

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMISSION ADVISORY  
AND COMPLIANCE DIVISION  
Energy Branch

RESOLUTION G-2905  
July 6, 1990

**R E S O L U T I O N**

RESOLUTION G-2905. SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION REQUESTS AUTHORITY TO; REVISE GAS TRANSPORTATION RATE SCHEDULES BY ELIMINATION OF EXISTING RATE SCHEDULES, INTRODUCTION OF NEW TRANSPORTATION RATE SCHEDULES, REVISE EXISTING GAS TARIFF RULES AND ESTABLISH A NEW RULE PERTAINING TO TRANSPORTATION OF CUSTOMER-SECURED GAS.

ADVICE LETTER 413, FILED DECEMBER 19, 1989.

SUMMARY

1. By Advice Letter 413, filed December 19, 1989, Southwest Gas Corporation (Southwest) requested authorization to; eliminate existing rate schedules GN-LT and GN-ST applicable to long-term and short-term transportation service, establish new Schedule GN-T, Transportation of Customer-Secured Gas, which conforms with the Commission's new transportation policy, revise Rule 17, Meter Tests and Adjustment of Bills, and Rule No. 21, Curtailment of Natural Gas Service, to include new provisions which relate to billing adjustments and curtailment of customer-secured gas, to add Rule No. 22, Transportation of Customer-Secured Natural Gas, is proposed to include the general terms and conditions under which Southwest will transport customer-secured gas on its system.
2. This resolution approves Southwest's request.

BACKGROUND

1. Southwest's tariffs for gas transportation are divided into two categories, viz., long-term and short-term. Both rate schedules were filed in September of 1986, in compliance with the provisions of Decisions 85-12-102, 86-03-057 and 86-06-006.
2. Schedule GN-LT, for long-term service is limited to a minimum term of three years and a minimum annual quantity of 250,000 therms per customer. Schedule GN-ST, for short-term service has a minimum term of 30 days and a minimum monthly quantity of 20,800 therms per customer. Both rate schedules are to be replaced by new Rate Schedule GN-T.

3. The revisions will make Southwest's transportation service consistent with that of Southwest's pipeline supplier, Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) and with the Commission's new transportation policy.

#### NOTICE

1. Public notification of this filing has been made by publishing in the Commission's calendar on March 14, 1990 and by mailing copies of the advice letter to other utilities, governmental agencies and to all interested parties who specifically requested such notification.

#### PROTESTS

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

#### DISCUSSION

1. Southwest currently serves no customers under its existing transportation schedules. However, one of Southwest's customers has expressed an interest in receiving transportation service in the near future.

2. New Rate Schedule GN-T, Transportation Of Customer-Secured Natural Gas, combines the terms and conditions of the two present rate schedules. The monthly minimum quantity of the new schedule is 20,800 therms per customer. Each customer is required to sign a service agreement with the minimum term of the agreement subject to negotiation. A new Service Agreement Applicable To Transportation Service Under Rate Schedule No. GN-T will supersede and replace the existing agreements for both long-term and short-term transportation service.

3. Rule 17, Meter Tests And Adjustment Of Bills also is revised to include reference to proposed Rule 22 in determining average adjustments of billing for imbalances in delivery of customer-secured natural gas.

4. Rule 21, Curtailment Of Natural Gas Service is revised to include provisions relating to the policy for curtailment of customer-secured natural gas.

5. Rule 22, Transportation Of Customer-Secured Natural Gas is proposed for specifying the terms and conditions under which the utility will transport customer-secured natural gas.

6. The Commission Advisory and Compliance Division (CACD) has reviewed this filing and believes that it is reasonable and that terms and conditions presented in this filing

are consistent with the Commission's policy on transportation and with the policy of other utilities.

7. Because Commission approval of this Advice Letter is required a new rate schedule and a new rule are introduced and existing rate schedules are cancelled and withdrawn.

FINDINGS

1. The new rate schedule and the new service agreement retain the terms and conditions of the previous schedules, except that, in keeping with Commission policy on transportation, both the utility and the customer have a increased flexibility in negotiating transportation agreements.

2. Currently there are no customers on Rate Schedules GN-IT and GN-ST and thus no one will be affected by the cancellation of these rate schedules.

3. The rate schedule revisions and the rule revisions presented in Advice Letter 413 are just and reasonable and therefore should be adopted.

THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Southwest Gas Corporation is authorized under the provisions of Section 490 of the Public Utilities Code to revise its tariff rates and rules as presented by Advice Letter 413.

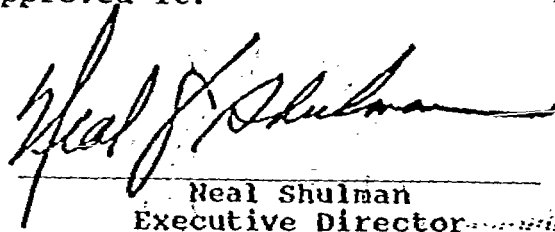
2. These tariff revisions will become effective on the effective date of this order.

3. Advice Letter 413 and accompanying tariff sheets shall be marked to show that they were approved for filing by Resolution G-2905.

4. This resolution is effective today.

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its regular meeting on July 6, 1990. The following Commissioners approved it:

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