

Decision No. 59437

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the amendment and revision of the Rules of Procedure of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California.

Case No. 4924

SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER
AMENDING RULE 23 OF RULES OF PROCEDURE

Rule 23 of the Commission's procedural rules relates to applications for authority to increase rates, and specifies the data to be contained in such applications, "either in the body of the application or in exhibits attached thereto."

Being of the opinion that subdivision (g) of Rule 23 should be amended as follows:

"(g) The date applicant's Applicant's exhibits will be ready and must accompany the application and applicant shall state the date it will be ready to proceed with its showing.",

And good cause appearing, IT IS ORDERED that Rule 23 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure adopted by Decision No. 47081 (51 Cal. P.U.C. 651), and amended by Decision No. 48072 (52 Cal. P.U.C. 322), is hereby amended to read as follows:

"23. (Rule 23) RATE INCREASE APPLICATIONS. (P. U. Code 454) This rule applies to applications for authority to raise any rate, fare, toll, rental or charge, or so to alter any classification, contract, practice, rule or regulation as to result in such an increase. Such applications shall comply with Rules 2 through 8, and 15 and 16. In addition, such applications shall contain the following data, either in the body of the application or in exhibits attached thereto:

(a) Latest available balance sheet and income and profit and loss statement.

(b) A statement of the presently effective rates, fares, tolls, rentals, or charges which are proposed

to be increased, or of the classification, contract, practice, rule, or regulation proposed to be altered. Such statement need not be in tariff form.

(c) A statement of the proposed increases or changes which will result in increases, which applicant requests authority to make effective. Such statement need not be in tariff form, but shall set forth the proposed rate structure with reasonable clarity.

(d) A general rate increase application shall contain a general description of applicant's property and equipment, or reference to such description in a recent prior application, and a statement of the original cost of applicant's property and equipment together with a statement of the depreciation reserve applicable thereto. If it is impossible to state original cost, the facts creating such impossibility shall be set forth.

(e) A summary of earnings (rate of return summary) on a depreciated rate base for the test period or periods upon which applicant bases its justification for an increase. If adjusted or estimated results are shown for successive periods they should be on a consistent basis reflecting present conditions (or conditions which definitely will obtain) to the extent practicable. Wherever adjusted results are shown, the recorded results for the same periods should also be shown.

(f) In rate applications involving a utility having more than one department or district, the earnings results should be presented for the total utility operations of the company, as well as for the particular department or district for which rate increases are sought.

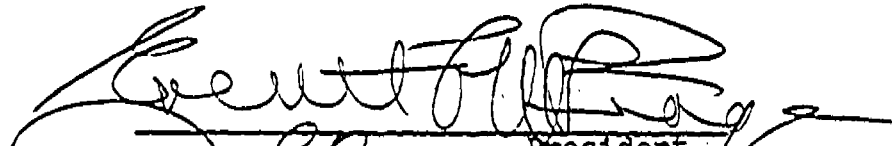
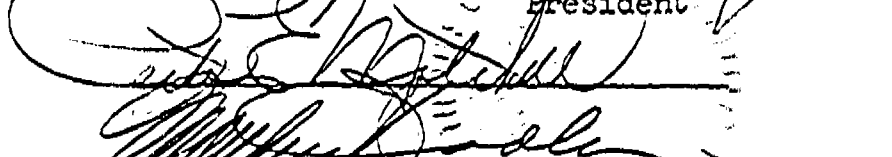
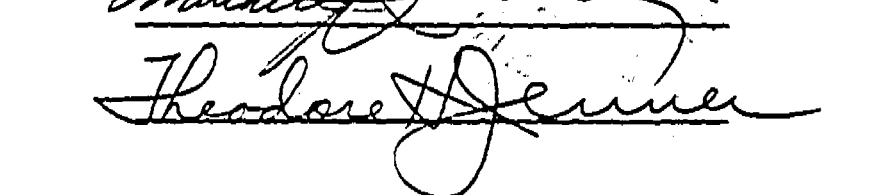
(g) Applicant's exhibits must accompany the application and applicant shall state the date it will be ready to proceed with its showing."

Amended Rule 23 shall become effective on the date hereof.

The Secretary is directed to cause an adequate number of copies of this decision to be made available for Commission use and for service upon and distribution to practitioners, utilities, carriers, political subdivisions, and others who appear before the Commission.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 21st day of December, 1959.


President


Theodore Jenner

Commissioners