

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 66771

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
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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
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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
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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
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ORDER DIRECTING CALIFORNIA-PACIFIC UTILITIES COMPANY TO MAKE REFUNDS TO ITS CUSTOMERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFUND PLAN

Pursuant to Decision No. 66505 dated December 18, 1963 in the above-entitled matters, California-Pacific Utilities Company has notified this Commission of the receipt of a gas refund of \$11,334.88 from Pacific Gas and Electric Company on February 4, 1964 arising out of the settlement of the El Paso Natural Gas Company rate

cases and Commission orders relating thereto. In addition, pursuant to said Decision No. 66505 California-Pacific Utilities Company has filed with this Commission a refund plan designed to refund to its gas customers in its Needles Division the full amount received plus interest at the rate of four percent per annum from February 4, 1964 to the date of refund to its customers.

The refund plan as filed is the same as that heretofore authorized by Decision No. 65973, dated September 10, 1963. Under its provisions customers would receive credit against current bills and the refund would be distributed to customers on a uniform commodity basis.

Upon consideration we find that:

1. The refund plan filed by California-Pacific Utilities Company on February 6, 1964 is fair, reasonable, and in the public interest.

2. California-Pacific Utilities Company should be directed to make refunds to its natural gas customers in its Needles Division in accordance with its refund plan attached hereto as Appendix A.

Good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Within ninety days after the effective date of this order, California-Pacific Utilities Company shall refund to its gas customers not less than \$11,334.88 plus accrued interest at the rate of four percent per annum from February 4, 1964 to the date refunds to its natural gas customers in its Needles Division be made in accordance with the refund plan attached hereto as Appendix A and made a part hereof.

2. Within thirty days after completing refunds to its customers as directed herein, California-Pacific Utilities Company

shall file a written report with this Commission setting forth the total amount refunded to its customers segregated by principal schedules.

3. California-Pacific Utilities Company shall inform each recipient of a refund either by transmittal letter or by notation on the bill reflecting the refund that:

"This refund is pursuant to an order by
the California Public Utilities Commission."

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

The effective date of this order shall be the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 11th
day of February, 1964.

President

George H. Hoover
Fredrick B. Hallock

Commissioners

Commissioner William M. Bennett, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

Commissioner Peter E. Mitchell, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

APPENDIX A

CALIFORNIA-PACIFIC UTILITIES COMPANY

DISTRIBUTION OF REFUND FROM
PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY

The refund will be credited to each gas customer's monthly bill based upon the units of gas sold or used during the month the refund is made. The refund factor will be computed by dividing the aggregate amount due including accrued interest thereon by the units of gas sold during the refund month.