

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMISSION ADVISORY AND
COMPLIANCE DIVISION
Energy Branch

RESOLUTION G-2966
NOVEMBER 6, 1991

R E S O L U T I O N

RESOLUTION G-2966. FOUR CORNERS PIPE LINE COMPANY
REQUESTS COMMISSION APPROVAL TO DELETE ORIGINATION AND
DESTINATION POINTS FROM ITS FILED TARIFFS.

BY ADVICE LETTER 25 FILED ON AUGUST 30, 1991.

SUMMARY

1. Four Corners Pipe Line Company (FCPL) requests approval to delete Origination and Destination points from its tariffs. Additionally, FCPL is adding Origination and Destination points and changing the designation of one Destination point to show new ownership of the destination. The latter two actions do not normally require Commission approval by Resolution.
2. This Resolution grants the requests.

BACKGROUND

1. FCPL transports crude petroleum between designated locations within California under tariffs filed with the Commission. To respond to requests for service from its customers FCPL at times finds it necessary to add new, or cancel unused Origination and Destination points in its tariffs. Occasionally, FCPL has reversed the direction of flow in parts of its system in response to customer requests or for the purpose of improving its operating efficiency.
2. FCPL asserts that maintaining facilities to serve customers who, for a long period of time, have not used the pipeline system for either shipment or receipt of crude petroleum is an expense which must be collected through rates from other users of the system.

NOTICE

1. Public notice of this filing has been made by publication in the Commission's Calendar on September 6, 1991, and by mailing copies of the Advice Letter to FCPL's customers.

PROTESTS

1. The Commission Advisory and Compliance Division (CACD) received no protests to this Advice Letter.

DISCUSSION

1. Commission approval by Resolution of minor changes in language in its tariffs, or for introducing a new service is not required.
2. A regulated utility must obtain Commission approval by Resolution to discontinue a service, even when there is no use or request for it.
3. For more than two years no shipments, or requests for shipments, have been made which would use FCPL's Line No. 8 from the origination point - "Seal Beach Pipe Line Junction, Line No. 17, Los Angeles County", to the destinations - "East Hynes Junction, North Long Beach, Los Angeles County" and "Sepulveda Boulevard & Alameda Street, Carson, Los Angeles County".
4. CACD recommends that it is reasonable to approve all of the items requested in Advice Letter 25.

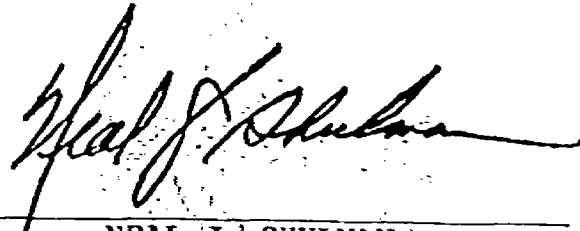
FINDINGS

1. Maintaining a pipeline in a ready condition when there is no apparent demand for shipments is unreasonable, and an unnecessary expense to the utility, which is recovered from its other customers through the rates. It is reasonable to delete the above Origination and Destination points.
2. FCPL's other requested changes: add Spring Street and Cherry Avenue Junction, Long Beach, Los Angeles County, as an Origination point and East Hynes Junction, North Long Beach, Los Angeles County as a Destination point; and, to remove references to the ARCO refinery (also known as the Watson Refinery) from the Destination Point - Sepulveda Boulevard and Alameda Street, Carson, Los Angeles County (Ultramar Refinery Chemoil Tank Farm), are reasonable.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Four Corners Pipe Line Company is authorized to delete the destinations - East Hynes Junction, North Long Beach, Los Angeles County and Sepulveda Boulevard & Alameda Street, Carson, Los Angeles County, from the origination of Seal Beach Pipe Line Junction, Line No. 17, Los Angeles County, from its filed tariffs for Line No. 8.
2. Four Corners Pipeline Company is authorized to add Spring Street and Cherry Avenue Junction, Long Beach, Los Angeles County as an Origination point and East Hynes Junction, North Long Beach, Los Angeles County as a Destination point; and, to remove references to the ARCO refinery (also known as the Watson Refinery) from the Destination Point - Sepulveda Boulevard and Alameda Street, Carson, Los Angeles County (Ultramar Refinery Chemoil Tank Farm).
3. Advice Letter 25 shall be marked to show that it was approved by Commission Resolution G-2966.
4. This Resolution is effective today.

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its regular meeting on November 6, 1991. The following Commissioners approved it:



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