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Decision 82 10 051 October 20, 1982

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application  
of SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY  
for authority to increase its rates  
and charges for electric and gas  
service (NOI 21).

Application 59788  
(Filed July 2, 1980;  
amended December 22, 1980  
and February 23, 1981).

ORDER REOPENING PROCEEDING

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Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Bertram D. Patrick issued an ALJ's ruling on May 24, 1982 for the purpose of receiving testimony on the alleged errors.

The Commission's Legal Division has advised the Commission that Public Utilities Code Section 1708 could be interpreted to reserve to the Commission itself the exclusive prerogative and responsibility of reopening a proceeding for the purpose of compiling a record leading to the possible modification of a prior Commission decision. Accordingly, the Commission will ratify the ALJ's ruling by this order.

This proceeding is reopened for purposes of receiving testimony on the alleged errors. It is expected that SDG&E will prepare exhibits setting forth its position. Testimony will be limited to the alleged errors in computation.

The City of San Diego (San Diego) opposes SDG&E's petition and requests that if hearings are held, the escalation rate assumptions discussed and adopted at pages 96-97 of D.93892 be reviewed.

The escalation rate assumptions referred to by San Diego pertain to test year 1982. We will reserve decision on this issue until later and will proceed to hearing only on the mechanical computational errors.

Public hearing on the Petition for Modification filed April 2, 1982 has been set for hearing on November 1, 1982 at 10 a.m. in the Commission Courtroom, State Building, 350 McAllister Street, San Francisco, before Administrative Law Judge Parke L. Boneysteele.

IT IS ORDERED that Application 59788 is reopened for the limited purpose explained in the foregoing discussion.

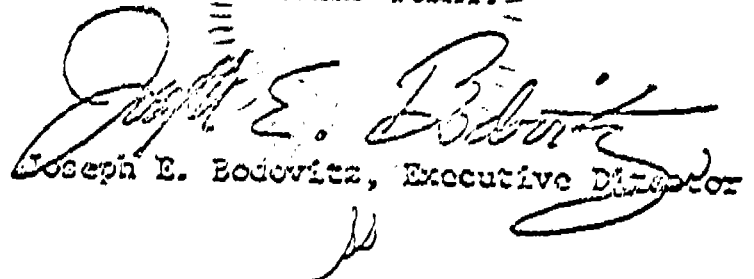
This order is effective today.

Dated October 20, 1982, at San Francisco, California.

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

Commissioner Priscilla C. Crew, being necessarily absent, did not participate.

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

  
Joseph E. Bodovitz, Executive Director

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