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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 rate and charges for water service provided by the Tuolumne Water System.

(Water)

Application 54199
(Filed July 23, 1973)

ORDER EXTENDING TIME

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) has petitioned by letter dated October 8, 1981 for an extension of time to comply with Ordering Paragraphs 6 and 8 of Decision 92064 dated July 29, 1980. Ordering Paragraph 6 requires PG&E to file a main extension rule for service to areas within its established service area. Ordering Paragraph 8 requires that:

"PG&E shall, within 180 days after the effective date of this order, file rules governing the supplying of potable water to its entire service area. Such rules shall include:

- "a. An assurance that PG&E will promptly extend potable water service to areas which are adjacent to its present treated water service areas.
- "b. A provision that PG&E will promptly extend potable water service to areas within its established service area that are located beyond the areas referred to in subparagraph 8(a) above if requested to by the appropriate government agency provided that the territory consists of a cohesive unit, that it includes a total area logically to be served by the necessary special transmission and pumping and storage arrangements, and that satisfactory arrangements are made to finance special facilities.
- "c. PG&E shall withdraw and cancel all tariff schedules which refer to untreated or unpotable water."

PG&E, by Advice Letter No. 182-W filed April 16, 1981, submitted a revised main extension rule for the Tuolumne District that contained some extraordinary restrictive conditions for providing service to low revenue producing or speculative projects. PG&E proposed that where the anticipated annual revenue from a main extension would be less than 18% of the cost of construction (advances), an Ownership Fund (Fund) would be required. The purpose of the Fund was to pay maintenance and operation expenses and the costs of ownership in perpetuity or until the annual revenues from the extension reached or exceeded 18% of the advances. The Fund would be adjusted downward annually in proportion to the revenues received. If the revenues reached 18% within the contract term (20 years), the Fund would be refunded and refund of the advances would commence at that time. If the revenues from the extension do not reach the 18% within 20 years, PG&E would retain the Fund and there would be no refund of advances.

The Hydraulic Branch of the Utilities Division suggested that PG&E seek an extension of time to comply with Decision 92064 (rather than pursue its advice letter), whereby PG&E could adopt whatever revised main extension rule that results from now pending Case 9902.

PG&E requests that this extension be effective until 30 days after the effective date of the pending Commission decision in Case 9902, which will establish a new standard rule for water main extensions. PG&E states that a copy of its request has been sent to all parties of record in this matter. No protests have been received.

Finding of Fact

The requested extension would ensure the required filings are in accord with any new standard rule for water main extensions.

Conclusions of Law

1. The request should be granted.
2. The effective date of the following order should be the date of signing in order to to expeditiously clarify the situation.
3. A public hearing is not necessary.

IT IS ORDERED that the time of filing of the rules directed by Ordering Paragraphs 6 and 8 of Decision 92064 is extended to 30 days after the effective date of the pending decision in Case 9902.

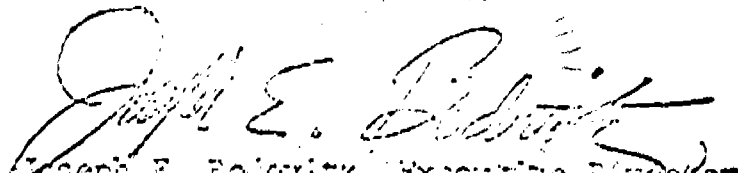
This order is effective today.

Dated JAN 5 1982, at San Francisco, California.

JOHN E. BRYSON
President
RICHARD D. GRAVELLE
VICTOR CALVO
PRISCILLA C. CREW
Commissioners

Commissioner Leonard M. Grimes, Jr.,
being necessarily absent, did not
participate.

I CERTIFY THAT THIS DECISION
WAS APPROVED BY ALL ABOVE
COMMISSIONERS EXCEPT


Joseph E. Bolovitz, Executive Director