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Decision 91-11-011 November 6, 1991

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

ROBERT S. WALDBAUM,

Complainant,

vs.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY,  
(U 904 G)

Defendant.

**ORIGINAL**

Case 91-08-010  
(Filed August 2, 1991)

O P I N I O N

The complaint alleges that Southern California Gas Company's (SoCal) practice of converting metered cubic feet of gas to therms by rounding fractions of therms to whole therms results in an unlawful overcharge. The complaint requests that SoCal be directed to calculate bills using fractions of therms, and to refund the overcharges that allegedly result from rounding.

Robert S. Waldbaum (complainant) demonstrates from his May-June, 1991 gas bill that converting 19 cubic feet of gas usage to therms results in 19.589 therms of gas used. Because SoCal has rounded this to 20 therms in calculating his bill, he claims SoCal has overcharged him by \$0.33. Complainant seeks not only reparations for himself, but also a complete revision of SoCal's tariffs to rectify this alleged deficiency.

Adopting complainant's request results in rate changes for customers--some increases, some decreases. Section 1702 of the Public Utilities Code reads in pertinent part as follows:

". . . No complaint shall be entertained by the commission, except upon its own motion, as to the reasonableness of any rates or charges of . . . any gas corporation, unless it is signed . . . by not less than 25 actual or prospective consumers or purchasers of such gas . . . service.

Complainant has not appended to his complaint the required number of signatures, and therefore, the complaint should be dismissed.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that the complaint is dismissed.

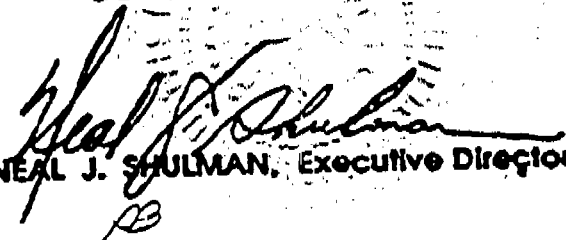
This order is effective today.

Dated November 6, 1991, at San Francisco, California.

PATRICIA M. ECKERT  
President

JOHN B. OHANIAN  
DANIEL Wm. FESSLER  
NORMAN D. SHUMWAY  
Commissioners

I CERTIFY THAT THIS DECISION  
WAS APPROVED BY THE ABOVE  
COMMISSIONERS TODAY

  
NEAL J. SHULMAN, Executive Director