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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMISSION ADVISORY AND COMPLIANCE DIVISION Energy Branch RESOLUTION G-3120 April 6, 1994

<u>R E S O L U T I O N</u>

RESOLUTION G-3120. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY PROPOSED TREATMENT OF CERTAIN UNSPENT 1993 DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT MEASUREMENT, FORECASTING, AND REGULATORY REPORTING FUNDS.

BY ADVICE LETTER NO. 2282-G, filed on March 2, 1994.

SUMMARY

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1. In this advice letter, Southern California Gas Company (SoCal) submits proposed treatment of certain unspent demandside management (DSM) funds from 1993. SoCal intends to carry over certain 1993 funds authorized for Measurement, Forecasting, and Regulatory Reporting (MFRR), formerly known as Measurement and Evaluation (M&E), and return remaining funds to ratepayers.

2. No protests were received to this filing.

3. This resolution approves the proposed carry over of unspent DSM funds from 1993, as well as the return of funds to ratepayers.

BACKGROUND

1. For the period January 1990 to December 1993, SoCal was authorized to spend \$9,385,000 on MFRR requirements. As of December 31, 1993, SoCal estimates its actual expenditures were \$7,242,993. SoCal proposes to carry over \$1,981,490 of the remaining \$2,142,007 to fund M&E activities, which are not yet complete, have not yet begun, or are commitments to statewide studies, related to Test Year 1990 (TY90) programs.

2. The funds SoCal requests be carried over were authorized to analyze DSM programs implemented during the TY90 rate case cycle.

3. SoCal's request will not increase the combined funding level authorized in TY90 and TY94. The carryover would take place within the MFRR funding category and would not require shifting between funding categories. The carryover request will allow SoCal to avoid shifting funds away from other DSM funding categories while still meeting the intent of Decision (D.) 93-11-017. Resolution G-3120 SCG/A.L. 2282-G/mlc

4. On March 2, 1994, SoCal filed Advice Letter 2282-G regarding proposed treatment of certain unspent DSM funds from 1993 for Measurement, Forecasting, and Regulatory Reporting activities.

NOTICE

The original Advice Letter was noticed in accordance with Section III of General Order 96-A by publication in the Commission Calendar and distribution to SoCal's advice letter filing service list.

PROTESTS

No protests have been received by the Commission Advisory and Compliance Division (CACD) in this advice filing.

DISCUSSION

1. SoCal has requested the ability to carry over \$1,981,490 for the limited purpose of completing M&E activities related to TY90 programs. Some of these activities may extend into 1995. CACD recommends that SoCal be allowed to carry over \$1,981,490 for use on these activities through December 31, 1995. Any funds remaining as of December 31, 1995 should be returned to ratepayers through SoCal's Conservation Expense Account.

2. SoCal has proposed that \$160,517 of TY90 funds be returned to ratepayers. These funds would be refunded, with the appropriate interest, in SoCal's 1995 attrition filing (expected to be filed with the Commission in October 1994) or other ratemaking proceeding. CACD recommends that this request be approved.

FINDINGS

1. SoCal filed Advice Letter 2282-G on March 2, 1994 to request Commission authorization to carry over certain unspent 1993 DSM funds for Measurement, Forecasting, and Regulatory Reporting activities.

2. SoCal's proposed carryover of DSM funds is intended to allow SoCal to complete planned M&E activities related to the TY90 programs without shifting funds away from other funding categories. The requested carry over of DSM funds should be authorized.

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THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Southern California Gas Company is authorized to carry over unspent 1993 Demand-Side Management funds as proposed in Advice Letter 2282-G. Any funds remaining as of December 31, 1995 shall be returned to ratepayers through the Conservation Expense Account. Remaining unspent 1993 Measurement, Forecasting, and Regulatory Reporting funds not subject to carryover in this Advice Letter, shall be returned to ratepayers as described herein.

2. Advice Letter 2282-G shall be marked to show that it was approved by Commission Resolution G-3120.

3. This Resolution is effective today.

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities commission at its regular meeting on April 6, 1994. The following Commissioners approved it:

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