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

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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

Application No. 34975

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

Application No. 35742

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. 38211

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

Application No. 38787

In the Matter of the Application of SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY for an increase in gas rates under Section 454 of the Public Utilities Code to offset the rate increase granted to applicant's supplier, Pacific Lighting Gas Supply Company, by Decision No. 57598.

Application No. 40647

In the Matter of the Application of SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY for an increase in gas rates to offset the rate increase proposed by applicant's supplier, El Paso Natural Gas Company, in Docket No. G-17929 before the Federal Power Commission.

Application No. 40957

In the Matter of the Application of )  
SOUTHERN COUNTIES GAS COMPANY OF )  
CALIFORNIA for an increase in gas )  
rates under Section 454 of the )  
Public Utilities Code to offset the )  
higher price to be paid to its )  
supplier, El Paso Natural Gas )  
Company. )

Application No. 40958

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. 41859

In the Matter of the Application of )  
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY for )  
a general increase in gas rates. )

Application No. 41860

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, Southern California Gas Company and Southern Counties Gas Company of California 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 Southern California Gas Company and Southern Counties Gas Company of California will be reduced effective as of November 1, 1963 in accordance with Article II of said Stipulation and Agreement; and that said California gas distributing utilities 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, respectively, of said Stipulation and Agreement, and

It further appearing that pursuant to the order in Decision No. 51359, dated April 19, 1955, in Application No. 34975, Decision No. 56000, dated December 17, 1957, in Application No. 38787, Decision No. 58792, dated July 21, 1959, in Applications Nos. 40647 and 40957, and Decision No. 60613, dated August 23, 1960, in Application No. 41860, Southern California Gas Company is required to file a supplemental application in said 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

It further appearing that pursuant to the order in Decision No. 51361, dated April 19, 1955, in Application No. 35742, Decision No. 55999, dated December 17, 1957, in Application No. 38211, Decision No. 58793, dated July 21, 1959, in Application No. 40958, and Decision No. 60614, dated August 23, 1960, in Application No. 41859, Southern Counties Gas Company of California is required to file a supplemental application in said 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. Southern California Gas Company and Southern Counties Gas Company of California shall notify this Commission in writing within five days of the receipt by them 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. Southern California Gas Company and Southern Counties Gas Company of California shall not disburse to any customer any such refund amounts received or to be received by them until a refund plan acceptable to this Commission has been approved by this Commission or until further order of this Commission. Furthermore, Southern California Gas Company and Southern Counties Gas Company of California shall accrue interest on such refund amounts from the date of their receipt by said gas corporations from El Paso Natural Gas Company at the rate of six percent per annum until refunded to customers.

2. Within fifteen days after receipt by Southern California Gas Company and/or Southern Counties Gas Company of California of any refunds from El Paso Natural Gas Company made pursuant to Article III of said Stipulation and Agreement, Southern California Gas Company and/or Southern Counties Gas Company of California shall tender to this Commission for filing, with a copy mailed to each appearance of record in their above-numbered respective 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 said California gas corporations of said refunds from El Paso Natural Gas Company to the date of refund by said California gas corporations to customers. Upon approval by this Commission of such refund plan or plans Southern California Gas Company and/or Southern Counties Gas Company of California shall make refunds in accordance with such plan or plans.

3. Within thirty days after the effective date of this order, Southern California Gas Company and Southern Counties Gas Company of California shall each 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 said California gas corporations upon all appearances of record in their above-numbered respective applications.

4. Within thirty days after the effective date of this order, Southern California Gas Company and Southern Counties Gas Company of California shall file with this Commission their recommendations and plans for passing on to their customers the contingent refunds and the contingent rate reductions that may flow to said California gas corporations 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, and (c) Proposed tariff provisions.

The Secretary is directed to cause a certified copy of this order to be served forthwith upon Southern California Gas

Company and Southern Counties Gas Company of California 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  
W. L. Nathan  
W. B. Page  
George T. Grover  
Frederick B. Holliff  
Commissioners