

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

EVALUATION & COMPLIANCE DIVISION
Energy Branch

RESOLUTION G-2729
May 29, 1987.

R E S O L U T I O N

RESOLUTION G-2729, FOUR CORNERS PIPELINE COMPANY (FOUR CORNERS) REQUESTS AUTHORIZATION TO ADD TEMPORARY STORAGE SERVICE TO EXISTING PIPELINE SYSTEM AND EXEMPTION FROM GENERAL ORDER 96-A TARIFF SHEET FORMAT BY ADVICE LETTER NOS. 3 AND 4, FILED APRIL 17, 1987.

SUMMARY

By these advice letters, Four Corners Pipeline Company (Four Corners) requests authority to delete four unused rate schedules and to provide temporary storage service to its existing Line 1/63 system.

Four Corners also requests an exemption to the tariff sheet format required by General Order 96-A, submitting instead the tariff sheet format of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), which is currently used by Four Corners.

BACKGROUND

1. By Advice Letter No. 3, Four Corners requests authority to cancel certain transportation tariff schedules no longer used in the Four Corners' system.
2. These tariff schedules affect lines which have either not been used for petroleum product transportation during the past several years or have only one Shipper transporting on the line.
3. Four Corners states that these schedules are not expected to ever be in use by more than one Shipper and that this Shipper has been notified of this proposed action and has no objection thereto.

4. Four Corners' Rules and Regulations Tariff Cal. P.U.C. No. 123, Item 10 "Storage in Transit" currently states that Carrier (Four Corners) "does not have facilities for rendering, nor does it offer, a storage service."

5. By Advice Letter No. 4, Four Corners states that their Line 1/63 system operating conditions have changed such that limited temporary storage can be offered to Shippers of crude petroleum and indirect liquid products of oil and gas wells.

6. Four Corners also requests an exemption to the tariff sheet format required by General Order 96-A, allowing it to submit instead tariff sheets conforming to the FERC required format.

DISCUSSION

1. The withdrawal of this service, as requested by Advice Letter No. 3, will not affect present rates or charges for crude petroleum transportation. All customers have been sent copies of this Advice Letter and proposed Supplements.

2. The addition of temporary storage space provided for Shippers by Four Corners will enhance existing service for those customers on Line 1/63.

3. Four Corners proposes to add the following language: "The Carrier has working tanks which are generally needed by Carrier to transport crude petroleum. Capacity permitting, and at Carrier's sole discretion, provisions for storage during transit may be offered to a limited extent. Carrier will inform all interested parties of the terms and conditions for such storage upon request by them."

4. The Staff of the Evaluation and Compliance Division has reviewed Four Corners' request for the addition of temporary storage in line 1/63 and recommends its approval.

5. The request for deviation from CPUC General Order 96-A tariff sheet format merits consideration. There are seven pipeline companies regulated by the CPUC. Four Corners is the largest and most active. Each of the companies has submitted tariff sheets, but only two follow the CPUC format. The others have submitted tariff sheets following the FERC format.

6. The FERC-type tariff sheets are pre-printed on an 8 1/2" by 11" heavy bond. The format is different from all other tariff sheets held by the California Public Utilities Commission, but similar sheets have been accepted by this

Commission in previous submittals by certain telecommunications utilities. The filed date and the approval dates are preprinted, before submission and approval.

7. Adherence to the tariff sheet format used by FERC may better serve the public interest in this instance, since the pipeline customers have a greater familiarity with them.

8. The Staff of the Evaluation and Compliance Division recommends Four Corners be permitted to continue to deviate from General Order 96-A, submitting tariff sheets following the FERC format, provided that the Effective Date is not printed before the date of Commission approval.

9. No protests have been received in regards to these advice letters.

FINDINGS

1. The withdrawal of Four Corners schedules Nos. 89, 97, 111, and 122 will not affect other rates or charges for crude petroleum transportation.

2. Four Corners Pipeline Company has the ability to, and will offer temporary storage capability to its Line 1/63 customers.

3. Four Corners' request for continued deviation from filing tariff sheets as prescribed by CPUC General Order 96-A is reasonable considering the small customer base.

4. The tariff sheets filed in the future by Four Corners' Pipeline Company should leave the effective date blank until approval is granted by the Commission.

5. We find that the service and deviation request authorized in this Resolution are just and reasonable; therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Four Corners Pipeline Company may cancel and withdraw CPUC Schedules Nos. 89, 97, 111, and 122.
2. Four Corners Pipeline Company may offer temporary storage capability to its Line 1/63 customers.

3. Four Corners be allowed to submit tariff sheets formatted as requested, but omitting the printed effective date, until authorized by this Commission.
4. Authority is granted in accordance with General Order 96-A to make the aforesaid tariff changes and deviations effective June 1, 1987.

I certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its regular meeting on May 29, 1987. The following Commissioners approved it:



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