

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 63652

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Joint Appli-)
 cation of SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS)
 COMPANY and SOUTHERN COUNTIES GAS)
 COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA for an order)
 of the Commission authorizing Appli-)
 cants to carry out the terms of a)
 written gas exchange agreement entered)
 into between Applicants and Southern)
 California Edison Company and El Paso)
 Natural Gas Company.)

Application No. 38575
(Filed November 9, 1956)

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

On April 10, 1957 the Commission issued an interim order on the above-entitled application, Decision No. 54829, after three days of public hearing before Commissioner Matthew J. Dooley and Examiner Manley W. Edwards. That decision referred to Application No. 38527 which sought authority for applicants herein to place into effect a new tariff, Schedule G-54, covering service to steam-electric generating stations and cement plants. It also referred to Case No. 5924, an investigation on the Commission's own motion into the gas supply and requirement situation in California with particular reference to priority of service as between industrial use and steam plant use. Our conclusion on April 10, 1957 was that immediate action in the pending proceeding was not warranted under the circumstances and we ordered that decision on Application No. 38575 be temporarily deferred.

Since then, decisions have been issued under Application No. 38527 and Case No. 5924 and, in addition, the Federal Power Commission under Docket G-12580, Opinion No. 333, issued November 27, 1959, provided for sale of 100 million cubic feet of gas per day by El Paso Natural Gas Company to applicants instead of the Southern California Edison Company.

This application has been on the docket of the Commission for some time without action. Due to this fact and the events enumerated above which affect this matter, the parties recently were consulted as to their desires about disposition of the proceeding. All indicated they had no objection to dismissal of the application.

Hence, in view of the age of this application, subsequent developments, and denial of sale of gas by El Paso Natural Gas Company to Southern California Edison Company in favor of the applicants, the need for authorization of the gas exchange agreement in the form under consideration in Application No. 38575 is not apparent, therefore, the Commission finds and concludes that Application No. 38575 should be dismissed without prejudice.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Application No. 38575 is dismissed without prejudice.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 8th day of May, 1962.

Ernest A. Ray
President
John E. Mitchell
George H. Trover
Fredrick B. Hallock
Commissioners