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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company for authority among other things, to increase its rates and charges for electric service.
(Electric)

Application No. 55509
(Filed February 25, 1975;
amended October 16, 1975)

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company for authority, among other things, to increase its rates and charges for gas service.
(Gas)

Application No. 55510
(Filed February 25, 1975;
amended October 16, 1975)

ORDER EXTENDING TIME

In Ordering Paragraphs 4 and 6 of Decision No. 89315 dated September 6, 1978 we ordered:

"4. PG&E shall review the design and operation of all of its distribution circuits and determine for each circuit the cost effectiveness of maximizing conservation of energy by optimizing service voltages. On or before December 31, 1978, PG&E shall report in writing the results of this review including the regulator operating voltage levels for each circuit at the beginning and end of the circuit* and the proposed circuit changes to maximize conservation of energy by optimizing service voltage for those circuits found to be cost-effective."

"6. PG&E shall, within one hundred twenty days after the effective date of this order, and annually thereafter, request authorization to continue to operate any residential and commercial distribution circuits that do not conform to the minimum and maximum secondary service voltage levels prescribed herein. The request for authorization shall list each circuit for which a deviation is requested, the factors which impede compliance, the status of the design and operation review, and any proposed circuit changes."

* Typographical correction.

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By letter dated December 14, 1978, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) requested an extension of the reporting deadline, for the reports required by both Ordering Paragraphs 4 and 6, to April 1, 1979.

PG&E states that in order to complete the necessary voltage measurement and perform the necessary engineering evaluation of the test data required in Ordering Paragraph 4, this extension is necessary. PG&E points out that the winter peak load occurs during December and January and that peak load period voltage measurements are necessary if meaningful results are to be reported.

The data developed in compliance with Ordering Paragraph No. 4 is a prerequisite to compliance with Ordering Paragraph 6. The voltage levels in the distribution circuits must be measured before a determination can be made as to whether or not a deviation need be requested.

The Commission staff has evaluated the reasonableness of this request and as a result recommends that the extension be granted.

After considering the request in relation to the intent of the aforementioned ordering paragraphs, we find that it is in the public interest to grant the requested extension of time.

Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The time in which Pacific Gas and Electric Company shall file a report on the review of the design and operation of all of its distribution circuits and for each circuit the cost effectiveness of maximizing conservation of energy by optimizing service voltages, pursuant to Ordering Paragraph 4 of Decision 89315 issued September 6, 1978, is hereby extended from December 31, 1978 to April 1, 1979.

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2. The time in which Pacific Gas and Electric Company shall request authorization to continue to operate any residential and commercial distribution circuits that do not conform to the minimum and maximum secondary service voltage levels prescribed therein pursuant to Ordering Paragraph 6 of Decision 89315 issued September 6, 1978, is hereby extended from 120 days after the date of the aforementioned date to April 1, 1979.

The effective date of this order shall be the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 19th
day of DECEMBER, 1978.

Robert Bateman
President

William J. Lyons Jr.
Verdon L. Sturgeon
Robert W. Powell
Clair D. Smith
Commissioners