

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMISSION ADVISORY & COMPLIANCE DIVISION  
Energy Branch

RESOLUTION NO. G-2772  
January 13, 1988

RESOLUTION

ORDER AUTHORIZING SOUTHERN PACIFIC PIPE LINES, INC.  
EXEMPTION FROM GENERAL ORDER 96-A TO CONFORM  
WITH THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION'S  
STANDARD TARIFF FORMAT

Advice letter No. 1, filed November 23, 1987

SUMMARY

By Advice Letter No. 1, Southern Pacific Pipe Lines, Inc. (SPPL) requests an exemption to the tariff sheet format required by this Commission's (CPUC) General Order 96-A, (GO 96-A) allowing it to submit instead tariff sheets conforming to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) required format.

SPPL also requests an exemption from filing the tariff rules in the format required by General Order 96-A, allowing it to submit instead tariff rules conforming to the FERC required format.

DISCUSSION

1. There are seven pipeline companies regulated by the CPUC. Three of these companies have previously requested and obtained approval to use tariff sheets following the FERC format. This format has also been accepted for certain telecommunications utilities.
2. The FERC format was used by SPPL prior to the CPUC's adoption of Resolution M-4744 in 1986 which reflected the transfer of tariff administration from the Commission's Transportation Division to its Advisory and Compliance Division. SPPL's existing tariffs have not yet been converted from the FERC format to the GO-96A format. SPPL's customers therefore have a greater familiarity with the existing (FERC) format.
3. The FERC format is different from most tariff sheets filed with the CPUC by other regulated utilities. The FERC-type tariff sheets are pre-printed on 8-1/2" by 11" heavy bond paper. In particular the FERC format is described in Section 49, Subsection 341.0 through 341.4, in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) governing the construction and filing of tariffs of pipeline

companies. The filed date and the approval dates are preprinted under the FERC format, as provided for by 49 CFR 341.3 (g) and (h), before submission and approval by the CPUC. This preprinted approval date anticipates CPUC action which, if not forthcoming, leaves customers with advice filings that appear effective, but are not.

4. SPPL has indicated that this change in format used for filing purposes will not affect present rates or charges for transportation of refined petroleum products. Also, this change in format will not affect the present rules for the transportation of refined petroleum products.

5. The Energy Branch of the Commission Advisory & Compliance Division and the Legal Division recommend SPPL be permitted to be exempt, and continue to be exempt, from the format requirements of General Order 96-A, submitting instead tariff sheets following the FERC format, provided that the effective date is not printed before the date of the Commission approval.

6. All tariff subscribers have been sent copies of the Advice Letter. The tariff subscriber list was attached to the Advice Letter.

8. No protests to this Advice Letter have been received.

#### FINDINGS

1. We find that SPPL's request for exemption from filing tariff sheets as prescribed by CPUC General Order 96-A in order to conform to FERC's standard tariff sheet format is just and reasonable.

2. We also find that SPPL's request for exemption from filing tariff sheet rules as prescribed by CPUC General Order 96-A in order to conform to FERC's standard tariff format is just and reasonable.

3. The tariff sheets filed in the future by SPPL should leave the effective date blank until approved by the Commission.


#### THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED that:

1. In accordance with Section XV of General Order 96-A, Southern Pacific Pipe Lines, Inc. is authorized to use the tariff sheet format of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.
2. In accordance with Section XV of General Order 96-A, Southern Pacific Pipe Lines, Inc. is also authorized to file rules in the format used by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

3. Southern Pacific Pipe Lines, Inc. is allowed to submit tariff sheets formatted as requested, but omitting the printed effective date, until further order of this Commission.
4. This order is effective today.

I certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its regular meeting on January 13, 1988. The following Commissioners approved it:

DONALD VIAL  
FREDERICK R. DUDA  
G. MITCHELL WILK  
JOHN B. OHANIAN  
Commissioners



Executive Director

Commissioner Stanley W. Hulett, being necessarily absent, did not participate.