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Decision No. \_\_\_\_\_

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## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of  
PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY for  
an order of the Commission authorizing  
applicant to increase its present rates  
and charges for natural gas service in  
the manner and to the extent herein set  
forth.

Application No. 36635

In the matter of the application of  
PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY for  
authority, among other things, to  
remove the \$2.00 ceiling from the fuel  
oil escalator clause in certain of its  
interruptible gas rate tariff  
schedules.

Application No. 38668

In the matter of the application of  
PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY, a  
corporation, for an order granting,  
among other things, authority to in-  
crease certain of its rates and charges  
for natural gas to offset an increase in  
the cost of gas purchased from the El  
Paso Natural Gas Company.  
(Gas)

Application No. 40926

In the matter of the application of  
PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY for  
authority, among other things, to  
increase its rates and charges for gas  
service.

(Gas)

Application No. 42225

ORDER RELATING TO EL PASO REFUNDS  
AND RATE REDUCTIONS

It appearing that pursuant to an order of the Federal  
Power Commission approving the Stipulation and Agreement dated  
as of November 1, 1963 in Docket Nos. G-4769, G-12948, G-17929  
and RP60-3, Pacific Gas and Electric Company will receive an  
immediate refund from El Paso Natural Gas Company in accordance

with Article III of said Stipulation and Agreement; that future rates of El Paso Natural Gas Company to Pacific Gas and Electric Company will be reduced effective as of November 1, 1963 in accordance with Article II of said Stipulation and Agreement; and that Pacific Gas and Electric Company in the future may receive further contingent refunds and contingent rate reductions from El Paso Natural Gas Company in accordance with Articles IV and V of said Stipulation and Agreement, and

It further appearing that pursuant to the order in Decision No. 51360, dated April 19, 1955, in Application No. 36635, Decision No. 55998, dated December 17, 1957, in Application No. 38668, Decision No. 58791, dated July 21, 1959, in Application No. 40926, and Decision No. 60587, dated August 18, 1960, in Application No. 42225, Pacific Gas and Electric Company is required to file a supplemental application in those proceedings containing its proposed permanent rate plan for final determination and authorization by this Commission upon final decision by the Federal Power Commission in Docket Nos. G-4769, G-12948, G-17929 and RP60-3, and

Good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Pacific Gas and Electric Company shall notify this Commission in writing within five days of the receipt of any refunds from El Paso Natural Gas Company made pursuant to Articles III and IV of the Stipulation and Agreement dated as of November 1, 1963 and approved by the Federal Power Commission in Docket Nos. G-4769, G-12948, G-17929 and RP60-3. Pacific Gas and Electric Company shall not disburse to any customer any such refund amounts received or to be received by it until a refund plan acceptable to this Commission has been approved by this Commission or until

further order of this Commission. Furthermore, Pacific Gas and Electric Company shall accrue interest on such refund amounts from the date of their receipt by Pacific Gas and Electric Company at the rate of six percent per annum until refunded to customers.

2. Within fifteen days after receipt by Pacific Gas and Electric Company of any refunds from El Paso Natural Gas Company made pursuant to Article III of said Stipulation and Agreement, Pacific Gas and Electric Company shall tender to this Commission for filing, with a copy mailed to each appearance of record in the above-numbered applications, a refund plan acceptable to this Commission designed to refund to customers the entire amount of such refund received or to be received from El Paso Natural Gas Company, plus accrued interest at the rate of six percent per annum from the date of receipt by Pacific Gas and Electric Company of said refunds from El Paso Natural Gas Company to the date of refund by Pacific Gas and Electric Company to customers. Upon approval by this Commission of such refund plan Pacific Gas and Electric Company shall make refunds in accordance with such plan.

3. Within thirty days after the effective date of this order, Pacific Gas and Electric Company shall file with this Commission a supplemental application containing its proposed permanent rate plan to reflect the reduction in rates of El Paso Natural Gas Company under Article II of said Stipulation and Agreement and for final determination and authorization by this Commission. Copy of said supplemental application shall be served by Pacific Gas and Electric Company upon all appearances of record in the above-numbered applications.

4. Within thirty days after the effective date of this order, Pacific Gas and Electric Company shall file with this Commission its recommendations and plans for passing on to customers the contingent refunds and the contingent rate reductions that may flow to Pacific Gas and Electric Company from El Paso Natural Gas Company pursuant to Articles IV and V, respectively, of said Stipulation and Agreement. Such recommendations and plans shall include, but need not be limited to,

- a. Refund Plans,
- b. Rate Reduction Plans,
- c. Proposed tariff provisions.

The Secretary is directed to cause a certified copy of this order to be served forthwith upon Pacific Gas and Electric Company and to cause a copy to be mailed to each appearance of record.

The effective date of this order shall be the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of DECEMBER, 1963.

William W. Bennett  
President  
George G. Grover  
Frederic B. Hallock  
Commissioners