

Decision No. 61712**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of }  
 SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION for an }  
 increase in natural gas rates. }

Application No. 42755

C. H. McCrae, for Southwest Gas Corporation,  
 applicant.  
George A. Brudnak, for George Air Force Base,  
 interested party.  
J. Calvin Simpson, John R. Gillanders, and  
Richard R. Entwistle, for the Commission  
 staff.

SECOND INTERIM OPINION AND ORDER

Southwest Gas Corporation filed the above-entitled application on October 14, 1960 seeking increases in gas rates in two parts as follows:

- (1) An immediate increase of approximately \$35,400 annually to offset increased rates charged by its supplier, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, which results from an increase granted Pacific by Decision No. 60587, effective August 25, 1960 in Application No. 42225.
- (2) An increase in gas rates, effective as of the effective date of any general increase in rates authorized Pacific under its Application No. 42225, by an amount sufficient to offset any resulting increase in cost of gas to Southwest, with related increases in costs for franchises and unaccounted for gas.

Applicant's first request was authorized by Decision No. 61253, dated December 28, 1960, following a public hearing on November 17, 1960 at Victorville before Examiner William W. Dunlop. This second interim opinion and order relates to applicant's second request.

The Commission by an order being issued on Application No. 42225 of Pacific Gas and Electric Company concurrently with this

order leaves unchanged the firm resale rate of Pacific to Southwest (Schedule No. G-62) which became effective on August 25, 1960. Accordingly, there is no additional increase in cost of gas over the August 25, 1960 level to Southwest at this time flowing from Application No. 42225 of Pacific.

We find and conclude that the interim rates authorized Southwest by Decision No. 61253, dated December 28, 1960 in this matter should be continued in effect subject to possible refund as specified in said Decision No. 61253 until further order of this Commission; therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that the interim rates authorized Southwest Gas Corporation by Decision No. 61253, dated December 28, 1960 in this matter be and they hereby are continued in effect subject to possible refund as specified in said Decision No. 61253 until further order of this Commission.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_, California, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1961.

*George A. Page*  
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President

*George L. Hoover*  
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*Frederick B. Holbrook*  
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Commissioners

*2 dissent.  
C. Lynn Fox*