

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMISSION ADVISORY
AND COMPLIANCE DIVISION
Energy Branch

RESOLUTION NO. G-2860
February 24, 1989

R E S O L U T I O N

RESOLUTION G-2860. GULF INTERSTATE CALIFORNIA PIPELINES 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 January 27, 1989).

SUMMARY

This resolution authorizes Gulf Interstate California Pipelines (GICP) 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. GICP filed its tariffs to act as a pipe line common carrier on January 27, 1989. GICP provides pipe line service from the Fresno area to Naval Air Station, Lemoore, California. Deliveries are made solely to the Naval Air Station.
2. The pipeline subject to CPUC jurisdiction is six (6) inches in diameter and approximately 35 miles long.

DISCUSSION

1. By Advice Letter No. 1, dated January 27, 1989, GICP 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, to Southern Pacific Pipelines, Inc. by Resolution G-2772 dated January 13, 1988 and Shell California Pipeline Company by Resolution G-2830 dated October 26, 1988.

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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 Title 18 Code of Federal Regulations Subchapter P, Parts 341.0 through 341.65, (18CFR341.0 et seq.) governing the construction and filing tariffs of pipeline companies. The filed date and the approval dates are preprinted under the FERC format, as provided for by 18 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 GIPC 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.

PROTESTS

1. Notice of this filing was given to the potential customer. There were no adjacent utilities to notify of this filing

2. No protests were received.

FINDINGS

1. GIPC'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 GIPC 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, Gulf Interstate California Pipelines is authorized to use the tariff sheet format of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.
2. Gulf Interstate California Pipelines 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 February 24, 1989. The following Commissioners approved it:

G. MITCHELL WILK
Président
STANLEY W. HULETT
JOHN B. OHANIAN
Commissioners



Executive Director

Commissioner Frederick R Duda,
being necessarily absent, did not
participate.