

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION NO. E-1940

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UTILITIES DIVISION
 BRANCH/SECTION: Electric
 DATE: October 6, 1981

RESOLUTION

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RETURN TO ELECTRIC BRANCH
 TARIFF UNIT

SUBJECT: Order Authorizing Sierra Pacific Power Company to
 Establish a Service Charge for Checks Returned from
 the Bank as "Unpaid".

SIERRA PACIFIC POWER COMPANY (SPP), by Advice Letter No. 156-E filed July 28, 1981, requests authority to revise Rule No. 9, Rendering and Payment of Bills, by adding Section D, Returned Check Charges, and thereby permitting a \$5.00 returned check charge to be made for any check returned from the bank "unpaid".

The establishment of this \$5.00 service charge for unpaid checks is to offset the expense associated with handling returned checks. The intent of the charge is to collect from the customer who causes this increased cost of doing business rather than from the ratepayers in general.

SPP has submitted cost data supporting the \$5.00 charge for each check returned from the bank "unpaid" which appear satisfactory to the staff of the Electric Branch.

The establishment of a \$5.00 service charge for unpaid checks is estimated by SPP to produce an annual revenue increase of approximately \$5,500.

This filing will not conflict with other schedules or rules nor cause the withdrawal of service, and will not increase or decrease any rates or charges, except as contemplated by Section D of Rule No. 9, as described above.

IT IS ORDERED that authority is granted under Section 454(b) of the Public Utilities Code to SPP to add Section D, Returned Check Charge, in Rule No. 9 as described above, effective October 6, 1981. The effective date of this Resolution is the date hereof.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly introduced, passed and adopted at a regular conference of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California, held on October 6, 1981, the following Commissioners voting favorably thereon:

JOHN E. BRYSON
 President
 RICHARD D. GRAVELLE
 LEONARD M. GRIMES, JR.
 VICTOR CALVO
 PRISCILLA C. GREW
 Commissioners


 Executive Director