

Decision No. 76251**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
 SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY, a ) Application No. 51386  
 corporation, for authority to issue ) Filed September 23, 1969  
 from time to time not to exceed )  
 \$52,500,000 in short term promissory )  
 notes. )  
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O P I N I O N

San Diego Gas & Electric Company seeks an order of the Commission authorizing it to issue not exceeding \$52,500,000 aggregate principal amount of short-term promissory notes at any one time outstanding.

Applicant has arranged to borrow from time to time through June 30, 1970, up to an aggregate amount of \$35,000,000 to be evidenced by short-term promissory notes bearing interest at the prime rate of the lending banks. The remaining \$17,500,000 of the requested authorization is the maximum amount of commercial paper which applicant could issue in accordance with a formula providing for an amount at any one time outstanding of not exceeding 25% of its annual gross revenues or 50% of authorized bank loans, whichever is less. The proceeds of the borrowings are to be used for temporary financing of the company's construction program.

The utility deems it necessary to obtain large amounts of funds on a temporary basis. The company's use of short-term bank loans and commercial paper enables it to obtain such funds at reasonable interest rates under prevailing security market conditions.

After consideration the Commission finds that:

1. Section 823 of the Public Utilities Code, as amended by Chapter 700 of the California Statutes of 1969, applies to this proceeding.
2. The terms and conditions pertaining to the proposed notes are reasonable.
3. The money, property or labor to be procured or paid for by the issue of the notes herein authorized is reasonably required for the purpose specified herein, which purpose is not, in whole or in part, reasonably chargeable to operating expenses or to income.

On the basis of the foregoing findings we conclude that the application should be granted. A public hearing is not necessary. The authorization herein granted is for the purpose of this proceeding only and is not to be construed as indicative of amounts to be included in proceedings for the determination of just and reasonable rates.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. San Diego Gas & Electric Company, on or after the effective date hereof and on or before June 30, 1970, for the purpose specified in this proceeding, may issue promissory notes, and renewal or extension documents, in the aggregate principal amount of not exceeding \$52,500,000 at any one time outstanding. Said notes and other documents shall be in accordance with agreements in the same form, or in substantially the same form, as those attached to the application.

2. Within thirty days after issuing any of the notes or other documents herein authorized, San Diego Gas & Electric Company shall file with the Commission a copy thereof as actually issued, which filing shall be in lieu of a report under General Order No. 24-B.

3. This order shall become effective when San Diego Gas & Electric Company has paid the fee prescribed by Section 1904(b) of the Public Utilities Code, which fee is \$16,125.

Dated at San Francisco, California,  
this 30<sup>th</sup> day of SEPTEMBER, 1969.

*William Synovis, Jr.*  
President

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Commissioners

Commissioner A. W. Gatov, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

