

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMISSION ADVISORY
AND COMPLIANCE DIVISION
ENERGY BRANCH

RESOLUTION NO. G-2809
AUGUST 24, 1988

R E S O L U T I O N

RESOLUTION G-2809. SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION
AUTHORIZED TO FILE A CHANGE IN ITS PRELIMINARY
STATEMENT THAT INTEREST WILL NOT BE PAID UNLESS
SPECIFICALLY PROVIDED FOR; ADVICE LETTER 395-G,
FILED FEBRUARY 4, 1988.

SUMMARY

1. Southwest Gas Corporation (SWG) has filed this advice letter to change its Preliminary Statement to include a new Paragraph "12 A" which states that interest will be paid to customers by SWG only in specific instances: A. When stated in SWG's filed tariffs; B. When required by Commission Decision; or C. When required by statute.
2. This resolution approves the request.

DISCUSSION

1. SWG has submitted this Advice Letter to incorporate the following language as Paragraph 12 A in its Preliminary Statement:

"No interest will be paid by the Company unless specifically provided for in the tariff schedules, or ordered by the Public Utilities Commission, except as otherwise provided by Federal Public Law 97-177."

2. The Commission Advisory and Compliance Division (CACD) and SWG have had inquiries in the past regarding the payment of interest to customers when individual rules are silent on the subject. Such inquiries require time to search and prepare response.
3. SWG has submitted this advice letter to clarify the situations in which it will pay interest to its customers. This

clarification corresponds to what SWG has previously done in practice.

4. This advice letter will not result in increased charges to any customer, nor be a more restrictive condition on the service provided.

5. CACD has reviewed this filing and believes that by including the requested clause in the Preliminary Statement, Southwest Gas Corporation will be able to minimize disputes about interest payments. Also, this will preserve for the Commission the ability to order interest payments. Therefore, CACD recommends its approval.

FINDINGS

1. This advice letter will clarify the situations when the payment of interest to customers is required of Southwest Gas Corporation.

2. It is reasonable for Southwest Gas Corporation to include a statement regarding the payment of interest in the Preliminary Statement of its filed tariffs.

THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Southwest Gas Corporation is authorized to file the proposed tariff sheets changing the Preliminary Statements to define the circumstances when Southwest Gas Corporation will pay interest to its customers.
2. Advice Letter 395-G and the accompanying tariff sheets shall be marked to show that they were approved for filing by Commission Resolution G-2809.
3. This resolution is effective today.

I certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its regular meeting on August 24, 1988. The following Commissioners approved it:

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