

Decision No. 90150 APR 10 1979

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)
of SIERRA PACIFIC POWER COMPANY)
for General Rate Relief and for)
Authority to Increase Its)
Electric Rates and Charges for)
Electric Service and to Impose)
Certain Tariff Revisions.)

Application No. 57076
(Filed February 15, 1977)

ORDER MODIFYING DECISION NO. 88660

In Ordering Paragraph 3 of Decision No. 88660 dated April 4, 1978 we ordered:

"3. Sierra shall file quarterly reports on the cost-effectiveness of the energy conservation program authorized herein. The first report shall be filed no later than June 30, 1978 and each quarter thereafter unless otherwise ordered by this Commission. The reports filed quarterly shall include potential cogeneration projects as outlined in Commission Resolution No. E-1738."

By letter dated March 9, 1979, Sierra petitioned this Commission to submit the conservation activities and expense reports on an annual rather than a quarterly basis because:

- "1) There is no significant change in activity from quarter to quarter reflected in the report. The activity and expenses would show a significant change when compared annually.
- "2) Compiling the information and assembling it into report format requires an inordinate amount of time and labor. It is our opinion that this time could be better utilized promoting our energy conservation programs in California.
- "3) It is our understanding that most of the major utilities in California report conservation activities on an annual basis, which is due to this Commission on or prior to March 31 of each year. We feel that an annual report would be more meaningful than the quarterly reports heretofore submitted to this Commission."

The Commission staff has evaluated the utility's petition and as a result concurs that Sierra's request to report on the cost-effectiveness of its energy conservation program on an annual basis on or before March 31, of each year, is reasonable provided that Sierra also be required to file its proposed energy conservation programs for the subsequent year on December 1, of each year, as is the practice for other California energy utilities.

After considering the petition, we find it reasonable and in the interest of furthering conservation that the petition should be granted; therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that Sierra shall file annual reports on the cost-effectiveness of its energy conservation programs on an annual basis in lieu of the quarterly reports required by Ordering Paragraph 2 of Decision No. 88660. The first report on conservation plans scheduled under this order shall be filed no later than December 1, 1979, for its proposed 1980 conservation programs and the first report on recorded conservation results of its 1979 energy conservation activities shall be filed no later than March 31, 1980. Both reports shall be filed on a similar schedule for each year thereafter unless otherwise ordered by this Commission. The report on conservation plans filed annually shall also include proposed and potential cogeneration projects as outlined in Commission Resolution E-1738.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 10th day of APRIL, 1979.

John E. Bryan
President
William L. Sturgeon
Charles A. Stoddard
James D. Smith
James W. Smith
Commissioners