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Decision No. 87369 May 24 1977

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Investigation on the Commission's own motion into electric utility rate structures and the changes, if any, that should be made in presently constituted rate structures to encourage conservation of electricity in the State of California.

Case No. 9804
Petition for Extension of Time
Under Decision No. 86543
(Filed May 13, 1977)

ORDER EXTENDING TIME FOR PACIFIC POWER & LIGHT COMPANY TO FILE FOR REVIEW SPECIFIC TIME-OF-DAY TARIFFS FOR CUSTOMERS WITH DEMANDS GREATER THAN 1,000 KW PURSUANT TO ORDERING PARAGRAPH 2.a OF DECISION NO. 86543

Ordering Paragraph 2.a of Decision No. 86543 issued October 26, 1976 provides:

"2.a. Within one year after March 16, 1976, PG&E, SDG&E, Edison, California-Pacific Utilities Company, Pacific Power & Light Company, and Sierra Pacific Power Company, respondent electric utilities, shall install additional metering for customers with demands greater than 1000 KW to permit the use of the time-of-day schedules with respect to such customers and 60 days thereafter shall file specific time-of-day tariffs for review."

By letter dated April 27, 1977, Pacific Power & Light Company, respondent, has requested that it be granted an extension of time to comply with that portion of Ordering Paragraph 2.a of Decision No. 86543 requiring the filing of specific TOD tariff schedules for customers with demands greater than 1,000 kw from May 15, 1977 to October 1, 1977.

In support of such request for extension of time Pacific Power & Light Company states:

"The development of an appropriate costing methodology for application of peak load pricing to the hydro resource base in the Northwest presents unique conceptual problems. The fact that new resources are being added for the purpose of satisfying our annual energy rather than peak requirements and the existence of daily and seasonal storage capabilities make the separation of a peak cost very difficult.

"In recognition of the need for more specific study of the application of peak load pricing to the Northwest, NARUC, as part of the Electric Utility Rate Design Study, assigned both EBASCO and National Economic Research Association to develop appropriate costing methodologies for a Northwest utility, Portland General Electric. While the complexity of the costing problem and other scheduling requirements have delayed these studies far beyond last fall's deadline, we are now advised that initial drafts are completed. We believe that the development of an appropriate cost basis for our proposed time-of-day rates will be aided by analysis of these two works. Further, consideration at this time of such time-of-day studies would serve to minimize the possibility of later revisions based upon the findings of these studies, particularly next year when we extend the time-of-day applicable to customers below 1,000 kw. This can be accomplished by mid-September, notwithstanding any changes in final report deadlines for the Electric Utility Rate Design Study. We therefore request an extension to October 1, 1977 for filing time-of-day rates for customers with demands greater than 1,000 kw pursuant to Decision 86543."

Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that the time within which Pacific Power & Light Company shall file specific time-of-day tariffs for review pursuant to Ordering Paragraph 2.a of Decision No. 86543, issued October 26, 1976, is extended from May 15, 1977 to October 1, 1977.

The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at Los Angeles, California, this 24th day of MAY, 1977.

President
William S. Brown, Jr.

James L. Stanger

Richard D. Howard

Commissioners

Commissioner Robert Batinovich, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.