

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 68895

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 DIRECTING REFUNDS

San Diego Gas & Electric Company has filed a plan to refund \$72,393.66 to its customers, as follows:

	<u>Amount of Refund</u>
Gas Customers	\$37,416.87
Electric Customers	34,683.28
Steam Customers	<u>293.51</u>
Total	72,393.66

The \$72,393.66 total refundable amount reflects a refund of \$67,822 to be received in May, 1965 by San Diego Gas & Electric Company from Southern Counties Gas Company of California pursuant to Decision No. 68635, dated February 24, 1965, plus \$4,571.66 which represents the net under-refund for three prior refunds directed by Decisions Nos. 66737 and 66980 and Resolution No. G-1238.

San Diego Gas & Electric Company proposes that the refund be made commencing with the billing for Cycle 1 of May, 1965 and that the distribution to customers be made either by credit on the customer's bill or by check.

Upon consideration, the Commission finds:

1. The refund plan filed on April 16, 1965 by San Diego Gas & Electric Company with this Commission is reasonable and is in the public interest.

2. The special records and reports requirements of Decisions Nos. 56001, 62446, 66737 and 66980 and Resolution No. G-1238 have accomplished their intended purposes, are not required for the future and should be discontinued.

The Commission concludes that an order should be issued directing refunds as hereinafter provided.

IT IS ORDERED as follows:

1. Within ninety days after the effective date of this order, San Diego Gas & Electric Company shall refund not less than \$72,393.66 to its customers in accordance with the refund plan filed on April 16, 1965 by San Diego Gas & Electric Company and attached hereto as Appendix A.

2. Within twenty days after completing refunds as provided in 1. above, San Diego Gas & Electric Company shall file a written report with this Commission setting forth the total amount refunded pursuant to this order segregated by major classes of service.

3. San Diego Gas & Electric Company is relieved from the special records and reporting requirements of Decisions Nos. 56001, 62446, 66737 and 66980 and Resolution No. G-1238.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 20th day of APRIL, 1965.

Frederick B. Holdhoff
President.

George J. Hoover

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William L. Burnett
Commissioners.

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San Diego Gas & Electric Company

PLAN FOR DISPOSITION OF REFUND RECEIVED
PURSUANT TO CAL. P.U.C. DECISION NO. 68635

A - PREAMBLE

1. Purpose of this plan.

The purpose of this plan is to distribute to the California customers of San Diego Gas & Electric Company \$72,393.66, which amount represents the additional refund of \$67,822.00 received by San Diego Gas & Electric Company from Southern Counties Gas Company of California pursuant to the order of the California Public Utilities Commission by Decision No. 68635 dated February 24, 1965, plus \$4,571.66 which is the net amount remaining undistributed from three prior refunds as shown by the following:

<u>Authorization</u>	<u>Distribution Period</u>	<u>Amount Undistributed</u>
Cal. P.U.C. Decision 66737	March-May 1964	\$ (6,738.22)
Cal. P.U.C. Decision 66980	April-June 1964	1,299.99
Cal. P.U.C. Resolution G-1238	August 1964	<u>10,009.89</u>
	Net Undistributed	\$ 4,571.66

(Excess distribution)

2. Definitions.

- a. "Commission" is the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California.
- b. "Company" is the San Diego Gas & Electric Company.
- c. "Customer" or "Customers" mean individual accounts as carried on the books of the "Company" for billing purposes regardless of affiliations, associations or ultimate responsibility of persons, firms, agencies or corporations who may have any interest in the property to which utility service was delivered on the account. The amount to be distributed to each "Customer" will be computed separately but amounts to be distributed to any one person, firm, agency or corporation may be aggregated for credit or payment.

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- d. "November 1963 Period" is the volume of sales to a customer or customer group during billing cycles Nos. 1 to 22, inclusive, of November 1963.
- e. "Year 1963" includes all billing cycles from Cycle 1 of January 1963 to and including Cycle 22 of December 1963.

B - ALLOCATION OF REFUND TO GROUPS OF CUSTOMERS

3. In order to keep costs of disposition of the refund as low as possible by using the simplest methods consistent with equitable treatment of all "Customers", it is proposed to allocate the total amount of \$72,393.66 to customer groups in proportion to the allocations which resulted from the "Company's" plan filed January 28, 1964, and ordered effective by "Commission" Decision No. 66737. The resulting allocations are as follows:

<u>Customer Group</u>	<u>Allocations by Plan of January 1964</u>	<u>Allocations Under This Plan</u>
<u>Gas Customer Groups:</u>		
"a". "General Service and Space Heating Customers", served on Schedules Nos. G-1, G-2, G-3, G-4, G-10, G-11, G-15 and G-20, other than those in group "b".	\$1,940,930	\$ 30,120.02
"b". "General Service and Space Heating Customers", served on Schedules Nos. G-1, G-2, G-3, G-4, G-10, G-11, G-15 and G-20, whose usage billed in the "November 1963 Period" was more than 300 Mcf.	49,957	775.25
"c". "Firm Industrial Customers", served on Schedule No. G-40 in billing periods from January 1958 to October 1963, inclusive.	60,507	938.97

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<u>Customer Group</u>	<u>Allocations by Plan of January 1964</u>	<u>Allocations Under This Plan</u>
"d". "Interruptible Customers", served on Schedules Nos. G-50 and G-51, in billing periods from January 1958 to October 1963, inclusive.	\$ 359,744	\$ 5,582.63
"e". Total Gas Customer Groups	\$2,411,138	\$37,416.87
<u>Electric Customer Groups:</u>		
"f". "Residential Customers", served on Schedules Nos. D-1, D-2, D-3 and D-4.	\$ 787,141	\$12,215.13
"g". "Class 1 Commercial Customers", served on Schedules Nos. A-1, A-2, A-3, A-4, H, P and FDC, other than those in group "h".	\$ 516,262	\$ 8,011.53
"h". "Class 2 Commercial Customers", served on Schedule No. A-5 in "Year 1963" and those "Customers" who used 40,000 Kwhrs or more during any billing month of "Year 1963" on Schedules Nos. A-1, A-2, A-3, A-4 and P.	833,855	12,940.05
"i". "Agricultural Power Customers", served on Schedule No. PA in "Year 1963".	65,666	1,019.03
"j". "Street Lighting Customers", served on Schedules Nos. LS-1, LS-2 and LS-3 in "Year 1963".	26,571	412.34
"k". "Resale Customers", served on Schedule No. R in "Year 1963", excluding international sales.	<u>5,490</u>	<u>85.20</u>
"l". Total Electric Customer Groups.	\$2,234,985	\$34,683.28

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<u>Customer Group</u>	<u>Allocations by Plan of January 1964</u>	<u>Allocations Under This Plan</u>
<u>Steam Customer Group:</u>		
"m". "Steam Customers", served in "Year 1963".	\$ 18,914	\$ 293.51
"n". Total All Customer Groups.	\$4,665,037	\$72,393.66

C - DISTRIBUTION TO CUSTOMERS

- The distribution to each "Customer" in customer groups "b", "c", "d", "h", "i", "j", "k", and "m" will be computed by applying the ratio of \$72,393.66 to \$4,665,037, namely .0155183, to the amount credited to that "Customer's" account, or paid by check to that "Customer", in the distribution of refund by order of "Commission" Decision No. 66737.
- The distribution of the allocation to customer groups "a", "f", and "g" will be made by dividing the amount allocated to each such group by the estimated number of bills within that group to be rendered during the billing period of May 1965 and crediting each such bill with the resultant, uniform amount per bill. The amounts to be distributed, estimated numbers of bills and amounts per bill are as follows:

<u>Group</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Estimated No. of bills</u>	<u>Credit Per Bill</u>
"a"	Small General Service Gas	\$ 30,120	312,620	\$0.10
"f"	Residential Electric	\$ 12,215	334,770	\$0.04
"g"	Small Commercial Electric	\$ 8,012	45,740	\$0.18

D - GENERAL CONDITIONS

6. Credits and Payments to "Customers".

Distribution of the refund to "Customers" will be made, upon authorization of this plan by the "Commission", commencing with the billing for Cycle 1 of May 1965. The distribution to "Customers" whose accounts

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are open at such distribution will be made by credit on the "Customer's" bill or by check. The amount of such credit for each kind of service will be shown separately and identified as "Gas Refund Credit", "Electric Refund Credit", or "Steam Refund Credit" as appropriate. The distribution to "Customers" whose accounts are not open will be by check with due notice mailed to the "Customer's" last known address.

7. Statements Regarding Refund.

Each recipient of a credit or payment under this plan will receive a notice including the statement:

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

8. Uncashed Checks

Any uncashed checks from gas, electric and steam heat refund plans will remain a liability of the Company. The claim of any person legally entitled to one of the uncashed refund checks (whether returned to the Company or at large) will be honored.

Where a check has been returned, the Company takes every reasonable effort to locate the payee.