

Decision No. 66502

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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 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 CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY for a general increase in gas rates.

Application No. 41860

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.

Application No. 42225

(Gas)

ORDER RELATING TO REFUNDS AND RATE
REDUCTIONS TO CALIFORNIA ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY
FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY AND
FROM PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY

California Electric Power Company, a public utility selling electricity to customers in certain areas of California, is a gas customer of Southern California Gas Company and of Pacific Gas and Electric Company. It appears that California Electric Power Company may receive refunds and rate reductions from Southern California Gas Company and/or from Pacific Gas and Electric Company flowing from 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, and in turn flowing from subsequent orders of this Commission. Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. California Electric Power Company is named a respondent party to the above-entitled proceedings.
2. California Electric Power Company shall notify this Commission in writing within five days of the receipt of any monies from Southern California Gas Company and/or Pacific Gas and Electric Company as a result of the Federal Power Commission's order approving the Stipulation and Agreement in Docket Nos. G-4769, G-12948, G-17929, and RP60-3 and subsequent related orders of the California Public Utilities Commission. None of such monies received or to be received by California Electric Power Company shall be disbursed by it to any customer until a refund plan satisfactory to this Commission has been filed by California Electric Power Company and approved by this Commission. Such monies, as are received by California Electric Power Company shall accrue interest from the date of their receipt by California Electric Power Company at the rate of four percent per annum until refunded to customers.

All such monies shall be held by California Electric Power Company subject to the order and disposition of the Commission, provided, however, California Electric Power Company may invest these monies pending the final order and disposition of the Commission.

3. Within fifteen days after receipt by California Electric Power Company of any refunds from Southern California Gas Company and/or Pacific Gas and Electric Company as a result of Article III of said Stipulation and Agreement in Docket Nos. G-4769, G-12948, G-17929, and RP60-3, California Electric Power Company shall tender to this Commission for filing a refund plan acceptable to this Commission designed to refund to customers the entire amount of such refund received or to be received from Southern California Gas Company and/or Pacific Gas and Electric Company, plus accrued interest at the rate of four percent per annum from the date of receipt by California Electric Power Company of said refunds from Southern California Gas Company and/or Pacific Gas and Electric Company to the date of refund by California Electric Power Company to its customers. Upon approval by this Commission of such refund plan, California Electric Power Company shall make refunds in accordance with such plan.

4. Within fifteen days after any rate reduction is made effective for California Electric Power Company by Southern California Gas Company and/or Pacific Gas and Electric Company as a result of Article II of said Stipulation and Agreement in Docket Nos. G-4769, G-12948, G-17929 and RP60-3, California Electric Power Company shall tender to this Commission by Advice Letter filing and subject to Commission approval reductions in rates to its electric customers designed to reflect the entire annual amount of such gas rate reductions passed on to California Electric Power Company by Southern California Gas Company and/or Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

5. Within thirty days after the effective date of this order, California Electric Power 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 California Electric Power Company from Southern California Gas Company and for Pacific Gas and Electric Company pursuant to Articles IV and V, respectively, of said Stipulation and Agreement in Docket Nos. G-4769, G-12948, G-17929 and RP60-3. 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 California Electric Power Company.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 15th day of December, 1963

William W. Bennett
President
Robert E. Burt
Ernest O. Page
Frederick B. Hallock

Commissioners

Commissioner George G. Grover, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.