

Decision

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Investigation on the Commission's)
 own motion into the establishing)
 of priorities among the types or)
 categories of customers of every)
 electrical corporation and every)
 gas corporation in the State of)
 California and among the uses of)
 electricity or gas by such)
 customers.)

Case 9884
 (Petition for Modification
 filed June 30, 1982)

SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

In this proceeding we have established priorities for electric usage and methods of curtailing electric service in accordance with such priorities. We directed the three major electric utilities subject to our jurisdiction to file action plans which incorporate the approved priority system and curtailment methods. In the phase of Case (C.) 9884 leading to Decision (D.) 82-06-021 dated June 2, 1982, we evaluated the utilities' proposed action plans and made minor revisions in those plans.

The Regents of the University of California (University or petitioner) seek a change in the Optional Binding Mandatory Curtailment (OBMC) Plan. The OBMC Plan is part of the electric priorities and curtailment system adopted in D.91548 and modified by D.82-06-021. University states that D.82-06-021 failed to make an appropriate change in the OBMC Plan corresponding to the change in customer rotating outage availability made in that decision. University asks that the OBMC Plan require no more than a 20% reduction of usage, in 5% increments, to the 80% level contemplated to be the maximum amount of curtailment achievable by rotating outages.

In support of this request, the petition states as follows: In D.91548, the Commission established the OBMC Plan which essentially shields a utility customer from the all-or-nothing intermittent situation of rotating outage if the customer agrees to a continuous reduction equivalent to the utility's company actual system load reduction.

"The customer would agree to curtail electrical usage on his entire circuit by the amount achieved via rotating outages. The customer's plan would show how reduction on the entire circuit could be achieved in 5 percent increments to the 50 percent level..." (D.91548, Appendix B, p. 5.)

The requirement that a customer's plan show a reduction to a 50% level was established when it was intended that utility companies also demonstrate a 50% load reduction. In the further hearings on this matter, the utility companies appropriately demonstrated that a 50% load reduction would require a 100% customer availability for rotating outages. It was recognized in D.82-06-021 that if there is curtailment only a 20% load reduction is being planned through a 40% required availability. Since the electric utility system itself will at most face a 20% actual load reduction, it no longer makes sense to require the OBMC customer to demonstrate reduction to a 50% level. This was a subject of University's March 3, 1982 letter brief, page 3, wherein it is stated:

"As pointed out in the cross examination of staff witness Meloche, the OBMC customer subjects his use to reduction over the entire term of the emergent situation, as opposed to the one hour durational limitation sought for rotating outages. Since the utility system can reduce the system load by no more than one-half the total available load (i.e., if 40% is available for rotating outage, no more than 20% can be subject to outage at any one time, if there is to be any time duration criterion), the OBMC customer should need to identify 5% increments to a total no larger than one-half the total availability of the utility's system (i.e., if a utility identifies 40% of its load subject to rotating outages, the OBMC customer should qualify upon

identifying 20% of available curtailment). (Transcript pages 17496-17499.) The University recommends that an OBMC customer qualify upon submitting a plan to reduce its load in 5% increments to a total of 20% reduction, where the utility system identifies no more than a total 40% of its total load as available for rotating outages in a time limited duration."

University's petition for modification was served on parties of record in C.9884. There were no protests or requests for hearing. A public hearing is not necessary.

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IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The criteria for utility action plans adopted in D.91548 and amended in D.82-06-021 are further modified as indicated in the preceding opinion: The OBMC Plan shall require no more than a 20% reduction in use, in 5% increments.
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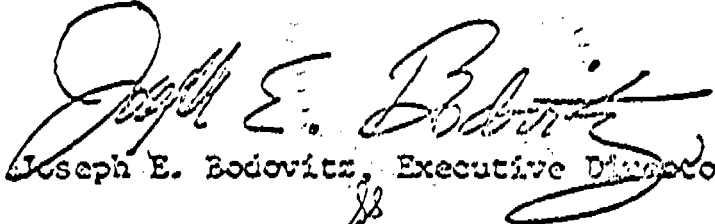
3. In all other respects, D.82-06-021 shall remain in full force and effect.

This order becomes effective 30 days from today.

Dated SEP 8 1982, at San Francisco, California.

JOHN E. BRYSON
President
RICHARD D. GRAVELLE
LEONARD M. GRIMES, JR.
VICTOR CALVO
PRISCILLA C. CREW
Commissioners

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


Joseph E. Bodovitz, Executive Director

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