

Decision No. 37284

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
 SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY,
 a corporation, for an order author-
 izing applicant to file revised
 rates, rules and regulations affect-
 ing certain gas service and making
 the same effective.

ORIGINAL

Application No. 26198

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND ORDER

In this application San Diego Gas and Electric Company asks authority to revise its gas tariff schedules so as to more clearly express the limitations under which service may be supplied to large housing projects. For this purpose it has filed in proscribed form revisions of its Schedules N-1 and N-2 applicable to general service, its Schedule G-3 applicable to multiple family housing service and the Preliminary Statement in its tariff schedules which outlines briefly certain general features respecting the character and availability of service.

Schedules N-1 and N-2 in their existing form limit service through single or master meters to apartment houses, multiple dwelling units or housing projects consisting of not more than 150 individual apartments nor more than 40 separate buildings.

The limitations specified were not a part of the schedules as originally filed, but were added at a subsequent date when it became apparent that in the case of large multiple family dwellings, particularly of the magnitude developed by war needs, substantially all of the gas would be supplied at the rate in the terminal block of the schedule, thus resulting in an average rate entirely too low for the service rendered.

Schedule G-3 was designed to meet the needs of larger housing developments and at the same time maintain an average rate not inconsistent with the cost of rendering the service. Such resultant average rate, however, is higher than that obtained from the general service schedules (N-1 and N-2) for multiple dwelling units, but not high in relation to payments by the great bulk of the utility's general customers served under the same N tariffs.

This differential, however, has caused Applicant to be confronted with requests from federal agencies to be permitted to sectionalize large projects so that there would be not more than 150 apartments nor more than 40 buildings to each meter, thus qualifying each section for service under the N schedules. It is Applicant's position that the N schedules do not permit of any such interpretations, but in order to foreclose any possibility in the future of so construing the tariffs, this application has been filed for the essential purpose of clarifying the terms.

In this respect the term "premises," as now defined in the Preliminary Statement is as follows:

"an integral parcel of land undivided by public highways or railways excepting in the case of industrial, agricultural, oilfield, and resort enterprises and public or quasi-public institutions."

In the proposed revision submitted in this application Applicant has changed the wording to read as follows:

"an integral parcel of land undivided by dedicated streets, alleys, public highways, or railways."

Schedules N-1 and N-2 are amended by the inclusion of a special condition to the effect that:

"A single enterprise containing more than 40 separate buildings or more than 150 individual dwelling units, on a single premise, may not be served under this schedule through several master meters where more than a single building is served by each meter, nor may an apartment building containing more than 150 individual apartments be served under this schedule through several master meters where more than a single apartment is served by each meter."

Schedule G-3 for multiple family housing service has likewise been modified. The changes proposed are: a reduction in the first block (800 cubic feet per apartment) from 10¢ to 9¢ per 100 cubic feet; and in the event no space

heating is used the rate for all additional gas is reduced from 7¢ to 5¢ per 100 cubic feet. The present restriction as to the number of housing units to qualify has been removed and the schedule is opened to all multiple dwelling enterprises whether of a governmental nature or otherwise.

While it is the Commission's view that at this time and under the circumstances obtaining, the proposed changes should be authorized, nevertheless such authorization should be looked upon as permissive only until such time as a more comprehensive review of applicant's rates and practices can be made.

It is hereby found as a fact, with the limitation stated, that the public interest requires the revision by San Diego Gas and Electric Company of its tariff schedules applicable to general service and to multiple family housing service; and

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that San Diego Gas and Electric Company shall file and make effective not later than August 15, 1944, the following revisions of its tariff schedules under the California Railroad Commission sheet numbers and in the language and figures contained in those sheets attached to the application and discussed therein, viz:

<u>Proposed Sheet</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Superseded Sheet</u>
Rev. C.R.C. No. 344-G	Preliminary Statement	Rev. C.R.C.No.323-G
Rev. C.R.C. No. 345-G	General Service Schedule N-1	Rev. C.R.C.No.328-G
Orig.C.R.C. No. 346-G	General Service Schedule N-1(contd)	- - - -
Rev. C.R.C. No. 347-G	General Service Schedule N-2	Rev. C.R.C.No.329-G
Orig.C.R.C. No. 348-G	General Service Schedule N-2(contd)	- - - -
Rev. C.R.C. No. 349-G	Multiple Family Housing Service	Orig.C.R.C.No.341-G
Rev. C.R.C. No. 350-G	Multiple Family Housing Serv.(contd)	Orig.C.R.C.No.342-G
Rev. C.R.C. No. 351-G	Table of Contents	Rev. C.R.C.No.343-G

For all other purposes the effective date of this order shall be twenty days from and after the date hereof.

Dated at Los Angeles, California, this 26 day of July, 1944.

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COMMISSIONERS.