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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 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY for a general increase in gas rates under Section 454 of the Public Application No. 34975 Utilities Code. In the Matter of the Application of SOUTHERN COUNTIES GAS COMPANY for a general increase in gas rates Application No. 35742 under Section 454 of the Public Utilities Code. In the Matter of the Application of SOUTHERN COUNTIES GAS COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA for a general increase in zas 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 Application No. 38787 under Section 454 of the Public Utilities Code. In the Matter of the Application of SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY for an increase in gas rates under Section 454 of the Public Utilities Application No. 40647 Code to offset the rate increase granted to applicant's supplier, Pacific Lighting Gas Supply Company, by Decision No. 57598. In the Matter of the Application of SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY for an increase in gas rates to offset Application No. 40957 the rate increase proposed by applicant's supplier, El Paso Natural Gas Company, in Docket No. G-17929 before the Federal Power Commission.

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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.

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. 40958

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 REFUNDS AND RATE REDUCTIONS TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY AND SOUTHERN COUNTIES GAS COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA

Southern California Edison Company, a public utility selling electricity to customers in certain areas in California, is a gas customer of Southern California Gas Company and Southern Counties Gas Company of California. It appears that Southern California Edison Company may receive refunds and rate reductions from Southern California Gas Company and from Southern Counties Gas Company of California 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. Southern California Edison Company is named a respondent party to the above-entitled proceedings.

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2. Southern California Edison Company shall notify this Commission in writing within five days of the receipt of any monies from Southern California Gas Company and/or Southern Counties Gas Company of California 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 Southern California Edison Company shall be disbursed by it to any customer until a refund plan satisfactory to this Commission has been filed by Southern California Edison Company and approved by this Commission. Such monies as are received by Southern California Edison Company shall accrue interest from the date of their receipt by Southern California Edison Company at the rate of four percent per annum until refunded to customers. All such monies shall be held by Southern California Edison Company subject to the order and disposition of the Commission, provided, however, Southern California Edison Company may invest these monies pending the final order and disposition of the Commission.

3. Within fifteen days after receipt by Southern California Edison Company of any refunds from Southern California Gas Company and/or Southern Counties Gas Company of California as a result of Article III of said Stipulation and Agreement in Docket Nos. G-4769, G-12948, G-17929 and RP60-3, Southern California Edison 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 Southern Counties Gas Company of California, plus accrued interest at the rate of four percent per annum from

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the date of receipt by Southern California Edison Company of said refunds from Southern California Gas Company and/or Southern Counties Gas Company of California to the date of refund by Southern California Edison Company to its customers. Upon approval by this Commission of such refund plan, Southern California Edison Company shall make refunds in accordance with such plan.

4. Within fifteen days after any rate reduction is made effective for Southern California Edison Company by Southern California Gas Company and/or Southern Counties Gas Company of California as a result of Article II of said Stipulation and Agreement in Docket Nos. G-4769, G-12948, G-17929 and RP60-3, Southern California Edison 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 Southern California Edison Company by Southern California Gas Company and/or Southern Counties Gas Company of California.

5. Within thirty days after the effective date of this order, Southern California Edison 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 Southern California Edison Company from Southern California Gas Company and Southern Counties Gas Company of California 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.

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The Secretary of the Commission is directed to cause a certified copy of this order to be served forthwith upon Southern California Edison Company.

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

Dated at ______, California, this _____ umber _, 196<u>. 7</u>. day of

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