

ORIGINALDecision No. 84727

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY for)
 Authority to Increase its Gas Rates)
 and Charges to Offset the Increased)
 Costs of Purchased Gas. (Request)
 originally filed by Advice Letter)
 332-G).)

Application No. 55677
 (Filed May 7, 1975;
 amended May 16, 1975)

ORDER GRANTING LIMITED
REHEARING OF DECISION NO. 84570

On June 26, 1975 California Manufacturers Association (CMA) and the Secretary of Defense on behalf of the consumer interests of all executive agencies of the United States (Secretary of Defense) filed separate petitions for rehearing of Decision No. 84570, issued June 17, 1975. On June 30, 1975 the City of San Diego also filed a petition for rehearing of Decision No. 84570. The Commission, after considering each and every allegation of said petitions, is of the opinion that the City of San Diego has not shown good cause for rehearing of Decision No. 84570. However, CMA has shown good cause for a limited rehearing of said decision.

The Commission considers that rehearing of Decision No. 84570 should be granted for the limited purpose of determining whether the purchased gas adjustment (PGA) increase authorized to SDG&E in Decision No. 84570 should be applied on a basis other than a uniform cents-per-therm basis to all classes of service. The Commission does not believe that interested parties were given adequate notice of the Commission's intention to consider the issue of rate design in Application No. 55677 or that there was sufficient evidence of record to support the language, findings, conclusions and ordering paragraphs of Decision No. 84570 which provided that 90 days after the effective date of Decision No. 84570 the PGA increased authorized therein should be applied to non-residential schedules only.

On June 26, 1975 by "Notice of Further Hearing" and by an "Examiner's Ruling", Application No. 55676 and Application No. 55677 were consolidated for purposes of further hearings as to the issue of rate design. Hearings in these consolidated proceedings commenced on July 21, 1975. The limited rehearing of Decision No. 84570 granted by this decision should take place as part of these consolidated hearings.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Rehearing of Decision No. 84570 is hereby granted for the sole purpose of further consideration as to the issue of rate design.
2. Said rehearing shall be part of the consolidated hearings being held in Application No. 55676 and Application No. 55677.
3. Until further order of the Commission San Diego Gas & Electric Company shall continue to collect rates to offset the increased cost of gas purchased from its supplier of not more than .312 cents-per-therm in all retail customer classes, and by not more than 2.995 cents/M²btu in interdepartmental, pursuant to the tariff schedules filed by San Diego Gas & Electric Company on June 17, 1975.
4. In accordance with Ordering Paragraph 1(c) of Decision No. 84570 this entire rate increase is subject to equivalent refund and/or reduction in the event that any refund or reduction is required of Southern California Gas Company under its Schedule G-61.
5. In accordance with Ordering Paragraph 3 of Decision No. 84570, Ordering Paragraph 3 of Decision No. 84290, dated April 2, 1975, shall apply to this offset proceeding and all future offset proceedings, on both an individual and cumulative basis.

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The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this

29th day of July, 1975.

President

William L. Givens

Vernon L. Sturgeon

Leonard Ross

Paul Bateman

Commissioners

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