

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMISSION ADVISORY  
AND COMPLIANCE DIVISION  
Energy Branch

RESOLUTION G-2759  
November 25, 1987.

**R E S O L U T I O N**

RESOLUTION G-2759, AUTHORIZING SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY TO DELETE PROHIBITION FOR OUTDOOR DECORATIVE LIGHTING; BY ADVICE LETTER 1739 FILED OCTOBER 19, 1987.

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**SUMMARY**

Southern California Gas Company (SoCal) filed Advice Letter 1739 on October 19, 1987 requesting approval to delete the restriction prohibiting outdoor decorative lighting under Schedule G-30, Street and Outdoor Lighting Natural Gas Service and Gas Rule 23.1.

**BACKGROUND**

1. Section 402 of the Power Plant and Industrial Fuel Use Act (PIFUA) of 1978, Public Law 95-620 prohibited the use of natural gas for decorative outdoor lighting in new construction. PIFUA was enacted during the energy crisis as an effort to conserve gas.
2. Exceptions to Section 402 were handled by petition to the Secretary of the Federal Department of Energy. On the state level, exceptions were handled by a filing under List of Contract Deviations and a Resolution by the Commission.
3. Section 402 was repealed, effective May 21, 1987, by Public Law 100-42. By Federal law, gas decorative lighting in new construction is no longer prohibited.

**DISCUSSION**

1. The repeal of Section 402 of PIFUA allows a local gas distribution company or any industrial user of natural gas to install any outdoor lighting fixture using natural gas.

SoCal proposes to offer this service as a decorative alternative to electrical outdoor lighting.

2. The staff of the Commission Advisory and Compliance Division has reviewed this advice letter and has found it to be in compliance with Public Law 100-42.

3. This filing will not increase any rate or charge, cause the withdrawal of service, nor conflict with other schedules or rules.

4. SoCal has requested that this filing become effective 40 calendar days after its filing.

5. No protests have been received in this matter.

FINDINGS

1. Public Law 100-42 repeals Section 402 of PIFUA, allowing a local gas distribution company to install outdoor decorative gas lighting for its customers.

2. The deletion of language in Schedule G-30 prohibiting new service and the removal of Rule 23.1 prohibiting the use of natural gas for outdoor decorative lighting will conform to federal law.

THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Southern California Gas Company is authorized by Section 490 of the Public Utilities Code to modify its Schedule G-30 and Gas Rule 23.1, as filed by Advice Letter 1739.
2. Advice Letter No. 1739 and the accompanying tariff sheets shall be marked to show that they were approved by Resolution No. G-2759, effective November 25, 1987.
3. This order is effective today.

I certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its regular meeting on November 25, 1987. The following Commissioners approved it:

STANLEY W. HULETT  
President  
DONALD VIAL  
FREDERICK R. DUDA  
C MITCHELL WILK  
JOHN B. OHANIAN  
Commissioners



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Executive Director