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Decision 96-11-062

November 26, 1996

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY)
for Authority to Revise Its Rates)
Effective October 1, 1991, in its)
Biennial Cost Allocation)
Proceeding (BCAP).)

Application 91-03-039
(Motion filed May 24, 1996)

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In the Matter of the Application of)
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY)
for Authority to Revise its Rates)
Effective April 1, 1994, in its)
Biennial Cost Allocation)
Proceeding (BCAP).)

Application 93-09-006
(Filed September 1, 1993)

**DECISION GRANTING MOTION TO WITHDRAW
APPLICATIONS FOR REHEARING AND ORDER OF DISMISSAL**

On November 1, 1996 the City of Vernon (Vernon) filed a motion to withdraw its pending applications for rehearing of Decisions (D.) 94-09-033 and D.94-12-052 in the above-captioned proceedings, in accordance with the terms of the Stipulation and Settlement Agreement between Vernon and the Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas), as approved by the Commission in D.96-09-104.

The Commission issued D.96-09-104 on September 20, 1996, and mailed the decision on September 25, 1996. D.96-09-104 approved the Stipulation and Settlement Agreement formalized in March, 1996 between Vernon and SoCalGas to resolve longstanding issues concerning the wholesale rate treatment to be accorded Vernon's planned municipal natural gas system. As part of the settlement, Vernon agreed to withdraw its applications for

rehearing of the Commission's decisions establishing the terms of wholesale rate treatment for Vernon within thirty days of the time the Commission's approval of the Stipulation and Settlement Agreement was finalized.

Since no applications for rehearing of D.96-09-104 were received within thirty days of the mailing date of that decision, October 5, 1996, the Commission's approval of the Stipulation and Settlement Agreement has become final, and it is now appropriate for Vernon to request permission to withdraw its two pending applications for rehearing. Dismissal of Vernon's pending applications for rehearing of D.94-09-033 and D.94-12-052 is in the public interest.

Vernon's motion to withdraw its Application for Rehearing of D.94-09-033, filed on October 3, 1994, and its Application for Rehearing of D.94-12-052, filed on January 20, 1995, is granted, and these applications for rehearing are dismissed. This decision is effective today.

Dated November 26, 1996, at San Francisco, California.

P. GREGORY CONLON
President
DANIEL WM. FESSLER
JESSIE J. KNIGHT, JR.
JOSIAH L. NEPPER
Commissioners

President Henry M. Duque, being necessarily absent, did not participate.