

**ORIGINAL**Decision No. 51427

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. 35742 /  
(Second Supplemental)OPINION AND ORDER DENYING REHEARING

California Manufacturers Association has filed its petition for rehearing respecting Decision No. 51361, rendered herein on the 19th day of April, 1955, prescribing certain off-set rates to meet the additional charge which applicant will incur as a result of higher rates for natural gas charged to it by El Paso Natural Gas Company.

Petitioner assails said decision on the ground that it is unlawful as applied to the firm industrial and interruptible industrial customers of applicant whom petitioner represents.

The issues raised by petitioner in its petition for rehearing in the instant proceeding are the same as those raised by it in its petition for rehearing filed in Application No. 36635 respecting Decision No. 51360, involving Pacific Gas and Electric Company. For the reasons stated in the opinion and order denying petitioner's petition for rehearing in Application No. 36635 (Pacific Gas and Electric Company), we find no merit in the petition for rehearing filed in the instant proceeding; therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that said petition for rehearing be and the

same is hereby denied.

The views expressed and the statements made in the opinion and order denying rehearing in Application No. 36635 are hereby incorporated by reference in the within opinion and order as though set out herein verbatim.

Dated, San Francisco, California, this 10th day of May, 1955.

John E. Mitchell  
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Commissioners