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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY for authority, among other things, to increase its rates and charges for electric and gas service.

Application 88-12-005

(Electric and Gas) (U 39 M)

And related matter.

I.89-03-033

ORDER MODIFYING DECISION AND DENYING REHEARING

Petitions for rehearing and/or modification of Decision No. 89-12-057 have been filed by Pacific Gas and Electric Company, TOWARD UTILITY RATE NORMALIZATION, Western Mobilehome Association, Industrial Users, and Energy and Resource Advocates, Inc. the Commission has reviewed each and every allegation of each petition and has concluded that grounds for certain modifications are set forth, but that, otherwise, no grounds for rehearing are set forth. THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED that Decision No. 89-12-057 is modified as follows:

1. Conclusion of Law 108 at page 448 of Decision No. 89-12-057 is modified by deleting the language, "assume the average consumption estimated by DRA and" therefrom.

2. Pacific Gas and Electric Company is ordered to revise the applicability sections of rate schedule ET to provide the discount to all installed spaces.

3. The last word on page 109 of Decision No. 89-12-057, "ERA" is deleted and the first five lines on page 110 are modified to state:

"ERA has not offered in Exhibit 253 or otherwise a persuasive case for increasing the decommissioning contingency factor to 50% for the remaining period that the rate will be in effect. In particular, ERA has not shown that the decommissioning costs for Humboldt will be comparable to those incurred for the Shippingport nuclear facility. PG&E's Humboldt decommissioning cost estimates indicate that the anticipated decommissioning expenses are likely to be less than the amounts accrued including a 25% contingency factor. Additionally, given the evidence presented by PG&E and DRA, we do not believe it necessary to order a study comparing the decommissioning costs for Humboldt and Shippingport."

4. The last full paragraph on page 149 is modified to read as follows:

"PG&E's request for additional funding for site investigations is denied without prejudice. We expect PG&E to complete its investigation of the sites it now owns, approximately 31, with the resources we previously provided. We expect PG&E to investigate each site before it files its next general rate case application. At a minimum, this investigation must be a preliminary endangerment assessment, within the meaning of Health and Safety Code section 25319.5. However, we expect PG&E to accomplish more than just these preliminary assessments and to work diligently toward cleanup of the sites on a schedule developed under the oversight of the Department of Health Services. This schedule shall be included in PG&E's annual reports on its hazardous waste program and in any filings requesting additional funding for this work. PG&E shall be excused from undertaking or completing an investigation at a particular site only if it can document that the delay is caused by factors outside its control, or if the responsible oversight agency concurs in the decision not to further investigate a particular site."

5. The following Finding 12a. is added at page 418 of Decision No. 89-12-057:

"12a. ERA has not shown that the decommissioning costs for the Humboldt and Shippingport nuclear facilities are comparable."

6. The first sentence of Conclusion of Law 24, at page 440 of Decision No. 89-12-057 is modified to read as follows:

"24. PG&E should be required, at a minimum, to complete its preliminary investigation of the manufactured gas plant sites it now owns, approximately 31, prior to filing its next general rate case application and to establish and follow a schedule set under the oversight of the Department of Health Services for the completion of all remaining work on the sites."

7. The first sentence of Ordering Paragraph 14, at page 461 of Decision No. 89-12-057 is modified to read as follows:

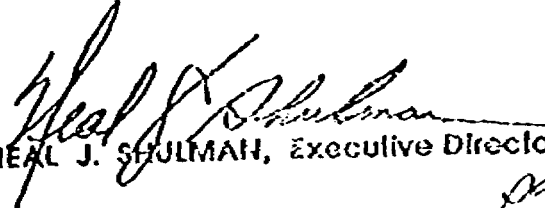
"14. PG&E shall complete its preliminary investigation of the manufactured gas plant sites it now owns, approximately 31, before it files its next general rate case application and shall establish and follow a schedule, set under the oversight of the Department of Health Services, for the completion of all remaining work on the sites."

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that rehearing of Decision No. 89-12-057, as modified herein, is denied.

This order is effective today.

Dated MAY 4 1990, at San Francisco, California.

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

  
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