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Decision No. _____

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY for)
 authority to increase its electric)
 rates and charges in accordance with)
 the Energy Cost Adjustment Clause in)
 its electric tariff schedules, as)
 modified by Decisions 91269 and 91277.)

Application No. 59643
 (Filed May 20, 1980)

SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER

By Decision No. 91971 issued July 2, 1980, the Commission authorized San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) to increase its Energy Cost Adjustment Clause (ECAC) billing factors to reflect increased energy-related costs incurred by SDG&E in serving its customers.

In the fourth ordering paragraph of Decision No. 91971 of July 2, 1980 in SDG&E's ECAC Application No. 59643, the Commission stated:

"4. Interest which has accrued on that portion of the balancing account attributable to lifeline refund monies will be calculated as recommended by staff and credited to the customer's bill based on the ratio of an individual customer's refund to the total refunds made by SDG&E." (Decision No. 91971, Mimeo. pp. 20-21.)

By Petition for Modification filed August 6, 1980, SDG&E requests Commission authority to make payment of interest on lifeline refunds to customers by check rather than bill credit. In support of its Petition, SDG&E claims that payment by check can proceed more quickly and will, therefore, reach more customers. Furthermore, payment by check will not affect the total amount of interest to be paid but will reduce SDG&E's administrative costs in making the interest payment. SDG&E's petition was served on all appearances to this proceeding. No protests have been received.

We find SDG&E's request to be reasonable, and we will direct that the language in Ordering Paragraph 4 be modified to read:

"4. Interest which has accrued on that portion of the balancing account attributable to lifeline refund monies will be calculated as recommended by staff and returned to the customers by check based on the ratio of an individual customer's refund to the total refunds made by SDG&E."

Finding of Fact

Payment by check of interest which has accrued on that portion of the balancing account attributable to lifeline refund monies will result in faster payment to affected customers and lower administrative costs for SDG&E.

Conclusions of Law

1. It is reasonable to make the above-referred refund payments by check, and SDG&E's Petition for Modification to accomplish that end will be granted.
2. Since refunds have been ordered by previous decision, this order should be made effective immediately to expedite actual payment of the refund.


IT IS ORDERED that Ordering Paragraph 4 of Decision No. 91971 is modified to read as follows:

4. Interest which has accrued on that portion of the balancing account attributable to lifeline refund monies will be calculated as recommended by staff and returned to the

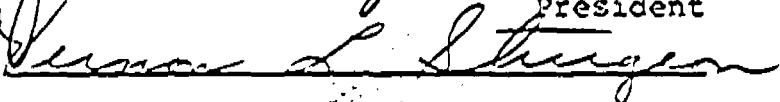
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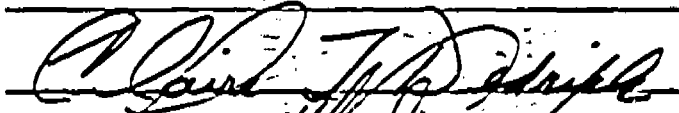
The effective date of this order is the date hereof.


Dated AUG 19 1980, at San Francisco, California.



President






Commissioners

Commissioner Richard D. Gravelle, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.