

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMISSION ADVISORY
AND COMPLIANCE DIVISION
Energy Branch

RESOLUTION G-2781
May 25, 1988

R E S O L U T I O N

RESOLUTION G-2781. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY (SOCAL GAS) REQUEST FOR AUTHORITY TO REVISE RULE NO. 3 AND RULE NO. 16.
BY ADVICE LETTER 1769, FILED FEBRUARY 24, 1988

SUMMARY

By Advice Letter 1769, filed February 24, 1988 SoCal Gas has requested authority to revise Rule No.3, Application for Service and Rule No. 16. Adjustment of Bills. Both of these Rules are in SoCal Gas' tariff schedules and are applicable through its service territory.

The purpose of this filing is to revise the two rules referenced above to establish that, (1) two or more individuals, residing at the same service location whether or not a joint application is obtained, are jointly and severally liable for bills incurred; (2) service may be denied or discontinued at a premises where bills for service to a prior customer are still outstanding if the customer is still on the premises or if the new and prior customers shared the premises during the period the bills were incurred; and (3) definitions for unauthorized use, billing error and meter error have been added to Rule 16, Adjustment of Bills.

DISCUSSION

The revision to Rule No. 3 is similar to that filed by Southern California Edison Company, and authorized by the Commission, pursuant to Decision 85-09-060 (in Case 84-10-055), dated September 18, 1985. The revision recognizes that parties other than the customer of record may be responsible for incurring debt with the Utility and should be held responsible for that indebtedness rather than unnecessarily burdening other ratepayers with uncollectibles.

The revisions to Rule 16 provide definitions for unauthorized use, meter error and billing error which provide a basis for billing adjustments.

These revisions will not increase any rate or charge, conflict with any rule or schedule nor cause the withdrawal of service.

Public notification of this filing, pursuant to Section III.G of General Order No. 96-A has been made by supplying copies of the filing to other utilities, governmental agencies, and to all interested parties who requested such notification. The CACD has received no protests in this matter.

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We find this new Rule Revisions to be just and reasonable as requested in this advice letter.


THEREFORE:

1. Southern California Gas Company is authorized to revise Rules 3 and 16 of its tariff sheets.
2. Advice Letter No. 1769 is approved.
3. This advice letter and tariff sheets shall be marked to show that they were accepted for filing by Commission Resolution G-2781. This Resolution is effective today.

I certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its regular scheduled meeting on May 25, 1988.

The following Commissioners approved it:

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