

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMISSION ADVISORY
AND COMPLIANCE DIVISION
Energy Branch

RESOLUTION G-2928
November 9, 1990

R E S O L U T I O N

RESOLUTION G-2928. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY
REQUEST TO REVISE ITS GAS METER PERFORMANCE AND GAS
METER PROOF SETTING STANDARDS.

BY LETTER DATED SEPTEMBER 20, 1990.

SUMMARY

1. SoCalGas requests authority to revise the gas meter performance and gas meter proof setting standards it is required to use under its Meter Performance Program.
2. This Resolution approves SoCalGas' request.

BACKGROUND

1. By Resolution G-1123, dated April 28, 1960, SoCalGas was authorized to deviate from Section 24(a) of General Order 58-A. The effective applicable section of the General Order is Section 13(a) in the current revision.
2. SoCalGas requests to change conditions 1 and 2 set forth by Resolution G-1123 as follows:
 - a. Condition 1, Meter Performance Standard. Condition 1 requires that any meter group more than 10 years old will be scheduled for removal as soon as more than 10% of the meters in the group are registering more than 2% fast or as soon as more than 20% of the meters in the group are indicated to be registering outside the range of 2% fast to 2% slow, on the basis of annual tests of sample meters from the group. SoCalGas requests that this condition be modified to allow up to 25% of the meters in a group to register outside the range of 2% fast to 2% slow. No change is requested with regard to fast meters and the standard for meters registering more than 2% fast will remain at its current level of 10%.

- b. Condition 2 - Meter Proof Setting Standard. Resolution G-1123 requires meters with synthetic diaphragms to be set at a control standard of -0.25% with a tolerance of $\pm 0.25\%$. SoCalGas requests that this condition be removed and they be allowed to use optimal proof settings based upon the statistical performance of each type of meter.

DISCUSSION

1. The Commission Advisory and Compliance Division reviewed SoCalGas' proposed changes and concludes that by adopting the changes the quality of metering will not decrease unduly. SoCalGas states that with implementation of the two requested modifications, the average age of a changed-out meter can eventually reach 27.6 years, or nearly three times the pre-1960 requirement of 10 years. There will also be a reduction in customer inconvenience due to meter change-outs.

FINDINGS

1. The two requested changes by SoCalGas will not unduly decrease the quality of metering and will benefit both utility and customer.

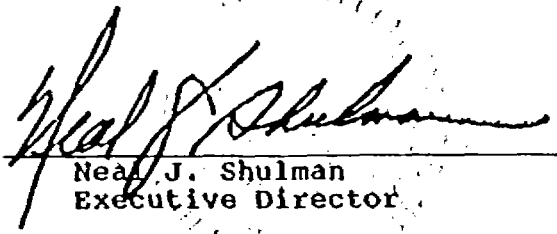
THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Southern California Gas Company is authorized to revise its gas meter performance and meter proof setting standards as requested by Letter dated September 20, 1990.
2. This Resolution is effective today.

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its regular meeting on November 9, 1990. The following Commissioners approved it:

G. MITCHELL WILK
President
FREDERICK R. DUDA
JOHN B. OHANIAN
PATRICIA M. ECKERT
Commissioners

Commissioner Stanley W. Hulett,
being necessarily absent, did
not participate.


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Executive Director