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Decision 91-04-010 April 10, 1991

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Investigation on the Commission's own motion to implement the Biennial Resource Plan Update following the California Energy Commission's Seventh Electricity Report.

Second Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company for approval of certain Standard Offers pursuant to Decision No. 82-01-103 in Order Instituting Rulemaking No. 2. Application 82-04-044 (Filed April 21, 1982; amended April 28, 1982, July 19, 1982, July 11, 1983, August 2, 1983, and August 21, 1986)

1-89-07-004

(Filed July 6, 1989)

Application 82-04-046 Application 82-04-047 Application 82-03-026 Application 82-03-037 Application 82-03-062 Application 82-03-067 Application 82-03-078 Application 82-04-021

And Related Matters.

ORDER MODIFYING DECISION 82-12-120

On February 1, 1991, Southern California Edison Company (Edison) filed a petition to modify Decision (D.) 82-12-120. This order does not deal with the substantive issues in the petition; they will be dealt with at a later time. This order instead addresses a continuing procedural confusion noted by Edison regarding the quarterly avoided energy cost postings and protests of such postings.

In D.90-12-028, Ordering Paragraph 5, we directed that "Any motion protesting a future avoided cost posting shall be filed and served in the most recent Biennial Resource Plan Update docket." We failed to specify where the postings themselves

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should be filed. D.82-12-120, in which we created the quarterly posting procedure, also does not specify the docket to be used for that purpose. (See 10 CPUC 2d 553, 623-24.) This lack of specificity results in utilities continuing to file their postings in standard offer application dockets dating back to 1982, while motions in protest of those postings are filed in a different docket. This situation is confusing and needlessly keeps stale dockets in use.

The remedy is simple. We will modify D.82-12-120 to require that the quarterly postings, and motions in protest of those postings, be filed in the most recent update docket open as of the date of the posting. This procedure should ensure that all relevant filings are lodged in a single current docket, using a current service list.

<u>**Pinding of Fact</u>**</u>

The present confusion regarding the filing of quarterly energy price postings and motions in protest of such postings can be remedied by specifying the proper docket for these filings. <u>Conclusion of Law</u>

The most recent update docket open as of the date of the posting should be used until further order for quarterly energy price postings and motions in protest of such postings. To avoid confusion and future duplicative filings, this order should take immediate effect.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that, until further order of the Commission, the quarterly energy price posting and protest procedure established in Decision 82-12-120 shall be modified as follows. Pacific Gas and Electric Company, San Diego Gas &

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Electric Company, and Southern California Edison Company shall file their respective postings in the most recent Biennial Resource Plan Update docket open as of the date of the filing. Any motion in protest of such postings shall be filed in the same docket.

> This order is effective today. Dated April 10, 1991, at San Francisco, California.

> > PATRICIA M. ECKERT President G. MITCHELL WILK JOHN B. OHANIAN DANIEL WM. FESSLER NORMAN D. SHUMWAY COmmissioners

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

Exocutive Director · · · · .