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TO: THE COMMISSION
(Conference February 4, 1982)

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SUBJECT: Resolution No. E-1943, Sierra Pacific Power Company
Order Authorizing Increase in Annual Revenues of
\$98,104 to Recover Costs Associated with Implementation
of Consumer-Oriented Conservation Programs

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the California Public Utilities Commission adopt Resolution No. E-1943 (Attachment A) to authorize Sierra Pacific Power Company (Sierra) to increase annual revenues by \$98,104 for full implementation of its consumer-oriented conservation programs.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS: Decisions 92987 and 93771 in Application 59894 did not include full funding through rates for Sierra's energy conservation programs. Sierra had not demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Commission that it had an effective ongoing conservation program in Application No. 59894.

By Ordering Paragraph No. 6 in the Commission's second interim order, D-93771 dated November 13, 1981, the Commission stated:

"By advice letter, Sierra Pacific may make a supplemental showing on its methods of tracking costs associated with consumer-oriented conservation programs, and may request in such advice letter that its test year revenues be increased by \$98,104."

In response to that paragraph Sierra filed a substantive report with the Energy Conservation Branch detailing its proposed conservation cost accounting system, survey questionnaire and conservation program redirection with procedures which will adequately track conservation program expenses. The Energy Conservation Branch is satisfied by this filing and through conferences with Sierra that Sierra will implement effective conservation programs in 1982. In addition, Sierra Pacific Power Company did file a Zero Interest Weatherization Plan during the summer of 1981 (Application No. 60587). That matter has been heard before Administrative Law Judge Banks and a decision is pending. The Energy Conservation Branch is satisfied that Sierra has made an adequate and substantial showing as provided for in Ordering Paragraph 6 of Decision 93771.

CONCLUSION: The Rates and Economics and Conservation Branches of the Utilities Division recommend that the Commission adopt Resolution No. E-1943 to allow Sierra Pacific Power Company to recover the cost of its 1982 energy conservation programs.

Attachment

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION NO. E-1943

UTILITIES DIVISION

BRANCH/SECTION: Rate Design &
Economics

DATE: February 4, 1982

R E S O L U T I O N

SUBJECT: Order Authorizing Sierra Pacific Power Company to Increase Annual Revenues by \$98,104 or 0.29% to Recover Costs Associated With Consumer-Oriented Conservation Programs

SIERRA PACIFIC POWER COMPANY (SPPC), by Advice Letter No. 159-E filed December 28, 1981, and supplemented on January 18, 1982, requests authority to increase annual revenues by \$98,104.

Ordering Paragraph No. 6 in the Commission's Second Interim Order, Decision No. 93771, dated November 13, 1981, states:

"By advice letter, Sierra Pacific may make a supplemental showing on its methods of tracking costs associated with consumer-oriented conservation programs, and may request in such advice letter that its test year revenues be increased by \$98,104."

Pursuant to that ordering paragraph SPPC filed Advice Letter 159-E presenting its methods for tracking conservation program costs, and requesting the \$98,104 rate increase. The Energy Conservation Branch has reviewed SPPC's proposed conservation cost accounting system, survey questionnaires and conservation program redirections and believes these procedures will adequately track costs.

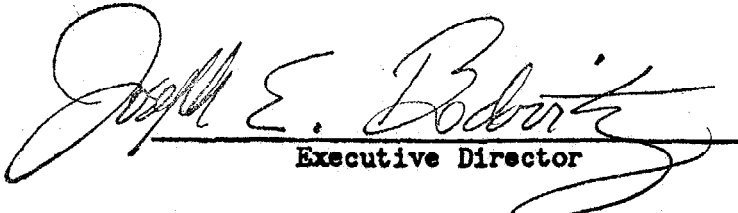
By Advice Letter No. 159-E (Supplemental) SPPC has filed the necessary tariff revisions to increase annual base rate revenues by \$98,104 based on test year 1981 sales. This will be accomplished through an increase of approximately 0.02¢/kWh to all SPPC's customers under this Commission's jurisdiction.

Such changes are hereby found to be just and reasonable; therefore, good cause appearing:

IT IS ORDERED that California PUC Sheets Nos. 935-E through 941-E be marked to show that such sheets were issued under Resolution No. E-1943 of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California to become effective February 4, 1982. The effective date of this Resolution is the date hereof.

I certify that this Resolution was introduced, approved and adopted at a regular conference of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California on February 4, 1982. The following Commissioners voted favorably:

JOHN E. BRYSON
President
RICHARD D. GRAVELLE
LEONARD M. GRIMES, JR.
VICTOR CALVO
PRISCILLA C. CREW
Commissioners


Executive Director