

Decision No. 86572

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Investigation on the Commission's own motion into the determination of a lifeline volume of gas and a lifeline quantity of electricity and into gas and electric utility rate structures and the changes, if any, that should be made in presently constituted rate structures to provide a lifeline quantity of energy to the average residential user for specified end uses.

Case No. 9988
(Filed October 7, 1975)

ORDER EXTENDING TIME

Decision No. 86087 dated July 13, 1976, among other things, provided on page 46 that "It has been necessary, in the period between January 1, 1976 and the effective date of this decision, to designate lifeline quantities and volumes on a case-by-case basis. These quantities and volumes may be continued until modified in our subsequent rate orders. The separate allowances for electric water and space heating and gas space heating are to be implemented only on a prospective basis no later than November 1976".

It was contemplated that the utilities would reflect the lifeline quantities and volumes for gas and electricity established by Decision No. 86087 with their next rate decision or before November 1976. Because the Federal Power Commission has deferred action on Opinion 770, rate decisions by California utilities will not become effective on October 27, 1976, as expected, and because some utilities have rate applications currently pending which will not be decided by November 1, 1976, certain utilities have not made rate filings in which lifeline can be implemented. Therefore, time should be extended to those utilities to January 1, 1977, or their next rate decision, whichever comes first.

Findings

1. Decision No. 86087 should be modified to extend the filing date for lifeline from November 1976 to January 1, 1977, or the utilities' next rate decision, whichever comes first.

2. A public hearing is not necessary.

The Commission concludes that this modification should be made.

IT IS ORDERED that the implementation of lifeline quantities and volumes provided by Decision No. 86087 shall be no later than January 1, 1977, or the public utilities' next rate decision, whichever comes first.

The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 20th day of NOVEMBER, 1976.

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Commissioners