

Decision 84 C9 003 SEP 6 1984

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of San Diego Gas & Electric Company to modify Decision 91106 in order to delete the requirement for elasticity studies in its ECAC and general rate case proceedings.

ORIGINAL

Application 84-05-114
(Filed May 31, 1984)

ORDER ON PETITION FOR MODIFICATION
OF DECISION 91106

By Decision (D.) 91106 dated December 19, 1979, the Commission ordered San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) to present studies of the effect of price on elasticity of demand of electric customers in subsequent ECAC and general rate increase proceedings (Ordering Paragraph 3(a)). By this application SDG&E requests elimination of the requirement.

In support of this application SDG&E points out that the Commission's order was based on a desire to review analyses of potential changes in domestic customer demand resulting from changes in rate structures; these could prove helpful in developing rate designs for SDG&E. However, since SDG&E's first study, which was presented in 1980, neither the Commission staff nor the Commission have made any explicit use of such studies even though they have been completed and presented in numerous proceedings since then. SDG&E claims the Commission has clearly shifted its emphasis to the use of marginal costs in designing rates. (See, e.g., SDG&E's 1984 Test year General Rate Case D.83-12-065, mimeo. pp. 146 and 188.) Therefore, SDG&E believes its resources should be allocated to more productive studies in the rate design area.

There are no protests to the application.

We agree with SDG&E's pleading and find that the studies we ordered in D.91106 are not currently needed by the Commission. If the Commission finds in the future that elasticity studies are

useful, similar studies may be required. Currently however, continued compliance with Ordering Paragraph 36 of D.91106 places an undue burden on the resources of SDG&E.

We conclude that D.91106 should be modified as provided by the following order.

IT IS ORDERED that Ordering Paragraph 3(a) of D.91106 is rescinded.

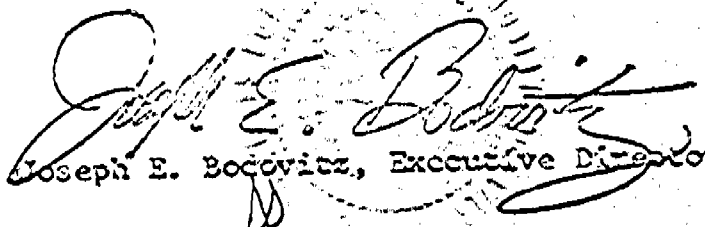
This order becomes effective 30 days from today.

Dated SEP 6 1984, at San Francisco, California.

LEONARD M. GRIMES, JR.
President

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DONALD VIAL
WILLIAM T. BAGLEY
Commissioners

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


Joseph E. Bocovitz, Executive Director