

Decision 93424 AUG 18 1981

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Investigation on the Commission's  
 own motion into the regulation of  
 employment practices of PACIFIC  
 TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY,  
 PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY,  
 GENERAL TELEPHONE COMPANY, SOUTHERN  
 CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY, SAN DIEGO  
 GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY, SOUTHERN  
 CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY, CALIFORNIA  
 WATER SERVICE COMPANY, SOUTHERN  
 CALIFORNIA WATER COMPANY, SIERRA  
 PACIFIC POWER COMPANY, CP NATIONAL  
 CORPORATION, SOUTHWEST GAS  
 CORPORATION, CITIZENS UTILITIES  
 COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA, and  
 CONTINENTAL TELEPHONE COMPANY OF  
 CALIFORNIA.

Case 10308  
(Filed April 12, 1977)

INTERIM ORDER GRANTING MOTION

On June 26, 1981, Southwest Gas Corporation (Southwest) filed a motion requesting that the Commission excuse it from the requirement to respond to the staff data request dated July 18, 1980. It states that it did not receive a copy of this data request until June 3, 1981 when an interested party furnished the document to Southwest in connection with the party's request for Southwest's response. It states that Southwest was unaware of any obligation to respond to the staff data request prior to that date. Copies of the motion were served on all parties. No protests have been received.

In support of its motion, Southwest states that its response would be unduly burdensome given the limited scope of its operations and the geographic location of its service areas in California. It stated that as of December 31, 1980, it only had 90 persons directly employed in its California operation and that its total sales volumes in California as of that date amounted to only 5.2% of its total sales.

Southwest further states that its records are not kept in a manner which will permit prompt accumulation of information in the data request and that some of the information requested is not in the records and could not be provided in any event. Compliance with the staff data request would require Southwest to incur considerable costs compiling the data, particularly since Southwest must develop much of the information without a computer.

Discussion

By Decision 92573 we excused Pacific Power and Light from responding to the staff data request for reasons similar to those alleged by Southwest. The size of Southwest's operations in California is so small that data from it would be insignificant relative to the larger utilities while at the same time the burden placed on Southwest to respond would be substantially greater. Accordingly, we will excuse Southwest from the requirement to respond to the staff data request. Southwest will remain a respondent to this proceeding and will be bound by our orders in this proceeding.

IT IS ORDERED that the motion of Southwest Gas Corporation to be excused from the requirement to respond to the staff data request dated July 18, 1980 is granted.

This order becomes effective 30 days from today.

Dated AUG 18 1981, at San Francisco, California.

John E. Bryan  
President  
Richard W. Lyall  
Lance W. King  
Robert Colvin  
Patricia C. Green  
Commissioners