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Decision No. 84216

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)
of SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY)
for authority to increase revenues)
to offset the effect of certain)
increased costs.)

Application No. 55117
(Filed August 16, 1974;
amended October 11, 1974)

ORDER GRANTING PARTIAL STAY AND
FURTHER MODIFYING DECISION NO. 83881

By Decision No. 83881, issued December 17, 1974, Southern California Gas Company was granted the authority to increase its rates to offset increased employee wages and benefits, along with three other specific items of increased costs.

On December 24, 1974, the City of Los Angeles (City) filed a petition seeking rehearing and a stay of D. 83881. The City's requests were denied in Decision No. 84136, issued February 19, 1975.

On February 27, 1975, the City filed a Petition for Partial Stay of Decisions Nos. 83881 and 84136. In this petition, the City notes that it intends to seek review of Decisions Nos. 83881 and 84136 in the California Supreme Court and requests that pending such review the rates authorized in Decision No. 83881 be made "subject to refund".

We noted in Decision No. 84136 that we were not persuaded that good cause for rehearing or stay of Decision No. 83881 had been shown by the City. However, we are of the opinion that the City's instant request for a partial stay of Decisions Nos. 83881 and 84136, pending review by the California Supreme Court, is reasonable.

Upon further review of the evidence in Application No. 55117, we have reconsidered Ordering Paragraph No. 1 of Decision No. 84136 (which modified Finding No. 3 of Decision No. 83881), as corrected by Decision No. 84170. We conclude that the modification set forth in Decision No. 84136, as corrected by Decision No. 84170, should be deleted and replaced by the following:

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The finding by way of modification of Decision No. 83881 set forth in Decision No. 84136, as corrected by Decision No. 84170, is hereby deleted.

2. Finding No. 3 of Decision No. 83881 is hereby modified to read as follows:

"3. Based upon the results of operations for test year 1974 adopted in Decision No. 83160, and adjusted to include the four cost increases and the additional revenue requirement as described in the application herein, SoCal will not earn in excess of the allowed 8.5 percent rate of return as authorized in Decision No. 83160."

3. All increased revenues collected by Southern California Gas Company pursuant to Decision No. 83881, as amended by Decisions Nos. 84136 and 84170 and the order herein, subsequent to the effective date of this order shall be collected subject to refund pending review of Decisions Nos. 83881 and 84136 by the California Supreme Court and until further order of the Commission.

4. Southern California Gas Company shall, after the effective date of this order, maintain records of the charges to each of its customers pending review of Decisions Nos. 83881 and 84136 by the California Supreme Court and until further order of the Commission.

The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 18th day of MARCH, 1975.

Commissioner William Symons, Jr.

Present but not participating.

Vernon L. Sturgeon
President
Leonard Ross
2. Commissioners