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Decision 97-08-011 August 1, 1997

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON
COMPANY (U 338-B) for Authority to Establish a
Pilot Gas Cost Incentive Program.

Application 94-01-016
(Filed January 14, 1994)

OPINION

ORIGINAL

Summary

This decision grants the motion of Southern California Edison Company (Edison) to withdraw this application in recognition of the changes in the electric industry.

Discussion

On January 11, 1994, Edison filed this application in order to establish a market-based benchmark against which Edison's gas purchasing performance could be measured and thereby simplify reasonableness reviews. Edison's motion observes that subsequently, it believed the issues raised here would be incorporated into a performance-based ratemaking mechanism. Review of the application was suspended.

In Ordering Paragraph 15 of Decision (D.) 95-12-063, as modified by D.96-01-009, the Commission sought comments from parties with regard to how electric industry restructuring might affect review of this application. Edison sought a deferral of related issues until a time when details of industry restructuring would be known.

Edison requests to withdraw this application believing that its proposal is no longer consistent with the Commission's regulation of generation resources and fails to recognize Edison's intention to divest its gas-fueled power plants, assets which are the primary focus of the application.

We concur with Edison that its proposal may no longer reflect the Commission's policy with regard to regulation of generation resources. In any event, the issues raised in Edison's application are more appropriately considered in other forums to the extent they require review. No party objects to Edison's motion. We herein grant Edison's motion.

Findings of Fact

1. The proposal in this application may no longer reflect the Commission's policies with regard to regulation of generation resources. To the extent the issues herein require review, the Commission should consider them in forums reviewing regulation of generation resources more generally.

2. Edison filed a motion to withdraw this application. No party objected to the motion.

Conclusion of Law

The Commission should grant Edison's motion to withdraw Application 94-01-016.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The motion of Southern California Edison Company to withdraw this application is granted.

2. Application 94-01-016 is closed.

This order is effective today.

Dated August 1, 1997, at San Francisco, California.

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