

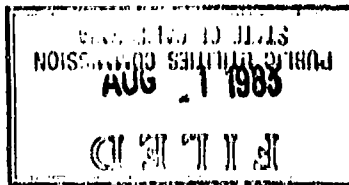


San Diego Gas & Electric

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Proposal No. 1188-G



ADVICE 518-G
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA 2554

San Diego Gas & Electric Company (San Diego) hereby transmits for filing the following changes in tariff schedules applicable to its Gas Department:

Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.	Title of Sheet	Cancelling Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.
3439-G	Rendering and Payment of Bills - Rule 9	3219-G
3440-G	Rendering and Payment of Bills - Rule 9 (Continued)	3219, 3220-G
3441-G	Rendering and Payment of Bills - Rule 9 (Continued)	3220, 3221-G
3442-G	Rendering and Payment of Bills - Rule 9 (Continued)	---
3443-G	Rendering and Payment of Bills - Rule 9 (Continued)	---
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This filing is for the purpose of proposing the addition of Section C., Budget Payment Plan, to San Diego's Rule 9, Rendering and Payment of Bills. A filing proposing similar changes to San Diego's electric tariff schedules is being made concurrently by Advice 586-E.

This filing, if approved by this Commission, will result in a systemwide application of a budget billing program entitled the Budget Payment Plan (Plan). The Plan will be applicable, on a voluntary basis, only to single-family residential customers who qualify for lifeline allowances.

Subject to San Diego's approval, eligible customers may join the Plan in any month. The Plan will begin for each customer when the first budget billing is rendered and extends for eleven subsequent months.



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Under San Diego's Plan, the customer's annual bill will be estimated by San Diego and the customer will pay one-twelfth of the estimated annual bill in each of eleven months. For the twelfth month's billing, San Diego will issue a bill showing a debit or credit amount which will be the net of twelve months' bills based on meter readings less budget payments made by the customer. San Diego will review and adjust, if necessary, the account of each customer included in the Plan on a quarterly basis. San Diego will continue to read each customer's meter on a monthly basis and will show the amount of the customer's actual billing on each bill in addition to the Plan's monthly amount.

San Diego's residential customers have been notified of the availability of the Plan by way of an article included in San Diego's Energy Notes (formerly Lite Lines) publication which was distributed to customers with their bill for the billing month of July 1983. San Diego has also printed a message on each residential customer's bill which refers the customer to the article on the Plan included in Energy Notes. The article announced the availability of the Plan and requested that customers contact San Diego to secure more detailed information and to sign-up for the Plan. A second article announcing the availability of the Plan will be included in San Diego's August 1983 Energy Notes publication.

Because of the lead time needed to prepare promotional material, train personnel and set up extensive computer programming and procedures, San Diego proposes that the first bills issued under the Plan to participating customers be issued during the billing month of October, 1983. Therefore, San Diego requests that the provisions of the proposed Section C. of Rule 9 become effective on October 1, 1983.

Because of the proposed addition of Section C. to Rule 9 and because existing Section A.4. of Rule 9 provides, under certain conditions, for bills to be issued based on estimated consumption, San Diego proposes to revise the second sentence of Section A.3. to read as follows:

"When meters are read at regular monthly intervals, each bill will be based on meter registrations, except as provided in A.4. and C. below."

This filing will not increase any rate or charge on an annual basis, cause the withdrawal of service or conflict with other schedules or rules. Therefore, authority is requested under Section V.A. of General Order 96-A to make this filing effective on regular statutory (30 days) notice.



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In accordance with Section III-G of General Order 96-A, San Diego has on August 1, 1983, served a copy of this filing to the parties shown below by mailing them a copy hereof, properly stamped and addressed. Public notice of this filing is not required. Therefore, no public notice is being given by San Diego.

SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alan G. Strachan".

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Enclosures

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