

Decision No. 84728

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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 gas
service tariff to offset the effect of
increases in the price of gas from
CALIFORNIA SOURCES.

Application No. 55468
(Filed January 30, 1975)

(Gas)

Application of PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC
COMPANY for authority to revise its gas
service tariff to offset the effect of
increases in the price of gas from
EL PASO NATURAL GAS COMPANY.

Application No. 55469
(Filed January 30, 1975)

(Gas)

Application of PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC
COMPANY for authority to revise its gas
service tariff to offset the effect of
increases in the price of gas from
PACIFIC GAS TRANSMISSION COMPANY.

Application No. 55470
(Filed January 30, 1975)

(Gas)

ORDER GRANTING LIMITED REHEARING
OF DECISIONS NOS. 84571 and 84616 AND
REOPENING APPLICATION NO. 55470 FOR
LIMITED PURPOSE

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.
84571, issued June 17, 1975. On July 9, 1975 CMA filed a petition

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for rehearing of Decision No. 84616, issued July 1, 1975. On July 22, 1975 the Commission issued Decision No. 84697. No petitions for rehearing of Decision No. 84697 have been filed as of this date.

The Commission, after considering each and every allegation of said petitions for rehearing and after considering sua sponte Decision No. 84697, is of the opinion that good cause for limited rehearing of Decision Nos. 84571 and 84616 has been shown and that good cause exists for the reopening of Application No. 55470 for the limited purpose of rate design.

The Commission considers that rehearing of Decisions Nos. 84571 and 84616 and reopening of Application No. 55470 should be granted for the limited purpose of determining whether the purchased gas adjustment (PGA) increase authorized to PG&E in Decision Nos. 84571, 84616 and 84697 should be applied on a basis other than a uniform cents-per-therm basis to all classes of service. The Commission believes that interested parties were given adequate notice of the Commission's intention to consider the issue of rate design in Applications Nos. 55468, 55469 and 55470. However, there was not sufficient evidence of record to support the language, findings, conclusions and ordering paragraphs of Decisions Nos. 84571, 84616 and 84697 which provided that 90 days after the effective date of these decisions the PGA increased authorized therein should be applied to non-residential schedules only.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Rehearing of Decisions Nos. 84571 and 84616 is hereby granted for the sole purpose of further consideration as to the issue of rate design.

2. Application No. 55470 is hereby reopened for the sole purpose of further consideration as to the issue of rate design.

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3. The rehearing of Decisions Nos. 84571 and 84616 and the hearing in Application No. 55470 shall be consolidated and shall be heard before such Commissioner and/or Examiner and at such time and place as may hereafter be designated.

4. Until further order of this Commission Pacific Gas and Electric Company shall continue to collect rates to offset the increased cost of gas purchased from El Paso Natural Gas Company of not more than 0.211 cents-per-therm or equivalent in all classes of service pursuant to the tariff schedules filed by Pacific Gas and Electric Company on June 17, 1975.

5. Until further order of the Commission Pacific Gas and Electric Company shall continue to collect rates to offset the increased cost of gas purchased from its California suppliers of not more than 0.437 cents-per-therm or equivalent in all classes of service pursuant to the tariff schedules filed by Pacific Gas and Electric Company on July 1, 1975.

6. Until further order of the Commission Pacific Gas and Electric Company shall continue to collect rates to offset the increased cost of gas purchased from its Canadian suppliers through Pacific Gas Transmission Company of not more than 0.028 cents-per-therm or equivalent in all classes of service pursuant to the tariff schedules filed by Pacific Gas and Electric Company on July 25, 1975.

7. In accordance with Ordering Paragraph 3 of Decisions Nos. 84571, 84616, and 84697 the above-specified increases shall be subject to refund as specified in Pacific Gas and Electric Company's Preliminary Statement.

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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 S. Gurnea, Jr.

Vernon L. Stenger

Leonard Ross

Paul F. Finkel

Commissioners

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