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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order instituting investigation of
SIERRA PACIFIC POWER COMPANY electric
rates and charges for electric service.)

SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE
NO. 1-90-02-007
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ORDER INSTITUTING INVESTIGATION

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On August 15, 1989, Sierra Pacific Power Company (SPPC) filed Application (A.) 89-08-027 requesting authority to increase base rate revenues for electricity by \$1.539 million for test year 1990.

Without prejudging the issues which may arise in A.89-08-027, we institute this investigation so we have a procedural forum and vehicle to fully act on recommendations on revenue requirement, rates, practices and other aspects of SPPC's operations which may be beyond the confines of the relief requested in A.89-08-027. The opening of such investigatory proceedings, for consolidation with utilities' general rate applications, is customary. It is appropriate, in order to fully use the extensive general rate case review, to have such consolidated proceedings. The evidentiary record developed in A.89-08-027 and this consolidated OII, taken together, shall be the common record to support any findings or orders in connection with this investigation.

Accordingly, and on authority of Public Utilities Code Section 729, we will institute an investigation into the rates, charges and practices of Sierra Pacific Power Company. This investigation will be consolidated with A.89-08-027 for hearing and decision.

Therefore, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 729, an investigation into the rates, charges and practices of the Sierra Pacific Power Company is hereby instituted.

2. This investigation is consolidated with A.89-08-027 and the record in that proceeding will form the basis of the Commission's investigation.

3. A public hearing in this matter shall be held before an Administrative Law Judge of the Commission at a time and place to be determined, at which time and place all interested parties may appear and be heard.

4. The Executive Director is directed to cause a certified copy of this order to be served by certified mail on SPPC and to cause a certified copy of this order to be served by mail on each party of record in the SPPC's general rate case, A.89-08-027.

This order is effective today.

Dated FEB 7 1990 at San Francisco, California.

G. MITCHELL WILK
President
FREDERICK R. DUDA
STANLEY W. HULETT
JOHN B. O'HANIAN
PATRICIA M. ECKERT
Commissioners

I CERTIFY THAT THIS DECISION
WAS APPROVED BY THE ABOVE
COMMISSIONERS TODAY.

Wesley Franklin

WESLEY FRANKLIN, Acting Executive Director

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