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Decision No. 87091

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Investigation on the Commission's)
own motion regarding whether)
utilities, when ordered by the)
Commission to make refunds, should)
pay such refunds to all customers)
or domestic customers only, and)
on what basis refunds should be)
divided between customers.)

Case No. 10255

ORDER AMENDING ORDER OF INVESTIGATION

The Commission has heretofore instituted this investigation to consider the distribution of refunds by named respondent utilities among classes of customers. It has come to the Commission's attention that certain respondent utilities will be receiving refunds attributable to past purchases of natural gas pursuant to the proceedings in Federal Power Commission Docket No. RP73-104. A question has arisen whether these refunds should be refunded directly to respondent utilities' customers or reflected as a credit to the balancing accounts established pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 792.5.

IT IS ORDERED that the Order Instituting Investigation in Case No. 10255, dated February 8, 1977, is hereby amended to include the consideration of the disposition of refunds accruing to any of respondents herein by virtue of proceedings before the Federal Power Commission.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Southwest Gas Corporation is named as an additional respondent herein.

The Acting Executive Director of the Commission is directed to mail a copy of this order to the respondents named in this investigation, and to the interested parties set forth in Appendix A to the original Order Instituting Investigation in Case No. 10255. A copy of said original order shall also be mailed to respondent

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Southwest Gas Corporation, which shall therefore comply with the notice provisions set forth therein.

The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 15th day
of MARCH, 1977.

Robert B. Berman
President
William J. Lyons
James L. Stinger
Richard W. Shovel
Commissioners