

Decision No. 85015

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Investigation on the Commission's own motion into electric utility rate structures and the changes, if any, that should be made in presently constituted rate structures to encourage conservation of electricity in the State of California.

Case No. 9804
(Filed October 1, 1974)

SECOND INTERIM REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE
AND REQUEST FOR FURTHER EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to the Commission's request by Decision No. 84760 issued August 5, 1975 the Legislature granted the Commission an extension of time from August 31, 1975 to October 22, 1975, within which to file its final report and recommendations pursuant to Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 192.

Examiner Cline to whom this proceeding has been referred for hearing and the preparation of a proposed decision has reported that he has made considerable progress in the preparation of the proposed decision. However, because of the volume of the material to be analyzed and the numerous issues to be resolved and because of the referral to him for rehearing of Applications Nos. 55468, 55469, 55470, and 55687 of Pacific Gas and Electric Company involving the design of gas rates, he has been unable to complete and submit the proposed decision to the Commission for its consideration.

The Commission, in various decisions, including Decision No. 84902 issued September 16, 1975 in Applications Nos. 54279, 54280, and 54281 of Pacific Gas and Electric Company, has already authorized the filing of lifeline rates by various electric and gas utilities. On October 7, 1975, the Commission, pursuant to the Miller-Warren Energy Lifeline Act (Assembly Bill 167, Chapter

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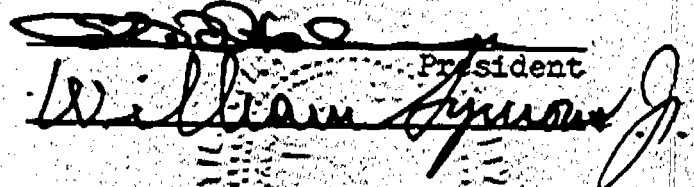
1010, 1975 Statutes), as an extension of the work begun in Cases Nos. 9804 and 9884 relative to electrical and gas rate design and conservation, has instituted an investigation with respect to the establishment of lifeline volumes of gas and lifeline quantities of electricity and to the establishment of rate structures to provide a lifeline quantity of energy to the average residential user for specified end uses. (Case No. 9988.)


During the pendency of the investigation in Case No. 9804 we desire that progress be made in implementing the concept of peak load pricing. In furtherance of that end, the respondent electric utilities should file specific proposed peak load tariffs by applications or advice letters for review by our staff and interested parties.


The Commission hereby requests that the Legislature grant it a further extension of time to December 31, 1975, within which to file its final report and recommendations pursuant to Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 192, adopted August 31, 1974.

The Secretary is directed to cause copies of this Second Interim Report to the Legislature and Request for Further Extension of Time to be served by mail upon all members of the Legislature and all parties to this proceeding.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 15th
day of OCTOBER, 1975.



President




Commissioners

Commissioner Vernon L. Sturgeon, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.