

**ORIGINAL**Decision No. 69107

## 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  
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  
(Second Supplemental)

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  
(Third Supplemental)

In the Matter of the Application of  
SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION for an  
increase in natural gas rates.

Application No. 42755  
(Second Supplemental)ORDER DIRECTING REFUNDS

Southwest Gas Corporation has filed a plan to refund \$5,389.54 to its customers. This amount reflects a refund of \$5,389.21 to be received in June, 1965 by Southwest Gas Corporation from Pacific Gas and Electric Company pursuant to Decision No. 68758, dated March 23, 1965, plus \$0.33 which represents the net under-refund for three prior refunds directed by Decisions Nos. 66232 and 66883 and Resolution No. G-1256.

Southwest Gas Corporation proposes that the refund be applied to the June, 1965 billings and that the distribution to customers be made by credit on the customer's bill.

Upon consideration, the Commission finds:

1. The refund plan filed on May 18, 1965 by Southwest Gas Corporation with this Commission is reasonable and is in the public interest.

2. The special records and reports requirements of Decisions Nos. 66232 and 66883 and Resolution No. G-1256 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, Southwest Gas Corporation shall refund not less than \$5,389.54 to its customers in accordance with the refund plan filed on May 18, 1965 and attached hereto as Appendix A.

2. Within twenty days after completing refunds as provided in 1. above, Southwest Gas Corporation 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. Southwest Gas Corporation is relieved from the special records and reporting requirements of Decisions Nos. 66232 and 66883 and Resolution No. G-1256.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of MAY, 1965.

*[Signature]* President  
*[Signature]*  
*[Signature]*  
*[Signature]*  
Commissioners

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

Commissioner Frederick B. Holoboff, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

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Southwest Gas Corporation

PLAN FOR DISBURSEMENT TO CALIFORNIA GAS SERVICE CUSTOMERS  
OF MONIES FLOWING FROM FEDERAL POWER COMMISSION ORDERS IN  
DOCKET NOS. G-4769, G-12948, G-17929, RP 60-3 AND G-11217, ET AL

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this plan is to terminate all prior refund plans and to disburse to California Customers of Southwest Gas Corporation ("Southwest" herein) the balances of undisbursed monies refunded to Southwest by Pacific Gas and Electric Company originating with El Paso Natural Gas Company Docket Numbers G-4769, G-12948, G-17929, RP 60-3 and G-11217, et al.

2. DEFINITIONS

Current Record Period

The month of May, 1965.

Disbursement Period

The period during which Southwest disburses the monies.

Commission

The California Public Utilities Commission.

3. ELIGIBILITY

All customers of Southwest are eligible to receive disbursements, to the extent provided in this plan.

4. TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE DISBURSED

The total amount which Southwest will disburse will be equal to the refund received from Pacific Gas and Electric Company as a credit on the May, 1965 billing to Southwest, plus any undisbursed amounts from prior refunds.

5. DISBURSEMENT FORMULA

Disbursements will be made to all customers in direct proportion to the amount of gas purchased by them to the total gas purchases during the current record period.

6. DISBURSEMENTS TO CUSTOMERS

Disbursements to all customers will be made in the form of credits applied to June, 1965 billings, based on usage billed during the Current Record

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Period. The amount credited will be shown separately on the customer's bill and designated "Gas Refund Credit".

7. COST OF DISBURSEMENT

The plan proposed herein is designed to keep costs of disbursing this refund to Southwest's customers as low as possible by using simplified methods where the disbursement is so small that the loss in accuracy will mean minor departures from the results which would be achieved by more elaborate methods involving disproportionate expense in calculating the disbursement and in locating customers.

8. UNCASHED CHECKS

Any uncashed checks will remain a liability of Southwest. The claim of any person legally entitled to one of the uncashed refund checks (whether returned to Southwest or at large) will be honored.

Where a check has been returned, Southwest will take every reasonable effort to locate the payee.

9. SPECIAL RECORDS AND REPORTS REQUIREMENTS

This refund completes the distribution of all refund amounts, therefore, it is requested that Southwest be relieved from the special records and reporting requirements of C. P. U. C. Decision Numbers 66232 and 66883 and Resolution Number G-1256 pertaining to Application Nos. 36635, 39621, 40743 and 42755.

CALCULATION OF REFUND TO CALIFORNIA CUSTOMERS OF MONIES  
FLOWING FROM PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY PURSUANT TO C. P. U. C.  
DECISION NO. 68758 AND ANY UNDISBURSED BALANCES PURSUANT TO C. P. U. C.  
DECISION NOS. 66232 AND 66883 AND RESOLUTION NO. G-1256

Refund received from P. G. & E. - June, 1965	\$ 5,389.21
Undisbursed refund amounts pursuant to C. P. U. C. Decision Nos. 66232 and 66883 and Resolution No. G-1256	<u>          .33</u>
Total to be Refunded	<u>\$ 5,389.54</u>

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PURSUANT TO DECISIONS 66232 AND 66883 AND RESOLUTION G-1256

As of April 30, 1965

	Dec. 66232 Appl. 36635	Dec. 66883 Appl. 39621, 40743 and 42755	Resolution No. G-1256
<u>TO BE DISBURSED</u>			
Checks Received			
Date	8-28-63	2-3-64	6-65
Amounts	\$78,961.37	\$208,577.07	\$12,174.85
Accrual of Reduction Revenue Billed for Dec., Jan., Feb., 1964	---	7,540.87	---
Interest Accrual	829.10	602.56	142.04
Carry Forward From Previous Disbursements	---	(A) 443.00	(B) 1,077.69
Total to be Disbursed	<u>79,790.47</u>	<u>217,163.50</u>	<u>13,394.58</u>
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>			
Checks Issued - Type 1	39,519.59	91,902.41	) 13,394.25
Applied to Bills - Type 11	<u>39,827.88</u>	<u>125,050.14</u>	
Sub-Total	79,347.47	216,952.55	13,394.25
Miscellaneous Disbursed Thru Petty Cash	<u>9.67</u>	<u>84.92</u>	---
Total	<u>79,357.14</u>	<u>217,037.47</u>	<u>13,394.25</u>
<u>ADJUSTMENTS</u>			
Reversal of Class 11 Refund Portion. This was recorded as refunded but actually was a reduction of previous refund. (\$417.63 x 2) brought about by meter reading errors in October	835.26	---	---
Cancelled Checks: #23875	23.16	#26208 29.11	---
#23910	15.13	#26225 26.99	---
#23917	<u>31.68</u>	---	---
Total Adjustments	<u>905.23</u>	<u>56.10</u>	---
Total Disbursed	<u>78,451.91</u>	<u>216,981.37</u>	<u>13,394.25</u>
Balance	1,338.56	182.13	.33
Applied to subsequent Refunds (A)	443.00	---	---
(B)	<u>895.56</u>	(B) 182.13	---
Balance to be Refunded	<u>\$ ---</u>	<u>\$ ---</u>	<u>\$ .33</u>