

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMISSION ADVISORY AND COMPLIANCE DIVISION
Energy Branch

RESOLUTION E-3247
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R E S O L U T I O N

RESOLUTION E-3247. SAN DIEGO GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY REQUESTS COMMISSION APPROVAL TO DEVIATE FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF ITS FILED TARIFFS.

BY ADVICE LETTER 826-E FILED ON SEPTEMBER 18, 1991.

SUMMARY

1. San Diego Gas and Electric Company (SDG&E) requests approval to deviate from its tariffs to permit Community Hospital of Chula Vista (Hospital) to operate customer owned generation equipment in parallel with SDG&E's distribution system.
2. This Resolution approves the request.

BACKGROUND

1. Special Condition 8 of Schedule AL-TOU states:

Miscellaneous. This Schedule is not applicable to standby, auxiliary service or service operated in parallel with a customer's generating plant unless service is taken in combination with other schedules specifically waiving these provisions.

Special Condition 5 of Schedule I-2 states:

Period of Interruption. Any period of interruption under this schedule will occur during the on-peak and semi-peak periods, as specified by the appropriate rate schedule, when, in the utility's sole judgement, the forced outage of a generating unit could require the interruption of customer load.

2. The deviation the Hospital requests from Special Condition 8 would permit it to operate its generating plant during all periods of interruption announced by SDG&E and up to an additional twelve (12) hours per month of operation to conduct tests.
3. The deviation from Special Condition 5 would state that interruptions will occur only during the on-peak periods of Schedules AL-TOU, and A-E2 "Experimental General Service", and not during the off-peak period of Schedules AL-TOU or I-2.

NOTICE

1. Public notice of this filing has been made by publication in the Commission's Calendar on September 23, 1991, and by mailing copies of the Advice Letter to interested parties, other utilities and California Energy Commission, City of San Diego, Department of General Services, Grossmont District Hospital, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Poway Unified School District, and University of California - Berkeley.

PROTESTS

1. The Commission Advisory and Compliance Division (CACD) received no protests to this Advice Letter.

DISCUSSION

1. Hospital is currently a customer of SDG&E served under Tariff Schedule AL-TOU. Special Condition 8 of this tariff schedule prohibits customers to operate any self-generation equipment in parallel with SDG&E's system. The customer must be either isolated from SDG&E's system, or may operate no standby generation equipment.

2. To meet service interruptions Hospital has installed alternative emergency generation equipment. The installed equipment, while adequate to permit Hospital to continue operation, is not sufficient to meet its full energy demand.

3. Under the proposed contract Hospital may, during periods of system interruption, operate its generation equipment in parallel with SDG&E's system, and, in addition, operate its generation equipment up to 12 hours of non-interruption period during each billing period.

4. Tariff Schedule I-2, Special Condition 5 Period of Interruption, provides that interruptions may occur during both the on-peak and semi-peak periods defined in the tariffs. The proposed contract is for the use during on-peak time periods as set forth in Tariff Schedule AE-2 "Experimental General Service" (AE-2) even though Hospital is served under Tariff Schedule AL-TOU. The On-Peak time periods of Tariff Schedule AE-2 are set by system demand and are not fixed hours. At present Schedule AE-2 On-Peak period sets in when the system demand exceeds 2975 megawatts.

FINDINGS

1. It is reasonable for customers such as Hospital who may be required to provide service during a period of electrical shortage to have alternative emergency generation capability.
2. It is reasonable for such customers to contract to operate their generating equipment, in parallel with SDG&E, during time periods when PG&E is requesting electrical load shedding from its customers, because load shedding reduces the energy demands upon SDG&E's resources.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

1. San Diego Gas and Electric Company is authorized to enter into the contract with Community Hospital of Chula Vista.
2. Advice Letter 826-E shall be marked to show that it was approved by Commission Resolution E-3247.
3. San Diego Gas and Electric Company shall file revised lists of Contracts and Deviations to include this contract.
4. This Resolution is effective today.

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its regular meeting on November 6, 1991. The following Commissioners approved it:

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