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Decision No. 78285

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY for authority to revise its tariff for natural gas service to offset increases in expense related to (A) increases in the price of natural gas from its out-of-state suppliers, and (B) termination of the investment credit.

(Gas)

Application No. 51686

ORDER GRANTING PETITION FOR
FURTHER MODIFICATION OF
DECISION NO. 77102

By Decision No. 77102, dated April 14, 1970, in the above proceeding, the Commission authorized Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) to increase its rates and charges for natural gas service by \$20,637,000 in order to offset the termination of the investment tax credit and the increased cost of out-of-state gas. This decision was amended by Decision No. 77131, dated April 21, 1970, to correct certain tariff schedules.

In Decision No. 77102 the Commission also authorized PG&E to file limited rate increases subject to refund in order to offset the effect of tracking increases filed by El Paso Natural Gas Company (El Paso) with the Federal Power Commission (FPC) in FPC Docket No. RP 70-11. The FPC authorized El Paso to file such increases through December 31, 1970.

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The maximum rate increase authorized for PG&E during 1970 pursuant to the tracking increase provision was limited to 0.84 cents per Mcf. Of this amount 0.47 cents per Mcf remains unused. Under the petition involved herein, PG&E requests that the tracking increase authority be extended until December 31, 1971, but it does not seek in this petition authority to increase the maximum rate increase amount.

The extension of time is requested as the result of the FPC's having granted in October 30, 1970, a new authorization to El Paso extending its tracking increase authority to the end of 1971.^{1/}

The Commission concludes that the requested modification is reasonable and will be granted. No protests have been filed. A public hearing is not necessary.

IT IS ORDERED that paragraph 2c(a) of the Commission's order in Decision No. 77102, pertaining to adjustments in Pacific Gas and Electric Company's rates occasioned by rate changes filed by El Paso Natural Gas Company on or before December 31, 1970,


^{1/} The FPC also permitted El Paso to file tracking increases up to an additional 0.20 cents per Mcf. PG&E will request similar authority from the Commission by a separate filing.

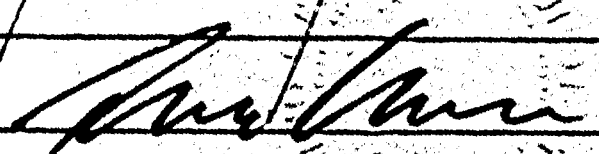
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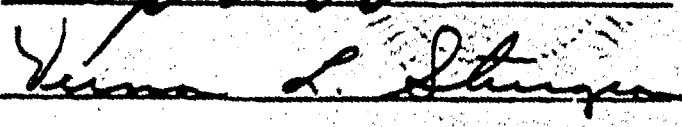
is modified to provide that the time for such adjustments is extended to December 31, 1971. In all other respects, Decision Nos. 77102 and 77131 remain in full force and effect.

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

Dated at San Diego, California, this 9th day of FEBRUARY 1971.



Chairman




Commissioners

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