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Decision

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Investigation on the Commission's own motion into present and alternative methods of financing nuclear facility decommissioning costs.

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(Filed January 21, 1981)

ORDER EXTENDING TIME

Decision (D.) 83-04-013, issued on April 6, 1983 directed Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Southern California Edison Company, and San Diego Gas & Electric Company to make compliance filings in this and other proceedings (rate base offset proceedings) on implementing nuclear decommissioning cost recovery. All these utilities have requested that the due date for their respective filings be extended from July 5, 1983 until September 6, 1983, which would be about 30 days after the now-scheduled prehearing conference to be held on August 4, 1983.

The reasons they cite are that (1) the task is extremely complex; (2) additional time is needed to clarify the tax implications posed by D.83-04-013; and (3) the issue of which proceedings the various issues should arise in, needs clarification.

We will grant the requested extension of time for the first two reasons cited by the utililites. Our D.83-04-013 was clear on what issues are to be addressed in the various ongoing rate base offset proceedings and in this investigation. However, the utilities and other parties may raise concerns and suggest alternative procedural courses at the August 4, 1983 prehearing conference. The

administrative law judge (ALJ) will confer with the assigned commissioner and the procedural course for addressing nuclear decommissioning for new generating plants will be resolved by an ALJ's ruling or a Commission decision, depending on whether it appears appropriate to modify D.83-04-013. This order is issued after the original July 5, 1983 filing date; however the request for additional time was not filed until June 25, 1983. This order should be effective today since the original filing date is now behind us.

We expect a comprehensive status report from the utilities at the prehearing conference on their efforts to clarify tax implications of the external sinking fund.

IT IS ORDERED that the respondent electric utilities shall make the compliance filings ordered by D.83-04-013 no later than September 6, 1983.

This order is effective today.

Dated JUL 20 1983, at San Francisco, California.

LEONARD M. GRIMES, JR.
President

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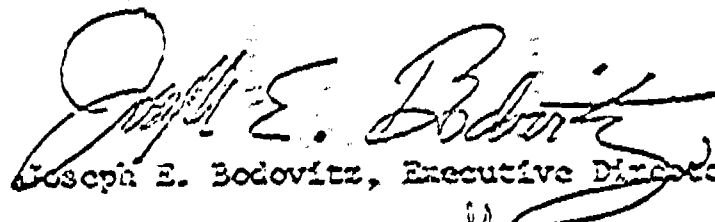
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I CERTIFY THAT THIS DECISION
WAS APPROVED BY THE ABOVE
COMMISSIONERS TODAY.


Joseph E. Bodovitz, Executive Director