

Decision 97-04-052

April 9, 1997

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of the Utility Reform )  
 Network for Rehearing and )  
 Immediate Stay of Resolution )  
 G-3205 )

A 97-03-039  
 (Filed March 24, 1997)

**ORIGINAL**

**ORDER EXTENDING STAY AND GRANTING  
 REHEARING OF RESOLUTION NO. G-3205**

**Summary**

By Resolution No. (R) G-3205, we approved with modification Advice Letter 1987-G, by PG&E. The Resolution ordered a one-time refund in gas rates due to overcollection in the PGA account together with an increase to core customers of 22% and for large commercial customers of 31%.

The Utility Reform Network (TURN) has filed an application for immediate stay of that order and for rehearing. They allege that notice and an opportunity to be heard were not provided as required by GO 96-A because the Resolution resulted in an order not requested or contemplated by the parties to AL 1897-G.

The Office of Ratepayer Advocates (ORA) has filed a Response in Support of TURN's Application. A response has also been filed by PG&E. On March 31, 1997, we issued a stay of the resolution pending further action.

We have reviewed the filings in this matter and are of the opinion that TURN's application has merit. Neither the parties to this proceeding nor PG&E's customers were given sufficient notice that a substantial increase in gas rates to the company's core and large commercial customers would result from our disposition of Advice Letter 1987-G as filed.

Because of the uncertainty in gas rates that will necessarily flow from this order, we will adopt an expedited procedure to deal with the rehearing.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. The stay previously granted of Resolution G-3205 is extended pending further action by the Commission.
2. Rehearing of Resolution G-3205 is granted.
3. All parties shall file comments on Resolution G-3205 on or before 12 noon on April 25, 1997. If an oral hearing beyond the filed comments is requested, the parties shall identify in detail the precise issues for which they believe an evidentiary hearing is required and state the reasons why they believe such a hearing is necessary.
4. The Executive Director shall forthwith serve this order upon all parties to A.94-11-015, R.90-02-008 and Advice Letter 1987-G.

This order is effective today.

Dated April 9, 1997 at San Francisco, California.

P. GREGORY CONLON  
President  
HENRY M. DUQUE  
JOSIAH L. NEEPER  
RICHARD A. BILAS  
Commissioners

I dissent.  
/s/ JESSIE J. KNIGHT, JR.  
Commissioner