

ORIGINALDecision No. 84601

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY for
(a) a general increase in its gas
rates, and (b) for authority to
include a purchased gas adjustment
provision in its tariffs.

Application No. 53797
(Filed January 19, 1973)

OPINION AND ORDER ON PETITION OF SAN DIEGO GAS &
ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO COMPLY
WITH DECISION NO. 84512

On June 19, 1975, San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) filed a petition requesting an extension of time for it to comply with Ordering Paragraphs 3, 4, and 5 of Decision No. 84512 dated June 10, 1975, from June 20, 1975 until on or before July 10, 1975.

Ordering Paragraph 3 of Decision No. 84512 authorized and directed Southern California Gas Company (SoCal) to file a new gas service agreement with SDG&E in conformity with Finding 21 of that decision and permitted SDG&E to file a proposed gas service agreement if it disputes the language of the new gas service agreement filed by SoCal. Ordering Paragraph 3 also provides that, in the event of such a dispute, SoCal's revised Rule 23 shall govern deliveries until the Commission resolves the dispute. SDG&E, which was furnished a preliminary copy of SoCal's revised gas service agreement, wishes additional time to review the agreement filed by SoCal. Since SoCal has filed a revised Rule 23 to govern deliveries pending our resolution of any potential gas service agreement dispute, SDG&E should be given the requested extension of time with respect to Ordering Paragraph 3.

SDG&E asserts that compliance with Ordering Paragraphs 4 and 5 of Decision No. 84512 will require additional time because of the necessity of its preparing supporting data for a purchased gas adjustment (PGA) clause application and for a fuel adjustment clause application.

SDG&E was authorized and directed to prepare a PGA application as of the effective date of SoCal's Rule 23 filing, which was June 20, 1975.

The interests of SDG&E's gas customers are not necessarily identical to SDG&E's electric customers. SDG&E's gas division expenses will decrease as a result of Decision No. 84512. Absent the testing of SDG&E's PGA filing, we cannot determine if SDG&E's gas department will realize a gain or loss as a result of Decision No. 84512. If there is a gain SDG&E's gas customers would be entitled to a rate reduction. SDG&E's gas customers should not lose the potential benefit of a rate reduction because of SDG&E's failure to make a timely filing. We will grant the extension of time requested for complying with Ordering Paragraph 4 of Decision No. 84512 with the condition that any reduction in rates which results from the filing should be applicable as of June 20, 1975. Acceptance by SDG&E of the extension of time shall constitute acquiescence to the June 20, 1975 date for purposes of computing possible rate reductions and refunds. If necessary, refunds should be made of any gas revenues collected in excess of that authorized by SDG&E's PGA filing.

We note that Southern California Edison Company has filed a rate reduction application on June 20, 1975 to reduce its fuel adjustment cost billing factor for a prospective period beginning on June 20, 1975 to comply with Ordering Paragraph 6 of Decision No. 84512.

SDG&E's request for additional time to comply with Ordering Paragraph 5 of Decision No. 84512 should be granted since the authorization therein is permissive.

Findings

1. SDG&E's petition for additional time up to July 10, 1975 to comply with Ordering Paragraphs 3, 4, and 5 of Decision No. 84512 should be granted.

2. Any gain in SDG&E's gas division earnings resulting from SDG&E's failure to timely file a PGA application pursuant to Ordering Paragraph 4 of Decision No. 84512 should be refunded. SDG&E should have made this PGA filing as of June 20, 1975.

SDG&E's request should be granted to the extent set forth in the order which follows.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. San Diego Gas & Electric Company's petition for additional time up to July 10, 1975 to comply with Ordering Paragraphs 3, 4, and 5 of Decision No. 84512 is granted.

2. San Diego Gas & Electric Company shall indicate its acceptance of the extension of time granted herein by the filing of a written statement with the Commission no later than five days from the date of this order. Acceptance of the relief granted herein shall constitute acquiescence by San Diego Gas & Electric Company to the computation of possible rate reductions and refunds from and after the date of June 20, 1975.

3. Any gain in San Diego Gas & Electric Company's gas division earnings resulting from San Diego Gas & Electric Company's failure

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to timely file a FGA pursuant to Ordering Paragraph 4 of Decision No. 24512 shall be refunded.

The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 25th
day of JUNE, 1975.

Vermon L. Sturgeon
President

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Commissioner

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

Commissioner Leonard Ross, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.