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Decision No. 87772

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Investigation on the Commission's own)
motion into the impact of the decline)
in natural gas available to California)
from traditional sources and the need)
for and timing of deliveries from)
supplemental supply projects.)

Case No. 10342

SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER INSTITUTING INVESTIGATION

On June 1, 1977, the Commission instituted this investigation into the impact of the decline in natural gas available to California from traditional sources and the need for and timing of deliveries from supplemental supply projects. In our order of June 1, 1977, we set forth specific subject matters to be investigated. In order to assist our investigation, respondent utilities were required to file data required by Appendix A of the order. We also required the Commission staff to prepare a report addressing the areas listed in Appendix B of the order. In addition, we recognized the significant importance of this investigation by setting forth a stringent timetable for the submittal of data by respondent utilities, the submittal of staff's initial report, and the date by which this entire investigation was to be submitted for our decision. The respondent utilities have filed the data we requested in the time set forth by the order.

Since June 1, 1977, it has become apparent that the timetable set forth in our initial order is insufficient to allow for a complete and thorough investigation into the listed subject matters of this case. Set forth below is a new timetable which we will require all parties to this proceeding to adhere to. However, in order to allow sufficient flexibility for the presentation of testimony and exhibits by all parties to this proceeding, the

assigned Commissioners to this proceeding may direct the Administrative Law Judge to issue an order amending the dates as set forth below:

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. Staff's initial report shall be available by October 1, 1977.
2. This case shall be submitted by April 30, 1978 so that a decision draft may be on the Commission calendar by June 13, 1978.
3. The assigned Commissioners to this proceeding may direct the Administrative Law Judge to issue an order changing the dates set forth in ordering paragraphs 1 and 2.
4. A second prehearing conference for this case will be held September 12, 1977 at 10 a.m. in the Commission Courtroom in San Francisco before Administrative Law Judge Charles Mattson and Commissioners Vernon Sturgeon and Claire Dedrick.
5. A new schedule for distribution and presentation of the staff reports and the testimony and exhibits of others will be determined at the prehearing conference.

The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 23rd day of AUGUST, 1977.

Robert Batistovich
President
William J. Quinn
Vernon L. Sturgeon
Richard D. Howell
Claire Dedrick
Commissioners