

**ORIGINAL**Decision No. 43723

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of  
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY for  
a general increase in gas rates under  
Section 63(a) of the Public Utilities  
Act.

Application No. 30299

FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER

By Decision No. 43675 dated January 5, 1950, in the above-captioned proceeding, the Commission authorized applicant to file and make effective on and after February 1, 1950 a schedule of rates, rules, conditions and special rate areas as shown in Exhibit A attached to the order.

The schedule of rates authorized in said decision sets forth in each and every rate schedule under the caption Rates certain commodity charges and minimum charges. These charges are stated in terms of the expression "per customer per month." It now appears that the term "per customer per month" under rates in each rate schedule should be changed to "per meter per month" in order to comply with established practice in the design of tariffs for utility services and heretofore effective in the rate schedules of the Southern California Gas Company, applicant herein, and good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that wherever in said rate schedules under the caption Rates the expression "per customer per month" appears, such expression is hereby modified to read "per meter per month" and said decision is hereby modified accordingly.

The rate schedules authorized in said Decision No. 43675 for Commercial Natural Gas Service (Schedule Nos. G-20; G-21; G-22 and G-23) and Gas Engine Natural Gas Service (Schedule Nos. G-45 and G-46)

should contain a special condition which requires a contract for a period of at least one year as a condition precedent to service, in order to conform with conditions heretofore effective in the rate schedules of the Southern California Gas Company, applicant herein, and good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the following special condition be added to the aforementioned Commercial Natural Gas Service and Gas Engine Natural Gas Service Schedules:

"A contract covering the fuel requirements of the customer for a period of at least one (1) year will be required as a condition precedent to service under this schedule and shall continue in force and effect from year to year thereafter until either the Company or the customer shall give the other a written notice of a desire to terminate same, at least thirty (30) days prior to the expiration of any such year, whereupon at the end of said year, it shall cease and determine. If the customer permanently ceases operations, such contract shall not thereafter continue in force."

and said decision is hereby modified accordingly.

The rules authorized in Decision No. 43675 prescribed a paragraph to be added to existing Rule and Regulation No. 19. Good cause appearing, that paragraph appearing under Rule and Regulation No. 19 in Exhibit A, attached to the decision, which reads:

"Except as provided otherwise in the schedule or special contract required thereby, a customer may not transfer from one schedule to another for the purpose of avoiding seasonal or other minimum charges except after twelve months' service under the schedule; however, if his fuel requirements are permanently increased or decreased due to changed conditions of operation, he may, by application, avail himself of other schedules for which he can properly qualify, to be effective on the billing for the next regular monthly meter reading following acceptance by the Company."

is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Except as provided otherwise in the schedule or special contract required thereby, a customer may not transfer from one schedule to another for the purpose of avoiding seasonal or other minimum charges except after twelve months' service under the schedule; however, if his fuel requirements are permanently increased or decreased due to changed conditions of operation, he may, by application, avail himself of other schedules for which he can properly qualify."

In all other respects Decision No. 43675 shall remain unchanged.

The effective date of this order shall be the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of

January, 1950.

R. E. Anderson  
Justice J. G. Green  
Harold H. Hale  
Francis H. Patton  
Commissioners.