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Decision No. 88615 MAR 21 1978

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 Modification
of Decision No. 86543
(Received January 16, 1978)

ORDER EXTENDING TIME FOR PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY TO INSTALL METERING AND FILE TIME-OF-DAY TARIFFS FOR CUSTOMERS WITH DEMANDS GREATER THAN 500 KW PURSUANT TO ORDERING PARAGRAPH 2.c. OF DECISION NO. 86543

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

"c. Within two years after March 16, 1976, the respondent utilities shall install additional metering for customers with demands greater than 500 kw to permit the use of time-of-day schedules with respect to such customers and 60 days thereafter shall file specific time-of-day tariffs for review."

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) requests extension of time and states in its letter petition dated January 16, 1978:

"As this report [the report on time-of-day metering for the period ending December 31, 1977] notes, PGandE has applied for authority to implement time varying rates down to the 1000 KW demand level and is awaiting Commission action on Application No. 57666. Also, the solid state metering development described in Part III of this Report and in our earlier reports on this subject is proceeding, but the evaluation and procurement of the new meters cannot be completed in time to meet the March 1978 date for installation of metering to the 500 KW demand level. With an extension of time, however, the solid-state meter evaluation

will be completed and the decision could be made to acquire the meters required for use in the third level of time-of-day metering, based on this technology.

"In view of the potential benefits of the metering being developed for use with the 500 to 1000 KW demand group of customers, as described in the report, and the current pending application for the 1000 KW demand customer group, PGandE respectfully requests a further extension of time to install metering for the 500 KW customer group until December 31, 1978."

Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that Ordering Paragraph 2.c. of Decision No. 86543 is modified to extend the time to comply for respondent Pacific Gas and Electric Company to December 28, 1978.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 21st day of MARCH, 1978.

I abstain
William S. Quinn, Jr.

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President

Vernon L. Stanger

Charles D. Howell

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Commissioners