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Decision No. 85592

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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)
A General Increase In Its Gas Rates.)

Application No. 55345
(Filed November 26, 1974)

ORDER DENYING REHEARING AND
MODIFYING DECISION NO. 85410.

Petitions for rehearing and stay of Decision No. 85410 have been filed by San Diego Gas and Electric Company (SDG&E) and Southern California Edison Company (Edison). Having considered each and every allegation raised in these petitions we are of the opinion that good cause for rehearing has not been made to appear. However, we are of the opinion that Decision No. 85410 should be modified.

Both petitioners challenge our determination that annual igniter requirements should, commencing May 31, 1976, reflect alternate gas supplies. After further consideration we now agree with petitioners that this issue should be resolved in Case No. 9642.

SDG&E further objects to our order requiring the installation of new meters to more accurately measure igniter gas deliveries. In support thereof an affidavit was submitted indicating that (1) compliance with the order was impossible; (2) procedures were currently being revised by SDG&E to improve the accuracy of recording usage with existing meters; and (3) these new procedures can be implemented by April 1976 at no additional expense. After considering this affidavit we have decided to give SDG&E an opportunity to show that it can accurately measure igniter fuel usage without installing new meters. Although Southern California Gas Company (SoCal) was also ordered to install new meters and has not requested that it be relieved of this burden, nevertheless we will extend to SoCal the same opportunity to make a showing that we extend to SDG&E. No other points require discussion.


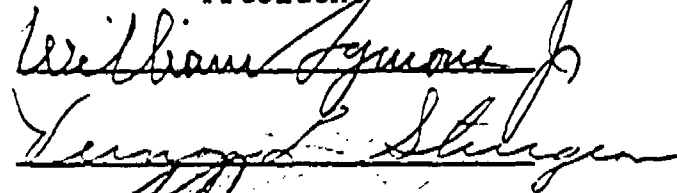
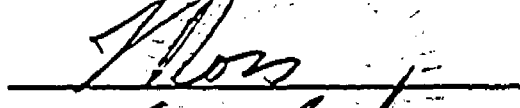
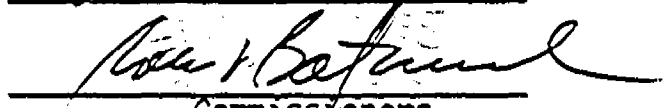
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THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The last two sentences in Ordering Paragraph 1 of Decision No. 85410 are hereby deleted;
2. Appendix B of Decision No. 85410 is hereby modified by the deletion of footnote 1.
3. Ordering Paragraph 4 of Decision No. 85410 is hereby revised to read as follows:
"4. Southern California Gas Company and San Diego Gas & Electric Company shall within sixty days of this order provide information to the Commission sufficient to show that igniter fuel usage can be and is being accurately measured."
4. Rehearing and stay of Decision No. 85410, as modified hereinabove, is hereby denied.

The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 16th day
of MARCH, 1976.


President



Commissioners