

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMISSION ADVISORY AND
COMPLIANCE DIVISION
Energy Branch

RESOLUTION G-2970
DECEMBER 4, 1991

R E S O L U T I O N

RESOLUTION G-2970. SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION REQUEST
FOR AUTHORIZATION TO REFUND TO ITS CUSTOMERS OF REBATES
IT HAS RECEIVED ON THE PURCHASED PRICE OF NATURAL GAS.

BY ADVICE LETTER 433, FILED ON SEPTEMBER 20, 1991.

SUMMARY

1. Southwest Gas Corporation (SWGC) requests authority to refund to its customers a rebate received from its suppliers of natural gas, Paiute Pipeline Company (Paiute), to its Northern California distribution system. This is Refund Plan No. 19 of SWGC.
2. This Resolution grants the request.

BACKGROUND

1. On July 15, 1991 SWGC received a refund from Paiute in the amount of \$892,604.95. This was in settlement in the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Docket RP 88-227. SWGC also received, on July 31, 1991, a refund in the amount of \$18,369.44 resulting from Paiute's distribution of the balance in its Account No. 191. "Purchased Gas Adjustments". SWGC has combined these two refunds in this refund proposal.

NOTICE:

1. Public notice of this filing has been made by publication in the Commission's calendar on September 24, 1991, and by mailing notice to other California natural gas utilities.

PROTESTS

1. No protests to this Advice Letter were received by the Commission Advisory and Compliance Division.

DISCUSSION

1. SWGC, in Refund Plan No. 19, wants to make refunds to its Lake Tahoe service area ratepayers, using a procedure similar to that approved in Commission Resolution G-2906 dated February 23, 1990. The refund is to these customers because Paiute is the source of gas with which these customers are served. SWGC's Southern California gas customers are served with gas from other sources.

2. SWGC will make the refunds by crediting the amount of refund to ratepayer monthly bills starting January 15, 1992 based upon 12 months of billing ending November 30, 1991. SWGC also will publish notice of this refund in local newspapers to find former customers who will receive a check.

FINDINGS

1. SWGC has received refunds from its supplier which should be returned to its Lake Tahoe service area ratepayers.

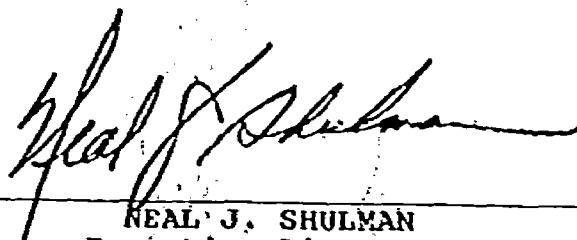
THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Southwest Gas Corporation is authorized to distribute the refunds received in accordance with previously established practice.

2. Advice Letter 433 submitted by Southwest Gas Corporation shall be marked to show that it was approved for filing by Commission Resolution G-2970.

3. This Resolution is effective today.

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its regular meeting on December 4, 1991. The following Commissioners approved it:



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