

Decision 93040 MAY 19 1981

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY for Authority to Increase its Rates and Charges for Gas Service.

Application 59316 (Petition for Modification filed March 23, 1981)

ORDER MODIFYING DECISION 92497

In Ordering Paragraph 3 of Decision (D.) 92497 dated December 5, 1980, the Commission ordered Southern California Gas Company (SoCal) to submit by July 1, 1981 its conservation goals for each sector of its service territory.

By its Petition for Modification of D.92497 filed March 23, 1981, SoCal requests an extension of time, until October 1, 1981, to comply with Ordering Paragraph 3.

Ordering Paragraph 6 of D.92497 requires SoCal to provide "a clear statement of gas conservation potential in each sector of its service territory" by July 1, 1981. SoCal believes that the assessment of conservation potential is a necessary prelude to the projection of conservation goals; and, therefore, the report of conservation goals required by Ordering Paragraph 3 should be prepared and submitted after the report required by Ordering Paragraph 6.

The Energy Conservation Branch staff recommends the petition be granted on an ex parte basis, and believes that for as short an extension of time as requested a public hearing would serve no useful purpose.

We agree that knowledge of the total potential conservation available in any market sector is basic to setting goals for conservation and we will therefore grant the petition and modify our order to extend the time for reporting on conservation goals. SoCal should understand that this extension of time for reporting on a more rigorous methodology for projecting conservation goals for its programs in no way affects our intention to review its conservation achievement at the conclusion of the 1981 test year to determine whether it has met the goals we set forth in D.92497 and corrected in D.92714.

Findings of Fact

1. Assessment of conservation potential is a necessary prelude to the projection of conservation goals.
2. The requested extension of time is not excessive.
3. A public hearing is not required.

Conclusion of Law

The extension of time requested by SoCal to comply with Ordering Paragraph 3 of D.92497 is reasonable and should be granted.

IT IS ORDERED that Ordering Paragraph 3 in D.92497 is modified to provide an extension of time for Southern California Gas Company to file its report on conservation goals on or before

October 1, 1981 in compliance with Ordering Paragraph 3 of D.92497.
All other timetables set forth in D.92497 remain in full force and effect.

This order becomes effective 30 days from today.

Dated MAY 19 1981, at San Francisco, California.

John E. Bryan
President
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Commissioners