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RATE REDUCTION IN PROSPECT FOR ELECTRIC USERS

A refund of \$16,450,000 of im-pounded Federal taxes and a re-duction in electric rates amount- ing to \$3,000,000 a year is in im-mediate prospect for all customers of The Detroit Edison Company.

The Company recently filed with the Ingham County Circuit Court and forwarded to all parties to the three-year legal controversy a proposed decree effecting the re- turn and rate reduction. The pro- posal has the approval of the Mi- chigan Public Service Commission. It was set for hearing before Judge Archie D. McDonald, of Hastings, sitting in the Ingham Circuit Court on December 20. It approved by Judge McDonald only the possi- bility of an appeal to the Supreme Court by some other of the inter- ested parties then could block con- summation of the order and an end to the litigation.

The determination of the proper disposal of funds accumulated to meet expected Federal excess profit tax obligations for 1944 and 1945, a determination sought by Detroit Edison, has been the principal issue before the commission and the court. The total amount of \$16,450,000 has been paid by The Detroit Edison Company into a fund now impounded in the cus- tody of the court. A total of \$10, 460,000 was impounded in 1944, the \$6,000,000 in 1945. Six sev- enths of the total would go to the Federal Government if the refund, designed to eliminate the excess profit tax obligation, were not made.

All Detroit Edison customers, residence farm, commercial, in- dustrial and municipal, would share in the refund.

The proposed decree directs that refunds be made by a trustee to be appointed by the Court. The actual work would be done by Detroit Edison employees under direction

of the trustee and under a plan to be approved by him.

The job would require the issuance of more than 1,000,000 checks. To determine this amount to which each customer is entitled it would be necessary to study in excess of 12,000,000 monthly and bimonthly billings covering the last two years.

The first checks probably could be ready for mailing late in Jan- uary. It is expected that it would take about four months to com- plete the job. It would be un- necessary for any customer to make a request for a refund. No information relative to the amount of his bill would be required from the customer. The trustee would mail each check as compilations of the amount were made from complete records in the offices of the Company.

Each customer would receive a refund equivalent to about 9 per cent of the total of his net electric bills for 1944 and 1945. For each residence and farm customer who had electric service throughout those two years that would mean an amount slightly more than the average bill for a two month pe- riod. It is estimated that for even a full time customer whose aver- age two-month bill, including state sales tax, was \$7.00, the refund would be \$7.50. The customer with an average two months bill of \$10.00 would get \$10.92 on that basis.

The \$3,000,000 rate reduction, effective January 1, 1946, which, is a part of the proposed decree, would be the first-try reduction in rates made by The Detroit Ed- ison Company since 1918.

THESE RULES WILL REDUCE ACCIDENTS

Slippery roads poor visibility due to storms and fog and general winter conditions bring about a sharp increase in the number of traffic accidents as compared to the summer months. It is es- timated that even with reduced driv- ing due to winter conditions there is a normal increase of from 20 to 40 per cent in accidents during the winter months. To guard against these added hazards of cold months and keep the acci- dent percentage down, the Sher- idan's Department has caused to be prepared a few simple rules for safe driving during the winter. These rules are:

1. Be sure your car is ready for safe winter driving. Know that your brakes, tires, windshield wipers, heater, defrosters, lights, electrical system, cooling system, and exhaust system are in the best possible condition.
2. Adapt your driving to pre- vailing road and weather con- ditions. On icy or snowy surfaces the car is always near the skid- ding point, even 20 miles per hour is often too fast in winter.
3. Follow other vehicles at a safe distance. It takes three to eleven times as far to stop on

snowy or icy pavements.

4. On slippery pavements apply brakes with a light pressure until point of skidding is impending— then release and apply over in like manner. If skid starts, turn front wheels in the direction the rear is skidding.
5. Slow down extra far in ad- vance of intersections, curves, and hills.
6. Give signals for intended stops or turns, even farther in ad- vance than in other seasons.
7. Keep windshield and windows clear and clean. Remember — you must see danger to avoid it.
8. Slow down after sundown. Use lower headlight beam in snow, sleet, rain or fog.
9. Investigate weather and road conditions well ahead of the time your trip is to begin. If severe weather or a blizzard is predicted, stay at home.
10. Remember the dangers of carbon-monoxide, and always pro- vide some fresh air within the car.
11. Give pedestrians plenty of room and be especially alert for the unpredictable actions of chil- dren and the handicaps of elderly persons. More hours of darkness greatly increase pedestrian haz- ards.
12. Use anti-skid chains when necessary. They reduce braking distance 40 to 50 per cent on ice or packed snow.

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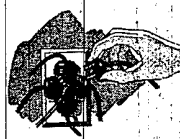
VICTORY does not only apply to nations
at war. We can win victories over our- selves, too, and over the problems which lay in our path.

As 1946 sweeps in upon us we wish for each of you an unbroken series of victories over any and all circumstances that may tend to retard your progress towards every individual's cherished goals—health and happiness. Good luck to you every step of the way!

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THERE isn't room for one more in this bridge foursome—even for a kibitzer ... all he does is cause trouble for the players. And one appliance too many on an electrical circuit may be the cause of that trouble—some blown fuse. Many people are accus- tomed to inadequate wiring. But overloaded circuits are not your only handicap to home happiness if you have inadequate wiring. It may mean improper distribution of out- lets—not having the electric roaster where you want it, because there's no outlet con- venient—or maybe Dad can't plug in his new electric shaver where he wants it. For tomorrow's electrical living, an adequately wired home should accommodate a new frozen-food cabinet, electric range, auto- matic laundry, electric dishwasher and many other electrical appliances that will make living more pleasant and easier. And, of course, if your plans for tomorrow in- clude a brand-new home, it's doubly im- portant that your plans and specifications be checked for adequate wiring.



This is one of a series of advertisements prepared in cooperation with the electrical contractors in your area in the interest of insuring adequate wiring for every home. When you build or remodel, be sure your home is prop- erly wired. For wiring recommendations, call your local Detroit Edison office.



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