

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

ENERGY DIVISION

**RESOLUTION O-0014
JUNE 25, 1997**

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION O-0014. THIS RESOLUTION GRANTS UNOCAL CALIFORNIA PIPELINE COMPANY (UNOCAP) AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS RATES FOR TRANSPORTING CRUDE PETROLEUM FROM THE ORCUTT GATHERING LINE NO. 353 TO LINE NO. 300, ORCUTT STATION IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY.

BY ADVICE LETTER NO. 12, FILED MAY 15, 1996.

BACKGROUND

1. Unocap filed Advice Letter No. 12 on May 15, 1996, requesting authority to increase its rates from 15 cents per barrel to 30 cents per barrel for transporting crude petroleum from its Orcutt Gathering Line No. 353 in Santa Barbara County.
2. As part of a larger transaction between Nuevo Energy Company (Nuevo) and Unocap involving the sale of production leases, Nuevo, as the new owner of the leases in the Orcutt field to which Unocap's Orcutt gathering system is connected, agreed to a 30 cents per barrel rate as an appropriate rate for transportation of oil on the Orcutt gathering system. Nuevo is the sole producer whose oil is gathered on Line No. 353.

NOTICE

1. The Energy Division noticed this letter on the Commission Calendar on May 17, 1997, and Unocap served notice of Advice Letter (AL) No. 12 by mailing copies to interested parties.

PROTESTS

1. No protests were received for AL 12.

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DISCUSSION

1. The Energy Division believes this request is reasonable, because as a result of a larger transaction, an agreement between Nuevo and Unocap was reached on the transportation rate at the Orcutt gathering system, and should be granted.

FINDINGS

1. Unocap filed Advice Letter No. 12 on May 15, 1996, requesting authority to increase its rate on the Orcutt gathering system from fifteen cents per barrel to thirty cents per barrel.
2. Due to a larger transaction between Nuevo and Unocap, an agreement was reached on the transportation rate at the Orcutt gathering system as described in AL 12.
3. The Commission should authorize Unocap's request as described in AL 12.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Unocap's Advice Letter No. 12 is approved.
2. This Resolution is effective today.

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its regular meeting on June 25, 1997. The following Commissioners approved it:


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Executive Director

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Jessie J. Knight, Jr.
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