

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMISSION ADVISORY
AND COMPLIANCE DIVISION
Energy Branch

RESOLUTION G-2917
July 6, 1990

R E S O L U T I O N

RESOLUTION G-2917, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY ORDER
MODIFYING STORAGE BANKING TARIFF G-STOR FOR PILOT
STORAGE PROGRAM.

BY ADVICE LETTER 1927-B FILED MAY 30, 1990.

SUMMARY

1. On April 17, 1990, Southern California Gas Company (SoCal) filed Advice Letter 1927-A for compliance with Commission Resolution G-2909 approved on March 28, 1990. The advice letter includes related tariff schedules and contract forms not present in the original advice letter filing. Southern California Edison Company (SCE) protested Advice Letter 1927-A.
2. On May 30, 1990, SoCal filed supplemental Advice Letter 1927-B which meets all the requirements of Resolution G-2909 and resolves SCE's protest.
3. This resolution approves Advice Letter 1927-B.

BACKGROUND

1. The Pilot Storage Banking Program, adopted by Decision (D.)88-11-034, was extended by D.89-12-046.
2. SoCal filed Advice Letter 1927 on December 29, 1989 to comply with the pilot storage program extended by D.89-12-046. Resolution G-2909 conditionally approved Advice Letter 1927 with certain modifications in its gas storage tariff schedule.
3. SoCal filed Advice Letter 1927-A to comply with Resolution G-2909 and its requirements. Advice Letter 1927-B was filed to fully comply with Resolution G-2909 and to resolve SCE's protest.

4. The advice letter filing will not increase any rate or charge, conflict with any rule or schedule, nor cause the withdrawal of service.

5. Advice Letters 1927-A and 1927-B were mailed to interested parties, other utilities, and governmental agencies in accordance with General Order 96-A, Section III, Paragraph G.

PROTEST

1. A protest to Advice Letter 1927-A was received from SCE on May 9, 1990. SoCal responded to the protest in its letter dated May 31, 1990, and in its Advice Letter 1927-B filed on May 30, 1990.

2. SCE protested Advice Letter 1927-A on three grounds:

-SoCal's G-STOR tariff was restrictive in its requirements for storage injections and withdrawals;

-SoCal's G-STOR tariff did not permit withdrawal of pilot storage prior to August 1 as previously authorized by the Commission; and

-SoCal's G-STOR tariff required clarification regarding the transferability of storage between storage participants.

3. SCE argued that SoCal's Special Condition No. 8 of the proposed G-STOR tariff was inconsistent with D.89-02-068 which permits storage injection and in-season withdrawal nominations two days prior to the beginning of the month. SoCal's Special Condition 8 would require that pilot storage customer nominations for utility-procured gas be four days prior the beginning of the month.

4. SCE also argued that SoCal's Special Condition 8 was inconsistent with Resolution G-2873 which states:

"Nomination adjustments shall be made on a best efforts basis. At a minimum, storage banking customers should be afforded one adjustment of injection nominations per month with a two day lead time."

SoCal's Special Condition 8 stated that storage customers may request only one nomination change per month.

5. SoCal's supplemental Advice Letter 1927-B revised its G-STOR tariff. Special Condition 8 was revised to require storage injection nominations at least two days prior to the beginning of the month, and nomination adjustments upon two days notice.

6. SCE argued that SoCal's Special Condition 11 of the proposed G-STOR tariff should be revised to implement Commission's Resolution G-2909 which allows storage withdrawals to begin on June 1, 1990.

7. SoCal's supplemental Advice Letter 1927-B revised its G-STOR tariff. Special Condition 11 now allows storage withdrawal to begin on June 1, 1990.

8. SCE's third issue focused on SoCal's Special Condition 22 which states:

"Service under this schedule is not transferable to a lower priority end-use, except that customers may release some or all of their unused reserved capacity back to Utility upon Utility's consent."

SCE was concerned that this condition prevented the transfer of storage from a higher end-use priority to a lower end-use priority.

9. SoCal's supplemental Advice Letter 1927-B revised its G-STOR tariff. Special Condition 22 is deleted, making transferability of storage between priorities less restrictive.

DISCUSSION

1. SoCal submitted Advice Letter 1927-A in order to comply with the requirements of Resolution G-2909.

2. SoCal failed to change the storage withdrawal date to begin on June 1, 1990 which was one of the objections raised by SCE's protest.

3. SoCal filed supplemental Advice Letter 1927-B to fully comply with Resolution G-2909 and to resolve SCE's protest. There are no protests to Advice Letter 1927-B.

4. SoCal has complied with Resolution G-2909 and has resolved SCE's objections by its Advice Letter 1927-B.

FINDINGS

1. SoCal's revised Schedule G-STOR in its Advice Letter 1927-B is in compliance with Resolution G-2909. SoCal's revised Schedule G-STOR contains amendments conforming to all the requirements of the resolution.

2. SoCal has revised Schedule G-STOR to satisfy SCE's protest.

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THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

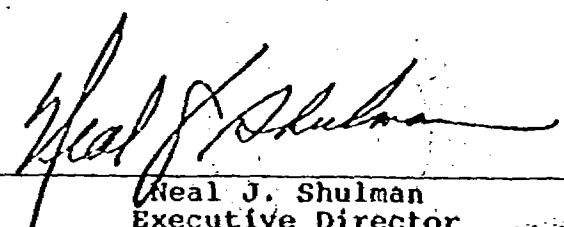
1. Southern California Gas Company Advice Letter 1927-B and its revised tariff sheets shall be marked to show that they were approved by Commission Resolution G-2917. The effective date of the revised tariff sheets shall be April 1, 1990, the beginning date of the 1990-91 pilot storage program.

2. Southern California Gas Company Advice Letter 1927-A and its revised tariff sheets and Advice Letter 1927 tariff sheets are superseded by Advice Letter 1927-B, and they shall be marked to show that they were supplemented by Advice Letter 1927-B.

3. 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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