

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

SAFETY DIVISION
UTILITIES SAFETY BRANCHRESOLUTION SU-8
Date March 22, 1991R E S O L U T I O N

ORDER FOR GAS UTILITIES TO FOLLOW THEIR APPROVED DRUG TESTING PROGRAMS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 106 OF GENERAL ORDER 112-D.

S U M M A R Y

1. By Resolution SU-3 dated April 11, 1990, the Commission added a new Section 106 to General Order 112-D to incorporate, by reference, the federal drug testing requirement in Parts 199 and 40 of Title 49 of the Federal Regulations. In compliance with this regulation, the gas utilities (Pacific Gas and Electric, Southern California Gas Company, San Diego Gas and Electric, Southwest Gas Company, CP National and Southern California Edison) submitted their drug testing programs to the Utilities Safety Branch for a review.

B A C K G R O U N D

1. Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (49 CFR) Parts 199 and 40, established by the Department of Transportation (DOT), requires that employees who perform gas-related maintenance, operations and emergency response activities, for gas transmission and/or distribution utilities, be included in a mandatory drug testing program. Utilities with more than 50 employees identified as requiring drug testing under 49 CFR Part 199, must have a drug testing program implemented no later than April 20, 1990. Utilities with less than 50 employees identified as requiring drug testing under 49 CFR Part 199, must have a drug testing program implemented no later than August 21, 1990.

In compliance with this regulation, the utilities submitted their drug testing programs to the Utilities Safety Branch (USB) for review. USB reviewed these programs to determine if they fully complied with the DOT regulations. On September 25, 1990, USB sent every utility comments about the particular utility's drug testing program noting any omissions found or necessary changes needed to conform to the law. USB has received all the revisions and determined that all the revised programs complied with the federal standards.

FINDINGS

1. The utilities' drug testing programs have been reviewed by the Commission's Utilities Safety Branch and, pursuant to the review, the utilities have been requested to incorporate all the necessary items in their programs to comply with the Federal Drug Regulation.

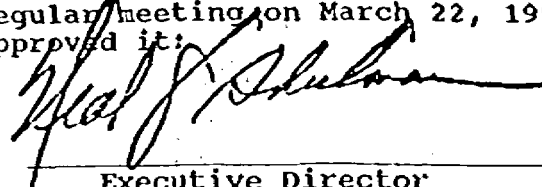
2. The Commission has determined that the utilities' drug testing programs, as revised, fully comply with Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (49 CFR) Parts 199 and 40, Control of Drug Use in Natural Gas, Liquefied Natural Gas and Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Operations.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Every gas utility shall implement and comply with its drug testing program as approved by the Commission 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 March 22, 1991. The following Commissioners approved it:



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