

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMISSION ADVISORY
AND COMPLIANCE DIVISION
Energy Branch

RESOLUTION NO. G-2830
October 26, 1988

R E S O L U T I O N

RESOLUTION G-2830. SHELL CALIFORNIA PIPELINE COMPANY
AUTHORIZED TO USE THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY
COMMISSION FORMAT FOR ITS FILED TARIFFS IN LIEU OF THE
FORMAT REQUIRED BY GENERAL ORDER 96-A.

(Advice Letter 1, filed September 16, 1988.)

SUMMARY

1. This resolution authorizes the pipeline utility to use the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) format for its filed tariffs, instead of the format required by Commission's General Order 96-A.

BACKGROUND

1. Shell California Pipeline Company (SCPC) filed its tariffs to act as a pipe line common carrier on September 16, 1988. SCPC provides pipe line service from the Ventura County area to petroleum refineries located in Los Angeles County. Deliveries are made to refineries owned by Chevron, Mobil and Shell.

2. The pipeline subject to CPUC jurisdiction is ten (10) inches in diameter and has a length of 84.78 miles.

DISCUSSION

1. By Advice Letter No. 1, dated September 16, 1988, SCPC requests authority to file its tariffs in the format used by FERC instead of the format given in Commission General Order 96-A.

2. Deviations from the requirements of General Order 96-A, for pipelines to use the FERC format, have been previously granted to Four Corners Pipeline Company by Resolution G-2729 dated May 29, 1987 and to Southern Pacific Pipelines, Inc. by Resolution G-2772 dated January 13, 1988.

3. 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 which are not.

4. Shippers of petroleum products are familiar with the FERC format. Use of a different format solely for intra-state shipments would be confusing to them and serve no useful purpose.

5. The Energy Branch of the Commission Advisory & Compliance Division recommends that SCPC 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 left blank until the tariff is approved by the Commission.

FINDINGS

1. SCPC'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 reasonable.

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

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THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED that:

1. In accordance with Section XV of General Order 96-A, Shell California Pipeline Company is authorized to use the tariff sheet format of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.
2. Shell California Pipeline Company is authorized to submit tariff sheets formatted in conformance with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, but omitting the printed effective date, until further order of this Commission.
3. This Resolution is effective today.

I certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its regular meeting on October 26, 1988. The following Commissioners approved it:

STANLEY W. HULETT
President
DONALD VIAL
FREDERICK R. DUDA
JOHN B. OHANIAN
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