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ORIGINAL

Decision No., 92872, April 7, 1981.

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Investigation on the Commission's)
own motion into the adequacy of)
summer lifeline gas and electricity)
allowances of the Pacific Gas and)
Electric Company in the coastal and)
mountainous areas of its service)
territory.)
_____)

OII No. 77
(Filed July 2, 1980)

SECOND INTERIM OPINION AND ORDER EXPANDING INVESTIGATION ✓

Order Instituting Investigation No. 77 (OII 77) was initially issued to determine whether there should be additional gas and electric lifeline allowances designated for space heating by residential customers of Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) located in the utility's coastal and mountainous service area.

During hearing in this case, the staff recommended that the investigation be expanded statewide to include a number of other lifeline issues. Ordering Paragraph 4 of the first interim order in OII 77 (Decision No. 92572, dated January 6, 1981) states:

"OII 77 will be kept open pending a determination on how to proceed with the examination of lifeline issues recommended for further review by our staff on this record."

Such determination has now been made, and we are ready to proceed.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The next phase of the investigation will cover lifeline quantities for air conditioning particularly to establish consistent allowances among electric utilities.

2. The respondent utilities shall make an analysis of residential usage for air conditioning and total energy sales on an annual, seasonal, and monthly basis for the various areas within their respective service areas. These analyses shall encompass present climatological zones and include recommendations and alternatives for the appropriate monthly level of lifeline allowance for air conditioning in the zones as presently designated.

3. The schedule for the first phase is as follows:

- a. The electric utility respondents shall respond to the above data requests by May 8, 1981, serving copies on all parties listed in Appendices A and B.
- b. Respondents, staff, and other interested parties shall mail exhibits and testimony by May 29, 1981.
- c. Hearings will be scheduled after June 12, 1981.

4. The electrical and gas utilities listed in Appendix A are hereby made respondents in this investigation. Gas utilities are made respondents at this time because we are contemplating reviewing other lifeline allowance issues in the near future; the scope of such review will be covered by a subsequent order which gas utilities will receive when it is issued.

5. The following data and information shall be presented by the electric utility respondents in their exhibits and reports underlying their recommendations to the Commission for each subject item in this phase by residential customer class for each climatological zone reviewed:

- a. Each respondent's experience, with problem areas reviewed.
- b. Number of customers.
- c. The data collected to date.
- d. A synopsis of lifeline complaints received by each respondent.
- e. The estimated usage levels.
- f. An analysis of the revenue impact.
- g. Conclusions and recommendations for lifeline allowances including the methodology used in estimating the proposed quantities.

6. ~~10.~~ A prehearing conference in this investigation will be held before Commissioner Gravelle and/or Administrative Law Judge Squeri on Monday, April 20, 1981, at 10:00 a.m., in the Commission Courtroom, State Building, 350 McAllister Street, San Francisco, California. At this prehearing conference, the schedules will be reviewed, including the type and classification of data required to proceed with this investigation, and the dates and the locations of hearings will be determined, *and the process for exchanging proposed exhibits and data will be decided.*

7. ~~11.~~ Respondents shall serve notice of the expanded OII 77 on all appearances in their latest general rate case within fifteen days of the effective date of this order.

8. ~~12.~~ The Executive Director is hereby directed to cause copies of this order to be served on each respondent to this investigation, the California Energy Commission, and also upon the appearances in OII 77 and interested parties listed in Appendix B.

The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated APR 7 1981, at San Francisco, California.

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