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Decision No. 92293 OCT 8 1980

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.)

Application No. 58545
(Filed December 26, 1978)

(Electric)

Application of PACIFIC GAS AND)
ELECTRIC COMPANY for authority,)
among other things, to increase)
its rates and charges for gas)
service.)

Application No. 58546
(Filed December 26, 1978)

(Gas)

ORDER EXTENDING TIME

On December 19, 1979 the Commission issued Decision No. 91107 in Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E) 1980 test year general rate proceeding. Ordering Paragraph 14 of that decision directed PG&E to:

"...conduct a thorough review of the future commercial potential of its Humboldt Nuclear Power Plant and thereafter submit to the Commission, within 6 months [June 18, 1980] after the effective date of this order, a report demonstrating why the Commission should not disallow all expenses which could have been avoided through earlier decommissioning."

Responsive to the aforementioned Commission directive, PG&E engaged the services of a consultant firm. Phase I of the consultant's investigation, which is scheduled to be completed by

October 1, 1980, will provide the data necessary to make a recommendation as to the advisability of continuing attempts to return the Humboldt Bay Nuclear Power Plant Unit to service. If the recommendation is favorable, implementation of Phase II of the consultant's investigation will take approximately 12 months to complete.

PG&E does not deem it prudent to expend additional funds to comply with so-called "Three Mile Island" and other related regulatory requirements until such time as the geologic and seismologic issues are satisfactorily resolved. Accordingly, PG&E requests that the Commission postpone further action on this matter pending completion of these studies and that PG&E be authorized to submit a further status report by December 31, 1980.

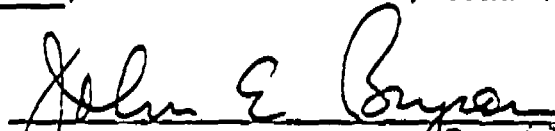
An initial status report on the Humboldt Bay Nuclear Power Plant Unit No. 3 dated June 18, 1980 has been received. The initial report was supplemented at the Commission's request by an additional report received by the Commission on August 15, 1980. The Commission having determined that PG&E's request to submit a further status report by December 31, 1980 should be granted,

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The time within which to comply with Ordering Paragraph 14 of Decision No. 91107 is extended to December 31, 1980.
2. Copies of the Phase I seismic report, as well as the "Three Mile Island" backfit report, shall be provided to the Commission's staff immediately upon their receipt by Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

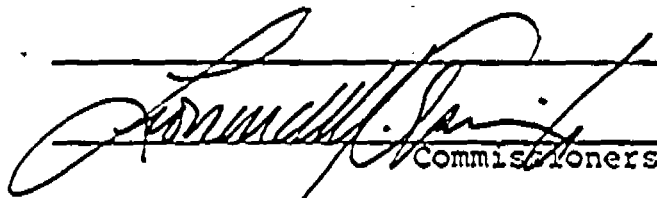
Dated OCT 8 1980 , at San Francisco, California.



President







Commissioners

Commissioner Claire T. Dodrick, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.