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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 Sierra Pacific Power Company. FILED
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
JUNE 17, 1992
SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE
1,92-06-011

ORDER INSTITUTING INVESTIGATION

On May 15, 1992, Sierra Pacific Power Company ("Sierra") filed Application No. ("A".) 92-05-040 requesting authority to increase base rate revenue for electric service by \$1,521,000 for the test year 1993.

Without prejudging the issues which may arise in A.92-05-040, 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 facilities, and other aspects of Sierra's operations which may be beyond the confines of the relief that the utility requests in A.92-05-040. The opening of such investigatory proceedings, for consolidation with major utilities' general rate applications, is customary. It is appropriate in order to fully use the extensive evidentiary record and information which comes to light in a general rate case review, to have such consolidated proceedings. The evidentiary record developed for A.92-05-040 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 Sierra Pacific Power Company. This investigation will be consolidated with A.92-05-040 for hearing and decision.

Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that:

- 1. Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 729 and 761, an investigation into the rates, charges, service and practices of Sierra Pacific Power Company is instituted.
- 2. This investigation is consolidated with A.92-05-040 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 at a time and place to be determined and announced in connection with setting hearings in A.92-05-040, at which time and place all interested parties may appear and be heard.
- 4. The Executive Director is directed to to serve a copy of this order on Sierra by certified mail and, if a prehearing conference has been held before the issuance of this order, by regular mail to each party of record in Sierra's general rate case, A.92-05-040.

This order is effective today.

Dated June 17, 1992, at San Francisco, California.

DANIEL Wm. FESSLER
Président
JOHN B. OHANIAN
PATRICIA M. ECKERT
NORMAN D. SHUNWAY
Commissioners

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

TEAL J. SHULMAN, Executive Directo

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