

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 91320

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

GEORGE W. NASON,
Complainant,

vs

PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY,
Defendant.

(ECP)
Case No. 10841
(Filed March 19, 1980)

George W. Nason, for himself, complainant.
John Crews, for Pacific Gas and Electric Company,
defendant.

O P I N I O N

The complaint of Mr. George W. Nason was processed in accordance with the Commission's Expedited Complaint Procedure as provided for in Rule 13.2 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. A public hearing was held before Administrative Law Judge Daly on April 28, 1980 at San Francisco and the matter was submitted.

Complainant resides in a three-bedroom home in Sunnyvale with his wife and three children. A grandchild also spends considerable time at the residence.

This complaint appears to stem from a disagreement over the amount of gas used by complainant in July 1979. When contacted by complainant in August 1979, defendant replaced the gas meter. A test of the old meter indicated that it was off by only four-tenths of one percent, which is well within the limits of accuracy prescribed by the Commission.

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The residence is equipped with a gas dryer, wall furnace, water heater and gas range. The gas bills for January, February, and March of 1980 were \$32.95, \$24.04, and \$19.44, respectively. Complainant presented no evidence regarding his July 1979 gas usage or bill.

Complainant admits that the new meter is functioning properly. As a tool and dye maker complainant was more concerned with the way that the gas meters are calibrated and was of the opinion that cubic footage, rather than British Thermal Units, would be a better method of measurement for billing purposes.

There is nothing to indicate that gas meters installed at defendant's residence malfunctioned or that defendant failed to apply gas charges in conformity with its tariffs on file with this Commission.

The relief requested should be denied.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that the relief requested in Case No. 10841 is denied.

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

Dated JUN 17 1980, at San Francisco, California.

Commissioner Richard D. Gravello, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

John E. Supon
President

Charles J. Desjard
Samuel M. Jamies
Commissioners