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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Investigation into
the rates, charges, and practices of
the San Diego Gas & Electric Company.

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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
) FEBRUARY 5, 1992
) SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE
) I.92-02-004

ORDER INSTITUTING INVESTIGATION

On November 15, 1991, San Diego Gas & Electric Company ("SDG&E") filed Application No. ("A.") 91-11-024 requesting authority to increase base rate revenue for electric service by \$124.9 million, for gas service by \$19.2 million, and for steam service by \$1.1 million for Test Year 1993.

Without prejudging the issues which may arise in A.91-11-024, we institute this investigation so we have a procedural forum and vehicle to fully act on recommendations on revenue requirement, rates, practices, adequacy of electric and gas facilities, and other aspects of SDG&E's operations which may be beyond the confines of the relief that the utility requests in A.91-11-024. The opening of such investigatory proceedings, for consolidation with large 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 for A.91-11-024 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 Sections 729 and 761, we will institute an investigation into the rates, charges and practices of the San Diego Gas & Electric Company. This investigation will be consolidated with A.91-11-024 for hearing and decision.

Therefore, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 729 and 761, an investigation into the rates, charges and practices of San Diego Gas & Electric Company is instituted.

2. This investigation is consolidated with A.91-11-024 and the record in that consolidated 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 and announced in connection with setting hearings in A. 91-11-024, at which time and place all interested parties may appear and be heard.

4. The Executive Director is directed to serve a copy of this order on SDG&E by certified mail and by regular mail to each party of record in SDG&E's general rate case, A.91-11-024.

This order is effective today.

Dated February 5, 1992 at San Francisco, California.

DANIEL Wm. FESSLER
President
JOHN B. OHANIAN
PATRICIA M. ECKERT
NORMAN D. SHUMWAY
Commissioners

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


NEAL J. SHULMAN, Executive Director
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