benefit to the extent of \$217,000. Commercial lighting customers, it is estimated, will save \$104,000 annually, while the saving to industrial customers will approximate \$106,000.

Cuthbertson's order sets out that local rate petitions still will be recognized and any ten persons still may protest, recognizing local community rights while abolishing their individual rates. This is the reservation from accepting the Insull idea entirely.

Residential rates ordered are \$1 per month for the first ten kilowatt hours, 7 cents per kilowatt hour for the next twenty, 4 cents next thirty, 3 cents next 200, and all over 260 2½ cents.

Minimum charges are \$1 a month in towns and cities, \$1.50 suburban and \$2 rural. Cities affected are: Indianapolis, Birdseye, Bloomfield, Brookville, Clifton, Charlestown, Clarksville, Clayville, Campbell, Cynthiana, Corydon, Cranberry, Cynthiana, Dickie, Dugger, Elizabethtown, Englewood, Franklin, French Lick, Francisco, Franklin, French Lick, Fredericksburg, Georgetown, Greenville, Greenwood, Grimesville, Harrison, Jeffersonville, Leavenworth, Lyons, Logoootee, Lanesville, Lynnhaven, Marion, McLean, Mt. Carmel, Mt. Morris, Monroe, Nashville, City of Mitchell, Mt. Morris, North Vernon, Odon, Oakdale City, Ossian, Pekin, Pleasantville, Princeton, Petersburg, Rossville, Fairlawn, Seward, Somerville, Spurgleton, St. Louis, Salem, Shelbyville, Spurgleton, St. Louis, Worthington, Wheatland, West Bend.

HOLD 3 IN ALKY DEATH

Police Grill Trio After Hugh Kaylor Dies in City Hospital.

Three men were held today on vagrancy charges following death Friday night at city hospital of Hugh Kaylor, 56, of 272 Lynn street, from poisoned alcohol.

The men are Alivah Jones, 47, of 131 Richland street; Robert Hill, Negro, 914½ Colton street, and Frank Shelton, 133 Richland street. All were to be questioned by detectives.

Shelton told police that he and Kaylor went to the Hill home Friday night and bought a pint of alcohol. They mixed the fluid with water, and Kaylor drank more than half of it, police were told.

COLBY TO SPEAK HERE

Rotarians Get Former Secretary of State on Program.

One of the speakers at the district conference of the Rotary International, Feb. 22, will be Bainbridge Colby, who was secretary of state during the last year of the Woodrow Wilson administration.

The conference, to be at the Claypool, is the twentieth annual session of the district group. Several prominent speakers, including Governor William (Alfalfa Bill) Murray of Oklahoma and Ogden L. Mills, undersecretary of the treasury, will appear.

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—7 F. M.—
CBS—Colonel Stoopnagle & Budd.
NBS—WEAF—Civic on-
—7:15 F. M.—
CBS—Lyman Band and Glee
Club.
BS—Hoover Editor.
NBS—WEAF—Nat'l. Ad-
NOC (WZJ)—Seville's orches-
tra.
—7:30 F. M.—
CBS—Old Time Jam-
—7:45 F. M.—
CBS—Vaughn or Lester.
KDKA (980)—Musical chron-
—8 F. M.—
CBS—Band and Indian Leg-
end.
BS—Westphal's or-
chestra.
—8:30 F. M.—
KTHS (1040)—Bar dance.
CBS—Smith Bros.
WBRC (1700)—Times Spelling Bee.
NBS—WEAF—Wires or-
chestra.
NOC (WZJ)—The First Nighter.
—8:45 F. M.—
WBRC (720)—Panico's or-
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