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Decision No. 49715

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the application) of SOUTHERN COUNTIES GAS COMPANY) OF CALIFORNIA for a general increase in gas rates under Section) 454 of the Public Utilities Code.)

Application No. 33699

ORDER REVOKING PRIOR REOPENING FOR FURTHER HEARING

Applicant on February 13, 1954 filed a petition to revoke that part of this Commission's order in Decision No. 48078 in this proceeding which granted a reopening for further hearing in order to reconsider the question of appropriate assessment of demand component costs. This reopening was granted on the petition of the California Manufacturers Association.

The question of demand component costs was considered in Decision No. 48833 of this Commission on another rate increase request of this applicant under Application No. 33341. The present position of the California Manufacturers Association is that it does not consider that Decision No. 48833 decided in principle the issue upon which the Commission ordered the instant application reopened for further hearing. However, in the interest of reducing the heavy work load of the Commission, all parties have been contacted by applicant and are agreeable to dispensing with further hearing herein, such action to be without prejudice in so far as the issue of assessment of demand costs is concerned.

IT IS ORDERED that the second ordering paragraph in Decision No. 48078 is revoked, without prejudice to any party on the issue of appropriate assessment of demand component costs.

The effective date of this order shall be the date

hereof.

Dated at Saushauporg, California, this 23/d day of history, 1954.

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