

Decision 88 05 072 MAY 25 1988

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Rulemaking Proceeding on the)
Commission's Own Motion to Revise)
Electric Utility Ratemaking)
Mechanisms in Response to Changing)
Conditions in the Electric Industry.)

I.86-10-001
(Filed October 1, 1986)

OPINION

On April 29, 1988, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E), and Southern California Edison Company (Edison) filed a petition for modification of Decision (D.) 88-03-008.

As part of the joint petition, the petitioners asked for a change in the transition date set in D.88-03-008, from September 1, 1988, to January 1, 1989. The transition date is the date that we had previously set for eliminating the Electric Revenue Adjustment Mechanism and the attrition rate adjustment for a group of large customers referred to as the less restricted class.

Petitioners argue that the current status of this case and the schedule recently adopted at a prehearing conference make it impossible to meet the current September 1 transition date. Petitioners also point out that a January 1 date would allow for the coordination of the transition date with other Commission actions that are based on a calendar year. Further, a January 1 transition date would simplify this proceeding by reducing the number of technical issues and by eliminating the need for the utilities and the Commission's Division of Ratepayer Advocates to prepare two sets of sales and revenue forecasts, as they are now required to do under the ruling of the prehearing conference.

We agree that the transition date should be changed to January 1 and that this change will allow for a simpler and better developed proceeding.

We have separated out the transition date issue so that we can act quickly, in hopes of saving the parties the burden of preparing an unnecessary forecast. At this time we are acting only on the portion of the petition that addresses the the transition date. The remainder of the petition will be addressed in a later decision.

Finding of Fact

On April 29, PG&E, SDG&E, and Edison filed a joint petition which requested, among other things, that the transition date be changed from September 1, 1988, to January 1, 1989.

Conclusion of Law

The transition date should be changed from September 1, 1988, to January 1, 1989.

ORDER

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Conclusion of Law 18 of Decision (D.) 88-03-008 is modified to read as follows:

"The transition date of April 1, 1988, adopted in D.87-05-071, should be changed to January 1, 1989."

2. Ordering Paragraph 6 of D.88-03-008 is modified to read as follows:

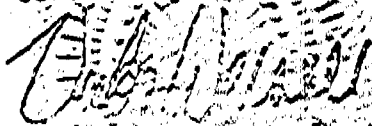
"The transition date of April 1, 1988, adopted in D.87-05-071, is changed to January 1, 1989."

This order is effective today.

Dated MAY 25 1988, at San Francisco, California.

STANLEY W. HULETT
President
DONALD VIAL
FREDERICK R. DUDA
C. MITCHELL WILK
JOHN B. O'HANIAN
Commissioners

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


Victor Weissel, Executive Director
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