

ORIGINALDecision No. ~~66506~~

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
SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION for authority
to increase its present rates and charges
for natural gas service by such amounts
as may be necessary to offset proposed
increases in the cost of gas.

Application No. 39621

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

Application No. 40743

In the matter of the application of
PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY, a
corporation, for an order granting, among
other things, authority to increase
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

In the Matter of the Application of
SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION for an
increase in Natural Gas Rates.

Application No. 42755

ORDER RELATING TO REFUNDS AND RATE REDUCTIONS
TO SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION
FROM PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY

Southwest Gas Corporation, a public utility gas corporation selling gas to customers in certain areas of California, is a resale customer of Pacific Gas and Electric Company. It appears that Southwest Gas Corporation may receive refunds and rate reductions 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. Southwest Gas Corporation is named a respondent party to the above-entitled Application Nos. 36635, 38668, 40926 and 42225.
2. Southwest Gas Corporation shall notify this Commission in writing within five days of the receipt of any monies from 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 Southwest Gas Corporation shall be disbursed by it to any customer until a refund plan satisfactory to this Commission has been filed by Southwest Gas Corporation and approved by this Commission. Such monies as are received by Southwest Gas Corporation shall accrue interest from the date of their receipt by Southwest Gas Corporation at the rate of four percent per annum until refunded to customers. All such monies shall be held by Southwest Gas Corporation subject to the order and disposition of the Commission, provided, however, Southwest Gas Corporation may invest these monies pending the final order and disposition of the Commission.

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

4. Within thirty days after filing by Pacific Gas and Electric Company 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, Southwest Gas Corporation 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, Southwest Gas Corporation 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 Southwest Gas Corporation from 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 of the Commission is directed to cause a certified copy of this order to be served forthwith upon Southwest Gas Corporation.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 18th day of December, 1963.

William A. Bennett
President
John E. Mitchell
Corell W. Page
Fredrick B. Holhoff

Commissioners

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