Steam plants get more gas

SoCal delivered about 1 billion cubic feet of gas to steam electric generating customers on one day as a result of a second stage air pollution episode called by the South Coast Air Quality Management District.

Those supplies, made available June 29, represented a 100 percent increase over the 500 million cubic feet of gas per day SoCal has been offering to electric utilities since the beginning of June.

Service to other customers was not interrupted. Instead, the additional gas supply was made possible, in part, by the withdrawal of some gas from the Honor Rancho storage field, in addition to the cessation of injection in SoCal underground storage fields at Goleta and Montebello.

Another second stage alert had been called on Thursday, June 28, at which time SoCal delivered about 850 million cubic feet of gas to electric utilities. This required cessation of injection at Goleta and Montebello.

SoCal provides as much gas as it possibly can to steam electric generating plants during second state episodes without endangering service to higher priority customers.

Stage 1
Employees requested to use car pools or mass transportation. Unnecessary company travel is curtailed.

Stage 2
Same as stage 1 with the addition of a restriction on all company-provided parking spaces. Non-essential company travel will be postponed.

Stage 3
As nearly as possible, company will operate on a holiday schedule. All driving will be discontinued except that essential to public health and safety.

Setting the stage for smog alerts

For many employees the hot, smoggy weather that hit southern California in the past two weeks meant more than runny noses and itchy eyes. It also meant they had to find somewhere else to park when they got to work.

Limited or closed parking facilities at many SoCal locations was the result of the company responding to second stage smog alerts called by the South Coast Air Quality Management District on June 28 and 29.

Curtailing available parking is an effort by the district to force southland motorists who travel to and from work to use car pools and public transportation.

By law, every company in the district — which includes portions of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties — employing more than 100 persons at one location or operating 50 or more fleet vehicles must maintain and implement, as required, plans to curtail or cease operations causing air contamination from vehicle use.

The district provides advance notice to all companies no later than 2 p.m. the day preceding a predicted episode requiring traffic abatement. Episodes are predicted in three stages based on the expected level of air pollution for the following day.

The following company actions are required during the three stages:

Stage One: Employees are requested by local management to utilize voluntary car pools or mass transportation and unnecessary company travel is curtailed.

Stage Two: Same as stage one with a restriction of all company-provided parking spaces in most cases to vehicles with three or more people. At those locations where employee parking is available, barricades or other methods will be used to restrict parking to a number which will permit the facility to achieve its plan on reduced commutation.

(The district cited Southern division's Huntington Park base for a violation of mandatory smog abatement regulations during an announced second stage alert earlier in June after inspecting the base's parking facility. More than 60 other companies also were cited.)

Also during stage two, employees driving company cars will be asked to share rides; dual fuel vehicles are to be operated on natural gas; and non-essential travel to routine business meetings, tours, etc. will be postponed where practical.

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California’s other gas allocation plan

SoCal’s 1978 deliveries

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California has a second system, besides the odd-even gasoline plan, to allocate another of its energy sources when supplies start to run short. It’s the natural gas priority system.

While the gasoline plan is currently affecting far greater numbers of people than the natural gas priority system, the potential impact of the natural gas system could be more dramatic.

Under the priorities ordered by the California Public Utilities Commission, hundreds of companies could be forced to close down if the state’s natural gas supplies aren’t replenished in future years.

A description of the types of customers that fall into the system’s five priorities — from P (for priority) 1 - customers who have first call on available gas supplies and P-2s who have second priority, to P-5s with the lowest priority — follows:

- **P-1.** All residential usage, regardless of size, and non-residential usage such as small businesses and light industrial firms, with peak day demands of 100,000 cubic feet per day or less are P-1s and are first served from available gas supplies. Nearly half (49.77 percent) of the gas that SoCal distributed last year went to the company’s 3.4 million residential customers and the 194,000 non-residential customers in the P-1 category.

- **P-2.** Non-residential customers with peak day demands of over 100,000 cubic feet a day where conversion to an alternate fuel isn’t feasible are P-2s. Also included are customers who use gas as feedstock with no alternate fuel, as well as electric utility startup and igniter fuel. At year-end 1978, the company had 950 P-2 customers, including movie studios, chemical manufacturers, food processors, colleges and hospitals. They used 10.26 percent of SoCal’s gas deliveries for the year.

- **P-3.** All other non-residential customers with alternate fuel capabilities that are not included in another priority and have a peak day demand for boiler fuel use of less than 750,000 cubic feet of gas a day are in this category. Approximately 600 P-3 firms, such as oil refineries, government facilities, metal product fabricators and processors and entertainment facilities, used 10.05 percent of SoCal’s 1978 deliveries.

- **P-4.** Large industrial and commercial customers with a peak day demand for boiler fuel use of more than 750,000 cubic feet a day and with capability to use an alternate fuel are considered P-4s. Cement plant kilns also are P-4s. Most P-4s, which number less than 100 customers, are the same kind of business as the P-3s, only larger. Some are even the same as P-2s — for example, UCLA with its large boilers (P-4) and laboratories (P-2). P-4s last year accounted for 3.86 percent of the company’s gas deliveries.

- **P-5.** SoCal’s P-5 customers are utility steam electric generation plants and utility gas turbines. The six P-5s — Southern California Edison Co., the Los Angeles Department of Water & Power, municipal utilities in Pasadena, Burbank and Glendale and the Imperial (Valley) Irrigation District — used 15.40 percent of the company’s gas deliveries last year.

Two wholesale customers — San Diego Gas & Electric Co. and City of Long Beach —assign their customers to priorities on the same basis. Last year, they received 10.66 percent of SoCal’s deliveries.

READY TO ROLL

Retirees have energy to travel, hope they have fuel as well

Marion Muenze, senior new business control clerk in general services, Northern, leaves the company after 36 years. Muenze plans to travel “if the gasoline situation improves.”

Bill Setchell and his wife, Phyllis, plan to take off and see America with their Airstream travel trailer upon completion of a 17-year career. He leaves as data control clerk in information systems, Headquarters.

Setchell is an Elks member and enjoys bowling, golfing and gardening.

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Ending his 33-year career is Herb Bergloff, who retires as field distribution supervisor in distribution, Western. He joined in 1946 as a helper.

Future plans are to move to Montana and “live,” and continue hunting and woodworking.

Fishing, traveling, relaxing and enjoying life are the goals that Ray Chisholm plans to set for himself after 27 years.

Chisholm began as a utility man in 1952 and departs as a pipeline crew supervisor in North Basin transmission division.

For Harry Van Beenen, the funniest thing that happened to him while working at the gas company was when “someone asked me if I was sure I wanted to retire.” He leaves as appliance service representative in customer services, San Fernando Valley, after 32 years.

Van Beenen enjoys square dancing, golfing, fishing, gardening and traveling.

Mike Kashmar’s 28-year career with the gas company ends this July as gas requirements manager in regulatory affairs, Headquarters.

Immediate plans are to relax and later to relocate. He enjoys golf and fishing.

Future plans of Kenneth “K.D.” Brown are construction of a new home in northern California, possible consulting work related to workers’ compensation, or voluntary work with a welfare organization or hospital. He enjoys fresh water fishing, golfing and traveling.

Brown retires as supervisor of workers’ compensation and employee activities in industrial relations, Headquarters, after 43 years.
EMPLOYEE CLASSIFIED ADS

AUTOS FOR SALE
74 Capri V6, 4-spd, am/fm, tape, $2,250. Dean DeLuna, (213) 576-1021.
71 Mercury, Cougar XR7, 59,000 mi, original, leather interior, vinyl roof, $2,000 or offer. John Wilton, (213) 666-2898.
71 Chevy, station wagon, clean, low miles, a/c, am/fm, tilt wheel, $595. Len Bowen, (213) 621-0602.
71 VW, Scirocco, am/fm 8-track, gd cond, $4,500. Lou Salazar, (213) 799-5467 any time.
78 Dodge, van, 318, p/s, p/b, captain chairs, pioneer stereo, $6,600 or offer or trade for 4x4, must sell. Robert Umbach, (714) 328-2507.
73 Ford, custom club window van, 1-ton, a/c, 77,000 mi, 9-passenger, all pwr, great for car pool, $3,000. Jerry Hall, (714) 772-6985.
70 Chevrolet, Nova, 350 V8 eng, p/s, radio, $1,100. Rosemary Willis, (714) 633-9886.
74 Opel, station wagon, red, stick, great gas mileage, regular gas, exc cond, must sell, $1,800 or best offer. Sandra Barone, (213) 768-2059-175.
70 Ford, F250 supercab Camper Special, a/c, p/s, auto, V8, am/fm, cassette, 10,000 mi, exc Cond., $7,000. Mike Houlihan, (213) 353-0547.
72 Plymouth, Sebring Plus, a/c, p/s, disc fron, $1,300. Kenneth Eastburn, (213) 241-4892.
75 Ford, 4x4 pickup, F-100, new tires & motor, $4,200 or best offer. Sam Aruelo, (213) 289-6122 at 5 p.m.
77 Ford, pickup, F-250, Camper Special, custom interior, w/6’ bed topper, p/s, p/b, a/c, & more, $7,970. Kennermore washer, exc cond., $75. Sam Miller, (714) 891-9595.
68 Oldsmobile, Cutless Supreme, 4 dr V8 sedan, a/c, p/s, p/b, 1 owner, real gd cond, new white sidewall tires, $950. Tom Norrisworthy, (213) 444-3043.
71 Capri, 4 cylinder, auto, new vinyl top & seat covers, exc gas mileage, $850. Alex Lo, (213) 294-9618 at 4 p.m.
65 Ford, 3/4 ton pickup, new trans & brakes, needs ring job, $900 or best offer. Kirk Lloyd, (714) 677-6055 at 6 p.m.
75 Ford, GT, yellow, 5-spd, am/fm stereo, $2,000 mi, exc cond. $3,500. Randy Johnson, (714) 792-1933 at 6:30 p.m.

CAMPERS & TRAILERS
For sale: Horse trailer, for 2 sidew & tack storage, saddle racks & dressing rm, 2 axle w/hyd brakes, incl controls, $1,500. Art Peterson, (213) 692-5646 at 5 p.m.

MOTORCYCLES FOR SALE
74 Harley-Davidson, 1200 super glide, 8,600 miles, exc cond, $2,000 or best offer. John Sabo, (213) 591-4039 eqv & wlvnd.
75 Honda, 360, gd performing gas saver in exc cond, $700. Steve Johnson, (213) 665-6104 at 4 p.m.
75 Honda, Elsinore, 125 MX, exc cond, gd tires, new tope cond., $800. Paul McLennan, (213) 335-0986 eqv & wlvnd.
74 Honda, 500/4, 2,400 miles, used, $200. Mark Wurtzinger, (213) 645-5359 at 5:30 p.m.
75 Honda, 250, $1,800 or best offer. Jack Miron, (714) 593-5677.

FOR SALE
Redwood patio set, $30; Person’s table, $45; upholstered chairs, $45; 1911 Winchester rifle, $65; lassemanor, $100; hedge trimmer, $25, etc. Mona Nichols, (714) 637-5573.
Roller skates, men’s size 11, Precision roller racing, 3 pairs of them, $45. Mark Wurtzinger, (213) 645-5359 at 5:30 p.m.
Range, Frigidaire custom Imperial, elec, very gd cond, $300; Singer Fashion Mate sewing machine, very gd cond, $45. Rainer Otto, (213) 539-1723.
Gun, new, never used, Roger 10/22 carbihe, $75. Bud Buhler, (213) 540-7047.
Wash/dryer, GE, washer exc cond, dryer needs part, $100; Living room chair, green print, gd cond, $25. Tom Deacon, (213) 540-1989 eqv & wlvnd.
Travel trailer awning, 14’6” roll up, avocado, gold & white, $150. Bill Scott, (213) 444-1768.
Movie projector, 48 yr old 8mm Kodak, $50 obo. 4’’ by 8’’. Lenticular projection screen, $10 obo; 36 cup drip coffee maker w/stand, $10 obo. John Michael, (714) 849-2594.
Tables, butcher block chopping tables, 2, 1 yr old, $60 ea. Linda Milano, (714) 576-7828.
Refrigerator, Westinghouse, 16 cu ft, single dr, $35 high, 3’6” wide, works gd, avocado, $75. John Horton, (213) 353-0140.
Big screen tv, Mintz, 32” by 40”, exc cond, gd for den or bar, $600 or best offer. Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Julian, (213) 295-9124.
Transmission, Muncie M21 wide ratio course spline, 4-spd, complete with Olds Bellhousing & factory linkage, $300 firm. Marc Hasara, (213) 797-3949 at 4:30 p.m.

WANTED
Ride, from Gardena, Rosemead & Normande to Flower St., 8 a.m. — 5 p.m. Nancy Chan, (213) 327-4862 or (213) 321-5744 or M.L. 1003.

SoCal faces
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El Paso LNG carrier refloated after grounding; no LNG loss
The liquefied natural gas carrier El Paso Paul Kayser after four days aground off the south coast of Spain was refloated July 4 and by the end of last week was being towed to the bay of Gibraltar where its cargo will be transferred to another LNG ship. El Paso LNG Co., the ship’s owner, on June 30 reported that its 900-foot ship had gone aground near the Island of La Paloma on the east side of the Strait of Gibraltar.

The incident — the first involving the shipment of LNG in more than 3,600 roundtrip voyages — occurred when the ship’s captain successfully avoided collision with another vessel, El Paso said.

The accident seems to have proved the validity of the double hull construction of the LNG ships. In going aground, the Paul Kayser sustained damage to the forward ballast tanks and the outer layer of the ship’s double bottom hull. There was no damage to the vessel’s cargo tanks or propulsion system, and no LNG was released, El Paso said.

Vehicle auction set for July 14
Approximately 98 company vehicles, along with assorted equipment, will be auctioned July 14 at the Pico Rivera base, 8101 S. Rosemead Blvd.

Bidding starts at 10:30 a.m. Vehicles may be inspected after 8 a.m. on the morning of the auction, which will be conducted by SoCal’s agent, Ken Porter.

Credit Union representatives will be at the site to handle financing for qualified members.

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*Stage Three:* As nearly as possible, the company will operate on a holiday schedule. All driving will be discontinued except that essential to public health and safety. Employees considered nonessential to immediate utility operation will be told not to report to work.

Since the district began predicting episodes in 1977, no stage three alerts have been called. A company procedure dealing with the responsibility of SoCal and its employees during air pollution episodes was issued two weeks ago.

Among provisions of the procedure is the establishment of an Air Pollution Episode Committee for each Headquarters facility, and a definition of the duties for that committee as well as for the coordinators in each division involved.

The committees and coordinators will be responsible for ensuring conformance with plans already submitted by the company for its facilities to the district.

A procedure dealing with the method for selecting employees who will be required to work during stage three alerts, the question of pay for employees who are told not to report to work, and related matters was also issued. The Union has sent a letter to the company advising that it wishes to meet to discuss these matters.

32 teachers give service reps better than passing ‘grades’

A total of 32 Los Angeles-area teachers recently gave SoCal field and appliance service reps “A-pluses” on their report cards for knowledge and good conduct.

The 32 high school teachers were among over 40 who took part in a two-week “Business-in-Action” course held by SoCal in cooperation with the Los Angeles Unified School District.

In evaluation sheets returned by the 32 teachers, almost all rated the ride-along with a service rep as their top experience during the program.

Teachers went on service calls in eight divisions, says Dick Wass, SoCal’s special projects coordinator.

“A service rep, aside from the almost infinite variety of technical knowledge he must possess, must be a variety of people as well: psychologist, detective, counselor, teacher, public relations person,” said one participant.

**TEACHING THE TEACHERS** was the focus of the recent Business-in-Action classes put on by SoCal. James Hyatte, appliance service rep at Huntington Park Base, shows the making of an order to Mary Sanders, a business education teacher at Fremont High School.

“I didn’t realize,” said another, “that contact between customers and the ASRs was on such a personal, friendly and human basis.”

The wide range of reps’ duties — and the wide range of people they meet — impressed a lot of the teachers, most of whom have business education or social studies classes.

“A good field rep promotes a valuable image for the company,” said one teacher. “More people should have the opportunity to see what they do.”

**NON-MANAGEMENT MOVES**

56 employees change jobs, work locations

Crew Assistant
Neil Allen .......... Northern to Northwest
Michael Conley .......... North to SFV
Ralph Rife .......... ............ Western

Crew Leader
Larry Culp .......... Northern to Northwest
Tom Lobato .......... Metro
Gail Miller .......... Western

Field Mechanic
Jose Calderon .......... Metro
Danny Bray .......... San Fernando Valley
Howard Rodner .......... San Fernando Valley

Fitter
Gilbert Carlos .......... Metro

Meter & Regulator Mechanic #1
James House .......... Metro to San Gabriel Valley

Technical Assistant
Mike Taylor .......... San Fernando Valley

Welder
Ted Pardo .......... Northwest
James Sinclair .......... San Fernando Valley

Appliance Service Representative
James Allman .......... Northern
Douglas Brooks .......... San Fernando Valley
Sam Hall .......... Eastern
Erhard Holm .......... Western to Eastern
John Jones .......... Eastern
Patrick Kellogg .......... Orange County
Robert Lee .......... Southern to Inland
Christopher Musshower .......... Metro to Eastern
Emilio Parra .......... Western
Roger Ziemer .......... Northwest
Dennis Zissolwski .......... San Fernando Valley

John Bright .......... OC to Southeast
Carol Britt .......... Metro to Northern
Cheryl Geller .......... Western to Inland
Lillian Sugarawara .......... Northern to SFV

Sr. Appliance Service Representative
John Ramirez .......... Western

Auto Mechanic
Henry Ather .......... HQ to Northern
House passes synthetic fuel legislation providing guarantees, price supports

The House of Representatives has passed legislation that, if adopted in its present form by the Senate, would lead to development of the synthetic fuel industry. It would authorize greater government loans, loan guarantees and synthetic fuel price supports.

The House approved the bill by an overwhelming vote. It directs the President to achieve a production goal with synthetic fuel equivalent to 500,000 barrels of oil daily by 1985 and 2 million barrels a day by 1990 to reduce U.S. dependence on imported oil.

For the first time, the Department of Energy would be able to provide expedited loan guarantee approvals.

If the Senate approves similar legislation, each loan guarantee over $38 million approved by a federal purchasing agency and submitted to Congress would be subject only to a 60-day period wherein either the House or Senate could veto the approval. Previously, loan guarantees were subject to lengthy approval processes in both houses of Congress.

OBITUARIES

Coy Porterfield, 67, died June 19 in San Bernardino. He served with the company from 1937 until 1972 when he retired as sales representative in marketing, Inland division. He is survived by his widow, Arlene.

Robert Burns, 63, died June 26. He joined the gas company in 1940 and was employed as a welder in distribution, North Coastal division, until he went on disability in 1971.

His widow, Bonnie, resides in Santa Maria.
MANAGEMENT PROMOTIONS, TRANSFERS

7 new employees join SoCal as 22 change jobs

Promotions and transfers for 22 management employees were announced in the past two weeks. In addition, the gas company has hired seven new management people.

Bob Fryke is promoted from special project administrator in marketing services to governmental affairs manager in public affairs, Sacramento. He reports to Carl Pulliam.

Joan Crim is promoted from meter reading control representative in customer services to meter reading supervisor at Montclair in customer services, Inland. She reports to Yvonna Brewer.

John Ory moves from instructor in operations support to a temporary assignment as field instructor at 36th Street in customer services, Metropolitan. He reports to Norm Williams.

Jim Starr moves from construction quality representative in distribution to field distribution supervisor in North district, Orange County. He reports to Miles Canty.

Don Myers is promoted from technical assistant to distribution construction supervisor at Canoga base in San Fernando Valley, reporting to Ted Rigby.

Gene Oliver advances from technical supervisor at Compton to district distribution supervisor at San Pedro in Southern and reports to George Keens.

The remaining changes are in Headquarters:

Joe Karaba moves from senior staff accountant in budgets and financial planning to gas supply tax specialist in income taxes, accounting and finance. He reports to Curt Feese.

Nancy Villar moves from accounting to senior accountant in budgets and financial planning, accounting and finance, reporting to John Fay.

Nate Kelly, who has been on a temporary assignment as material management technical representative in administrative services staff, is promoted to material operations review supervisor in material services, administrative services. He reports to Jim McCormick.

Jerry Cape and Alan Campbell are both promoted to temporary assignments as service inspectors in customer services and report to Doug Fine.

Cape was formerly senior appliance service representative in customer services, Inland, and Campbell was appliance service representative in customer services, Southeast.

Greg Roddick moves from instructor in operations support to a temporary assignment as field procedures specialist in distribution and reports to Lazelle Speegle.

Mike Forster moves from staff engineer to project coordinator in engineering services and reports to Dick Ashworth.

Eight employees have been promoted in information systems.

Sung Lee and James Kami have advanced from assistant computer programmers to computer programmers, reporting to Chuck Rooney.

Ron Tatsu, assistant computer programmer, steps up to computer programmer and reports to Joe Beauchamp.

Computer programmers Pat DeRouen and Dennis Gordon have been promoted to senior computer programmers and will report to Harry Muller.

Jo Ann Peterson is promoted from secretary in engineering services to assistant computer programmer and reports to Gene Allen.

Mike Hames, assistant computer programmer, advances to computer programmer and reports to Chuck Rooney.

And, Bob Westphaln is promoted from senior computer systems analyst to supervisor of computer systems support, reporting to Bob Watson.

Ray Hawkins moves from field instructor at 36th Street in customer services, Metropolitan, to a temporary assignment as instructor in operations support. He reports to Gene Stacy.

Joining the gas company are:

Phillip Baker is an associate engineer in engineering design, engineering services, reporting to Chuck Fett. He is a graduate of California State University L. A.

Debra Slinkard begins as associate engineer in system engineering, engineering services, and reports to George Haninger. She is a graduate of the University of Southern California.

Irene Lipinski starts as associate engineer in test and development, engineering services, and reports to David Crain. She is a graduate of the University of Southern California.

Peter Osborn begins as supply forecasting specialist in gas supply and reports to Roy Rawlings. He was previously with the National Economic Research Associates.

Steve Dellett starts as industrial engineering systems analyst in information systems and reports to Carl Stahlecker. He is a graduate of Oregon State University.

Jim Stebich begins as supervisor of safety engineering in LNG projects and reports to Lee Bell. He previously was with the industrial safety division of the U.S. Air Force.

John Peschke begins with the company as public affairs analyst in public affairs and reports to Larry Asch. He was previously with the American Petroleum Institute in Washington, D.C.
The land is one of bold contrasts — with something to appeal to everyone. Vast deserts give way to lush date and citrus groves. High peaks in the San Jacinto Mountains taper off into the dunes of the Imperial Valley. Bounded on the east by the Colorado River and the south by Mexico, Eastern division — covering Riverside and Imperial counties and a portion of San Bernardino County — is one of our fastest-growing areas. By the end of 1978, its 431 employees — headed by division manager Lee Derrick — served a total of 217,134 meters. Huge transmission pipelines carrying gas from out-of-state cross the border at Blythe. Farther south, Imperial County is one of the largest agricultural centers in the world. A star marks the division headquarters in Riverside.

People in Eastern division naturally spend most of their leisure time outdoors. You can ride the Palm Springs tramway, crawl into the Cabazon dinosaur, rock climb at Joshua Tree, go ballooning, hang glide, swim, ski, hike, fish, motorcycle, or golf. For spectators, there's a rodeo at Brawley, a winery at Temecula, Riverside Raceway and more. Or, you can just soak up the sun in those wide open spaces.
Selection of Little Cojo Bay LNG site 'is final,' says PUC

The California Public Utilities Commission, in a unanimous decision last week, said its order a year ago designating Little Cojo Bay as the site for California's first liquefied natural gas terminal "is a final decision."

Ironically, the commission's strong endorsement of the site proposed by Western LNG Terminal Associates, a SoCal affiliate, came in conjunction with a denial of Western LNG's request to make its July 31, 1978, decision final.

"We have concluded that to grant Western LNG's application would add nothing to our July 31 decision," the PUC said. "The commission at that time designated Point Conception as California's LNG site. That is a final decision."

The PUC added that the major problem now affecting the project "is the absence of a federal decision."

SoCal Chairman Harvey Proctor said, "It remains now for the federal Department of Energy to make a ruling on the LNG terminal site. We are confident that such a ruling can be made in the near future and that the federal agency will agree with California that Little Cojo Bay is the best site."

The PUC warned that the longer the federal government delays, the greater the prospect that the Indonesian government will withdraw from a supply contract with Western LNG.

In its decision, the PUC also stressed its belief in the need for construction of an LNG terminal in this state "to assure the availability of an adequate supply of clean-burning fuels in the 1980s."