

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 56791

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY, a )  
corporation, for authority, among )  
other things, to establish Schedule )  
No. G-59 for service of propane air )  
gas with a heat content of 1,350 Btu )  
in the City of Redding. )

Application No. 40074

OPINION AND ORDER

Pacific Gas and Electric Company by the above-entitled application filed May 12, 1958 requests authorization to establish Schedule No. G-59 for propane air gas service in the City of Redding having a heat content of 1,350 Btu per cubic foot instead of propane air gas service having a heat content of 925 Btu per cubic foot as presently supplied.

The application states that the capacity of the present Redding gas distribution system is not adequate to supply additional customers and loads that are anticipated to require service in the coming year. There are approximately 600 customers in Redding at the present time. Applicant proposes to convert the propane air gas supply to 1,350 Btu which will increase the capacity of the low pressure system by about 46 per cent and the semihigh pressure system by 100 per cent. About 60 per cent of the load is served by low pressure mains and about 40 per cent of the load is served from semihigh pressure mains. Applicant states that the cost of effecting this change, including the necessary adjustments of customers' appliances, is \$10,600. It is understood applicant will effect the conversion promptly and adjust all customer appliances at no expense to the customer at the time of conversion. The application states that the

proposed Btu change must be completed during the warm season of the year when the demand is relatively low. The Company proposes to schedule the work of conversion in the middle of June 1958 when crews will be available in the vicinity for this purpose.

Applicant proposes to establish a new rate Schedule No. G-59 for service of propane air gas in the Redding area at 1,350 Btu per cubic foot. Comparisons of typical monthly charges for equivalent heat consumptions under present Schedule G-58 (925 Btu) and proposed Schedule G-59 (1,350 Btu) are contained in Exhibit C attached to the application. These show substantially equivalent rates per Btu under present and proposed rates. Applicant proposes to delete all references to the Redding propane air system from Schedule No. G-58 and revise its Rule No. 2. The proposed schedules and rule revision which applicant seeks authority of the Commission to file and make effective are contained in Exhibit B attached to the application.

The application states that the Company has recently requested certain increases in Schedule No. G-58 in Application No. 38668 (Second Amendment), Exhibit Z. A copy of Schedule No. G-58 as proposed in the Second Amendment is attached to this application as Exhibit A. The application states that the applications, records, and decisions made in connection with Application No. 38668 are incorporated herein by reference. Applicant alleges that a corresponding change in rate form may be designed to correspond to any revised Schedule No. G-58 which may be authorized by a decision in Application No. 38668 (Second Amendment).

The Commission having considered the request of applicant and being of the opinion that the application should be granted and that a public hearing is not necessary; therefore,

IT IS ORDERED as follows:

1. Applicant is authorized to convert its Redding propane air gas system from a supply of gas of 925 Btu per cubic foot to propane air gas of 1,350 Btu per cubic foot.
2. Applicant, within thirty days after the conversion, shall notify the Commission in writing, indicating the date or dates on which higher Btu gas was first served in each pressure system and the date or dates when adjustment of all customers' appliances was completed.
3. Applicant is authorized to file with this Commission in conformity with General Order No. 96, revised Schedules G-58 and G-59 and a revised Rule No. 2 as set forth in Exhibit B attached to the application, and after not less than five days' notice to this Commission and to the public, to make said rates effective on the date of completion of the conversion of its Redding propane air system from 925 Btu to 1,350 Btu.

The authorization herein granted will expire if not exercised within one year from the date hereof.

The effective date of this order shall be five days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of JUNE, 1958.

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President

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Commissioners