

Decision No. 85767

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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)

OPINION MODIFYING DECISIONS NOS. 85410 AND 85592

Petition to Extend Time

Southern California Gas Company (SoCal) requests an extension of time to comply with Ordering Paragraph 4 of D.85410 dated February 3, 1976 in this proceeding, as modified by Ordering Paragraph 3 of D.85592 dated March 16, 1976.

SoCal states that unlike San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) it is unable to accurately meter deliveries to its steam plant customers with its existing metering facilities and that it will be necessary to supplement its existing steam plant metering facilities with low-load meters and automatic control systems; that there are 19 such meter set assemblies serving the utility electric generating plants in the Los Angeles area which must be modified; that preliminary design work has been completed and work orders specifying the major components are now being furnished to the SoCal operating divisions affected by the order; that many of the components have long lead times for deliveries; that in order to extend the range of measurement capability at the affected meter set assemblies virtually new control systems are required; that there is substantial risk of system failure and resultant electric outages without adequate design and testing of these systems; and that it would be impossible to comply with the abovementioned ordering paragraphs in less than six months.

SoCal needs measurements to devise a method, as required by Ordering Paragraph 5 of D.85410, to uniformly report on the igniter requirements of its G-58 and G-61 customers. The filing date for SoCal to comply with this ordering paragraph should be extended to November 15, 1976.

Modification of Igniter Requirements

Finding 16 in D.85410 states in part "...Usage for igniter requirements should not be expended to consume the authorized quantities as a relatively inexpensive boiler fuel supply but should be limited to meeting the actual igniter requirements of the utilities receiving the gas."

Ordering Paragraph 2 of D.85410 provides a procedure for increasing igniter requirements. SoCal should revise its Rule 23 and G-58 and G-61 service agreements to reflect any reduction of igniter requirements on an as expected basis. SoCal should file the revised igniter requirements submitted by Southern California Edison Company (Edison), by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (DWP), and by SDG&E at the March 2 and 3, 1976 hearings in C.9642.

SoCal should make advice letter filings reflecting further reductions in igniter requirements on a quarterly basis commencing on June 30, 1976.

Findings

1. SoCal must make new installations to comply with Ordering Paragraph 4 of D.85410, as modified by Ordering Paragraph 3 of D.85592.
2. SoCal requires additional time to install and test the new facilities beyond that authorized by D.85592.
3. An extension of time, until October 3, 1976, should be authorized to permit SoCal to make the necessary installations and tests.
4. SoCal needs measurements to devise a method, as required by Ordering Paragraph 5 of D.85410, to uniformly report on the igniter requirements of its G-58 and G-61 customers. The filing date for SoCal to comply with this ordering paragraph should be extended to November 15, 1976.
5. The annual igniter requirements of Edison, of DWP, and of SDG&E should be revised to reflect those companies' later estimates for 1976 under as expected conditions.

6. SoCal should make advice letter filings reflecting further reductions in igniter requirements on a quarterly basis commencing on June 30, 1976. ✓

7. The effective date of this order should be the date of signing to expeditiously conform SoCal's tariffs with the updated igniter fuel estimates. ✓

Conclusions

1. Ordering Paragraph 4 of D.85410, as modified by Ordering Paragraph 3 of D.85592, should be further modified to permit SoCal to either meter or submeter its services to the electric plants on its system by October 3, 1976 to enable SoCal to accurately measure quantities of igniter gas being delivered.

2. SoCal's Rule 23 and SoCal's G-58 and G-61 agreements should be revised to incorporate the revised 1976 estimates of igniter volumes.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Southern California Gas Company shall meter or submeter the electric plants served from its system by October 3, 1976 to accurately measure quantities of igniter gas being delivered.

2. The filing date for Southern California Gas Company to comply with Ordering Paragraph 5 of Decision No. 85410 is extended to November 15, 1976.


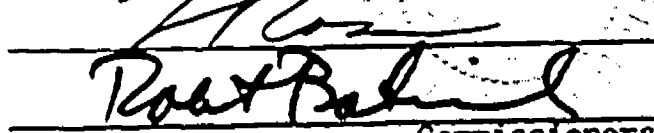
3. Southern California Gas Company is authorized to file a revised Rule 23 and revised service contracts with Southern California Edison Company, with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, and with San Diego Gas & Electric Company to incorporate the revised igniter requirements of those utilities. This filing shall be made within ten days after the effective date of this order. The filing shall be effective on the date of filing. ✓

4. Southern California Gas Company shall file any further reduced igniter requirements on a quarterly basis commencing on June 30, 1976. ✓

The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 17th
day of MAY, 1976.


President



Commissioners

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