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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 83675 to Eliminate)
the Requirement to File Annual Gas)
Reports. (U 902-M))

Application 53970
(Petition for Modification
filed April 6, 1987)

O P I N I O N

On April 6, 1987, San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) filed a petition to modify Decision (D.) 83675 to eliminate the requirement of filing reports on April 15 of each year on SDG&E's results of gas operations for the ensuing and past years (on an estimated and recorded basis, respectively), and on the reasonableness of prices SDG&E paid for gas purchases for the past year. These reporting requirements were instituted when the Commission established a purchase gas adjustment clause to replace the previous tracking mechanism used to offset changes in SDG&E's cost of gas.

SDG&E asserts that these reporting requirements duplicate current and more detailed reporting requirements and serve no regulatory purpose. SDG&E presently provides three monthly gas reports: the first report, Gas Utility Monthly Survey Report, includes detailed information about gas sales and curtailments by customer classes, sales trends for customer groups, actual and average degree-days, purchase gas costs by supplier and sources and end uses of SDG&E's gas purchases for each day of the month; the second report provides information on the spot gas bids SD&GE has received in the previous month, including bidders' names volumes bid by bidder, price and specification of the interstate transportation system which would be used to transmit the gas to the California border; and the third report provides information on the spot gas which SDG&E actually purchased two months before the

report is submitted. Further, SDG&E notes that it provides a substantial amount of information on its gas purchases to the Commission each year in its annual Energy Cost Adjustment Clause reasonableness review and it expects that all gas purchases will receive significantly more scrutiny by the Commission in SDG&E's annual gas offset/cost allocation proceeding, noting that the new gas cost allocation proceedings will require that SDG&E provide detailed cost justification for its gas purchases.

There has been no response or objection to SDG&E's request for modification. It appears that the reports required by D.83675 have been replaced by more recent reporting requirements which are more detailed in nature, making the D.83675 requirements obsolete. We will grant SDG&E's petition and modify D.83675.

Findings of Fact

1. SDG&E has petitioned to modify D.83675 to eliminate certain reporting requirements.
2. The required reports have been replaced by more recent and more detailed reporting requirements.
3. There has been no protest to the petition to modify.

Conclusion of Law

SDG&E's petition to modify D.83675 should be granted.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that the petition of San Diego Gas & Electric Company to modify D.83675 is granted and the following sentences, which appear at 77 CPUC 529-530 are deleted: "SDG&E will file results of operations reports by April 15 of each year, such reports to set forth estimated operations for the ensuing year and recorded and adjusted operations for the prior year. A report on the reasonableness of the prices paid for gas purchases will be

filed by April 15 of each year." In all other respects, D.83675 remains in full force and effect.

This order is effective today.

Dated OCT 16 1987, at San Francisco, California.

STANLEY W. HULETT
President

DONALD VIAL
FREDERICK R. DUDA
G. MITCHELL WILK
Commissioners

Commissioner John B. Ohanian, being necessarily absent, did not participate.

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



Victor Weisser, Executive Director

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