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Decision 92-07-012 July 1, 1992

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Rulemaking to)	
revise the time schedules for the)	R.87-11-012
Rate Case Plan and fuel offset)	(Filed November 13, 1987)
proceedings.)	

O P I N I O N

By Decision (D.) 92-02-051 dated February 20, 1992 we granted a petition for modification of D.89-01-040¹ filed by Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E). On March 31, 1992 PG&E filed a petition for modification of D.92-02-051. This decision grants the March 31 petition.

Among other things, D.89-01-040 revised the schedules for processing Energy Cost Adjustment Clause (ECAC) applications filed by PG&E and other utilities. D.92-02-051 further revised the ECAC schedules by changing PG&E's ECAC forecast period from November through October of each year to January through December of each year, and by providing that PG&E's ECAC rates would become effective January 1 rather than November 1 of each year. As a transition measure, D.92-02-051 provided that PG&E's April 1, 1992 ECAC application would be based on a 14-month forecast period which begins November 1, 1992 and ends December 31, 1993.²

In the instant petition, PG&E requests that D.92-02-051 be modified to provide that its April 1992 ECAC application may use a 12-month forecast period which begins January 1, 1993 and a separate 2-month forecast for November and December of 1992. This

¹ 30 CPUC 2d 576.

² The subject ECAC application was filed on April 1, 1992 and docketed as A.92-04-001.

2-month forecast would be used primarily for calculating balancing account balances.

We will grant PG&E's petition since it reflects our intent in D.92-02-051 to have a single set of rate revisions which become effective on January 1, 1993 and it ensures that the chosen forecast period corresponds to the period during which rates are in effect. As PG&E points out, use of a 12-month forecast period which begins on January 1, 1993 is also consistent with past Commission treatment of similar changes in forecast periods. The modified order is set forth in the Appendix.

Findings of Fact

1. There are no protests or responses to PG&E's petition, and the requested changes to D.92-02-051 are minor in nature.

2. Use of a 12-month forecast period which begins on January 1, 1993 is consistent with past Commission treatment of forecast period changes and with a single set of rate revisions effective on January 1, 1993.

Conclusions of Law

1. PG&E's petition for modification of D.92-02-051 should be granted.

2. This decision should be made effective on the date signed to facilitate efficient processing of PG&E's current ECAC proceeding.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The first full paragraph on Page 6 of Decision (D.) 92-02-051 is modified to read as follows:

"Adoption of DRA's recommendation raises a minor transitional issue. The forecast period for PG&E's recent ECAC proceeding (A.91-04-003) is November 1, 1991 to October 31, 1992. PG&E's next ECAC application is scheduled to be filed on April 1, 1992. We will provide that the

April 1, 1992 filing will use a 12-month forecast period which begins on January 1, 1993 and ends on December 31, 1993. We will also provide for a separate 2-month forecast for November and December 1992 which will be used primarily for calculating balancing account balances."

2. Conclusion of Law 4 of D.92-02-051 is modified to read as follows:

"4. The forecast period for PG&E's next ECAC application, which is scheduled to be filed on April 1, 1992, should be the 12-month period from January 1, 1993 to December 31, 1993 along with a separate 2-month forecast for November and December 1992 to be used primarily for calculating balancing account balances."

3. Ordering Paragraph 3 of D.92-02-051 is modified to read as follows:

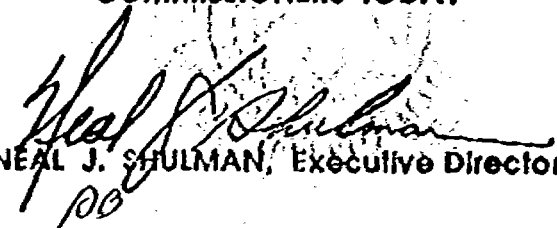
"3. The forecast period for PG&E's next ECAC application, which is scheduled to be filed on April 1, 1992, is the 12-month period from January 1, 1993 to December 31, 1993, along with a separate 2-month forecast for November and December 1992 to be used primarily for calculating balancing account balances."

This order is effective today.

Dated July 1, 1992, at San Francisco, California.

DANIEL Wm. FESSLER
President
JOHN B. OHANIAN
PATRICIA M. ECKERT
NORMAN D. SHUMWAY
Commissioners

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


NEAL J. SHULMAN, Executive Director

APPENDIX

MODIFIED ORDER, DECISION 92-02-051

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Appendix D, Table 2, of Decision (D.) 89-01-040 is modified as follows:
 - a. Footnote "f/" is added to read "Revenue allocation and adopted rates may be considered in a subsequent decision." Reference to Footnote f/ is inserted adjacent to "27-Oct" in the PG&E column.
 - b. The date "01-Nov" in the PG&E column for the event "Rates effective/Forecast period begins." is changed to "01-Jan".
2. Appendix D, Page D-9 of D.89-01-040 is modified as follows:
 - a. The sentence "For PG&E, revenue allocation and adopted rates may be considered in a subsequent decision." is inserted following "Decision signed by Commission." under the heading "Day 194-209".
 - b. The sentence "For PG&E, rates become effective January 1." is inserted following "Rates become effective." under the heading "Day 209-216".
3. The forecast period for PG&E's next ECAC application, which is scheduled to be filed on April 1, 1992, is the 12-month period from January 1, 1993 to December 31, 1993, along with a separate 2-month forecast for November and December 1992 to be used primarily for calculating balancing account balances.
4. This proceeding remains open.

(END OF APPENDIX)