

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 87137

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Joint Application of SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY and PACIFIC LIGHTING SERVICE COMPANY for Authorization to Revise Rates from Time to Time as Necessary to Reflect Expenditures and Revenues Associated with Gas Exploration and Development Activities.

Application No. 53625  
(Filed October 6, 1972)

ORDER EXTENDING TIME

In Decision No. 81898 dated September 25, 1973, applicants were authorized to establish a Gas Exploration and Development (GEDA) procedure that included the provision that the authority to commit funds to new or revised projects should be limited to a period of not more than three years.

On March 2, 1976, the Commission instituted its order of investigation, Case No. 10056, into the exploration and development programs of Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Southern California Edison Company, and Southern California Gas Company. On May 7, 1976, applicants filed Application No. 56471 requesting authorization to continue the GEDA procedure for an additional three-year period. The hearings in these matters are now complete and the following briefing schedule has been ordered by the examiner:

Opening briefs - mail date: April 4, 1977

Closing briefs - mail date: April 18, 1977

In Decision No. 85849, issued May 18, 1976, paragraph 10 of the Findings of Fact of Decision No. 81898 was modified to extend authorization to commit funds to new or revised projects from the effective date of Decision No. 81898 to April 15, 1977.

By joint petition, filed March 1, 1977, applicants request that a further extension be granted to and until the effective date of the Commission's decision to be issued in Application No. 56471.

In light of the briefing schedule it is clear that a decision in Application No. 56471 and Case No. 10056 is not likely prior to the expiration on April 15 of the extension granted by the Commission in Decision No. 85849. Under the circumstances it is appropriate to continue the GEDA procedures in effect until a decision is issued in Application No. 56471 and Case No. 10056.

The Commission finds that (1) an extension of time to commit funds to new or revised projects under the GEDA procedure is reasonable and in the public interest, and (2) that a public hearing is not necessary for the granting of this extension of time.

Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that paragraph 10 of the Findings of Fact in Decision No. 81898 is further modified as follows:

10. The authority to commit funds to new or revised projects should be limited to a period beginning on the effective date of Decision No. 81898 and ending on the effective date of a decision in Application No. 56471 and Case No. 10056.

The effective date of this order shall be ten days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 29th day of MARCH, 1977.

Robert B. Brown  
President  
William S. Brown, Jr.  
James S. Brown  
Leonard Brown  
Richard D. Brown  
Commissioners