

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

ENERGY DIVISION

RESOLUTION G-3199
December 9, 1996

R E S O L U T I O N

RESOLUTION G-3199. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY (EDISON) REVISION OF ITS TARIFFS TO REFLECT AN INCREASE IN THE SANTA CATALINA ISLAND GAS COST ADJUSTMENT BILLING FACTORS (GCABFs). THE REVISED GCABFs ARE CALCULATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCEDURES SET FORTH IN THE PRELIMINARY STATEMENT, PART F, SANTA CATALINA ISLAND GAS COST ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE, OF EDISON'S TARIFFS AS AUTHORIZED IN COMMISSION DECISION NO. 82-04-010. EDISON'S REQUEST IS GRANTED.

BY ADVICE LETTER 104-G, FILED ON July 19, 1996.

SUMMARY

1. Southern California Edison Company (Edison) seeks an increase in the Santa Catalina Island Gas Cost Adjustment Billing Factors (GCABFs). This Advice Letter (AL) is filed in conformance with D.82-04-010. The GCABFs are calculated in accordance with the Gas Cost Adjustment Clause (GCAC) of Edison's tariffs.
2. The GCAC revenue requirement reflects forecasted gas expenses for the period September 1, 1996 through August 31, 1997 and amortization of the estimated September 1, 1996 balance in the Gas Cost Adjustment Account. The GCAC revenue requirement calculated is \$405,154, an increase of \$46,400. Recovery of this revenue increase would require a 5.9% rate increase.
3. Edison requests recovery of \$37,383 deferred from AL 103-G as approved in Resolution G-3183 dated March 13, 1996, and an additional \$9,017 that reflects undercollections in the GCAC balancing account. The current revenue increase of \$46,400 results in a 5.9% annual system average rate increase.
4. There are no protests to AL 104-G.
5. This Resolution approves Edison's AL 104-G.

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BACKGROUND

1. Edison provides natural gas service to 1,289 metered customers on Santa Catalina Island. Edison purchases Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) to serve these customers.
2. Decision (D.)82-04-010 authorized Edison to submit GCAC filings by Advice Letter on a six-month basis with March 1 and September 1 as the regularly scheduled revision dates.
3. Edison requests limiting the rate increase at this time to 6% in order to provide rate stability. The GCABFs were last revised on March 13, 1996 as filed in AL 103-G.

NOTICE

1. Public notice of this advice letter was made by publication in the Commission calendar, and by Edison's mailing copies to other utilities, governmental agencies, and all interested parties who requested notification.

PROTESTS

1. No protests to AL 104-G have been filed.

DISCUSSION

1. The AL is a routine filing and requests an increase to recover forecasted gas cost increases and the amortization of the Gas Cost Adjustment Account balance. Edison has requested the GCABF increase 5.9%. This includes amounts deferred from AL 103-G in order to provide rate stability to effected customers.
2. We find Edison's request reasonable and will approve the new rates as contained in AL 104-G.

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FINDINGS

1. Edison filed Advice Letter 104-G on July 19, 1996, requesting an increase in Santa Catalina Island GCABFs.
2. Edison's request to recover deferred portions of the increase from AL 103-G is reasonable.
3. No protests were filed.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Edison's Advice Letter 104-G is approved and the rates contained therein are effective today.
2. This Resolution is effective today.

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its regular meeting on December 9, 1996. The following Commissioners approved it:


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