

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 66504

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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 SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY, a corporation, for authorization to increase its present rates for natural gas service by an offset charge.

Application No. 39566

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 SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY, a corporation, for a general increase in gas rates under Section 454 of the Public Utilities Code.
(Gas)

Application No. 42887

ORDER RELATING TO REFUNDS AND RATE REDUCTIONS
TO SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY FROM
SOUTHERN COUNTIES GAS COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA

San Diego Gas & Electric Company, a public utility selling gas, electricity and steam heat to customers in certain areas of California, is a wholesale natural gas customer of Southern Counties Gas Company of California. It appears that San Diego Gas & Electric Company may receive refunds and rate reductions 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. San Diego Gas & Electric Company is named a respondent party to the above-entitled Applications Nos. 35742, 38211, 40958, and 41859.

2. San Diego Gas & Electric Company shall notify this Commission in writing within five days of the receipt of any monies from 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 San Diego Gas & Electric Company shall be disbursed by it to any customer until a refund plan satisfactory to this Commission has been filed by San Diego Gas & Electric Company and approved by this Commission.

Such monies as are received by San Diego Gas & Electric Company shall accrue interest from the date of their receipt by San Diego Gas & Electric Company at the rate of four percent per annum until refunded to customers. All such monies shall be held by San Diego Gas & Electric Company subject to the order and disposition of the Commission, provided, however, San Diego Gas & Electric Company may invest these monies pending the final order and disposition of the Commission.

3. Within fifteen days after receipt by San Diego Gas & Electric Company of any refunds from 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, San Diego Gas & Electric 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 Counties Gas Company of California, plus accrued interest at the rate of four percent per annum from the date of receipt by San Diego Gas & Electric Company to the date of refund by San Diego Gas & Electric Company to its customers. Upon approval by this Commission of such refund plan, San Diego Gas & Electric Company shall make refunds in accordance with such plan.

4. Within thirty days after filing by Southern Counties Gas Company of California of 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, San Diego Gas & Electric Company shall file with this Commission a supplemental application containing its proposed permanent rate plan for final determination and authorization by this Commission.

5. Within thirty days after the effective date of this order, San Diego Gas & 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 San Diego Gas & Electric Company from 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.

The Secretary is directed to cause a certified copy of this order to be served forthwith upon San Diego Gas & Electric Company.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 16th day of DECEMBER, 1963.

William W. Bennett
President

Robert E. ...

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Friedrich B. Holoboff

Commissioners

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