

Decision 84 07 066

JUL 5 1984

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Investigation on the Commission's
 own motion into the allowances, rules,
 practices, and procedures concerning
 free footage for new connections of
 Pacific Gas and Electric Company,
 San Diego Gas & Electric Company,
 Southern California Gas Company,
 Sierra Pacific Power Company,
 California-Pacific Utilities Company,
 Southwest Gas Corporation, and
 Pacific Power & Light Company,
 respondents.

Case 10260
 (Filed February 15, 1977)

ORDER DENYING REHEARING
OF DECISION (D.) 84-04-047

An application for rehearing of D.84-04-047 has been filed on behalf of Robert S. Strasburg and Land Developers In The Northern Counties Area (Applicants). We have carefully considered each and every allegation of error in that application and are of the opinion that good cause for granting rehearing has not been shown. As we pointed out in D.84-04-047, rescission of our prior orders in this proceeding was appropriate in view of the subsequent enactment of Senate Bill 48 which added Section 783 to the Public Utilities Code. These provisions made such earlier orders void in almost every aspect and established a specific set of standards by which any changes to line extension tariffs may be authorized.

While it is correct, as Applicants state, that the Legislature made clear the right of energy customers to install their own service extensions, this may only be done subject to our regulations and any applicable specifications of the electrical or

gas corporations (Sec. 783(f)). In developing our regulations we must abide by the statutory standards laid out in Sec. 783(b) and the new proceeding announced in D.84-04-047 is specifically for that purpose.

Although such a proceeding will require an expenditure of our resources as well as those of the parties we believe it is necessary in order to comply with the Legislature's mandate. This does not mean however that the record in C.10260 is expunged or sealed. Applicants need not sponsor repetitive evidence in the new proceeding. A motion to incorporate by reference specified portions of record in C.10260 which Applicants believe are relevant to the limited issue of competitive bidding for extensions should be looked on with favor.

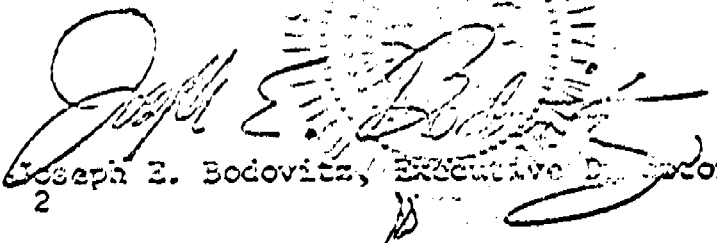
No other issues need be discussed. Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that Rehearing of D.84-04-047 is denied.
This order is effective today.

Dated JUL 5 1984, at San Francisco, California.

LEONARD M. GRIMES, JR.
President
VICTOR CALVO
PRISCILLA C. GREW
DONALD VIAL
WILLIAM T. BAGLEY
Commissioners

I CERTIFY THAT THIS DECISION
WAS APPROVED BY THE ABOVE
COMMISSIONERS TODAY.


Joseph E. Bodovitz, Executive Director