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ORDER AUTHORIZING SAN DIEGO GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY (SDG&E) TO INTRODUCE DAILY ALLOWANCE BILLING (DAB) BY CHANGING RESIDENTIAL BASELINE ALLOWANCES TO DAILY KWHR ALLOWANCES APPLICABLE TO ITS ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

By Advice Letter 642-E-Supplemental filed July 30, 1985, San Diego Gas and Electric Company (SDG&E) requests authority to introduce Daily Allowance Billing (DAB) by changing residential baseline allowances to daily KWHR allowances applicable to its Electric Department. The facts are as follows:

1. Daily KWHR allowances will enable SDG&E to eliminate "Baseline" prorations based on assumed thirty day billing periods.
2. DAB offers several advantages for SDG&E's customers. It will eliminate proration resulting from meter book realignments and the requirement that billings be adjusted when the meter reading date is less than 27 days or more than 33 days from the last day read.
3. Baseline allowances are currently based on a flat monthly allocation of thirty days. DAB will provide additional KWHR allowances when a customer's actual billing period exceeds thirty days, and conversely, KWHR allowances for actual billing periods less than thirty days will be proportionately less. DAB also assures that customers will not be disadvantaged by a change in their normal billing cycle during a seasonal transition period.
4. Additionally, SDG&E proposes to revise the wording under Special Condition 3 of Schedule DR, A-TOU and D-UTOU, and Special Condition 7 of Schedules DM, DS, and DT, concerning the transition dates for summer and winter billing. SDG&E proposes to make May 1 and November 1 the transition dates for the summer and winter billing periods, respectively. Special Condition 3 and 7 will also be revised to include the additional allowance for life-support devices on a per day basis. SDG&E is also showing the discounts for Schedules DS and DT on a per day basis along with the minimum charge for Schedules DR, DM, DS, DT and D-ATOU on a daily basis. The abovementioned tariff rate schedules are applicable to domestic service customers.

5. SDG&E also proposes to revise Rule 9, Rendering and Payment of Bills, Section A.5., to make it clear that bills utilizing daily allowance billing will not be prorated.

6. The daily allowances have been calculated by multiplying the monthly allowance by six and then dividing by the number of days in the season. The resulting allowances were rounded up where necessary so that the customer would not receive any less baseline allowances under DAB than he would under the current monthly methodology, on an annual basis.

7. This filing will not have any effect on revenues. Furthermore, this filing will not increase any rate or charge, conflict with other schedules or rules, nor cause the withdrawal of service.

8. Public notification of this filing has been made by mailing copies of the Advice Letter Supplemental to other utilities and to governmental agencies. The Commission Staff has received no protests to this filing.

9. The Staff of the Energy Branch of the Evaluation and Compliance Division have reviewed this filing and recommends its approval.

10. SDG&E requests authority to make this filing effective October 1, 1985 under the provisions of Section V.A. of General Order 96-A which constitutes more than the regular 30-day statutory notice.

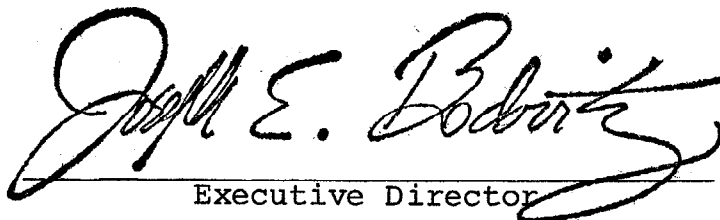
THEREFORE:

1. San Diego Gas and Electric Company is authorized under Section 454 of the Public Utilities Code to place Advice Letter 642-E-Supplemental and accompanying tariff sheets into effect. Under Section V.A. of General Order 96-A the above advice letter supplemental shall become effective October 1, 1985, which is more than the 30-day statutory notice.

2. Advice Letter 642-E-Supplemental and accompanying tariff sheets shall be marked to show that they were authorized for filing by Commission Resolution E-2057. This resolution is effective today.

I certify that this resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its regular meeting on September 5, 1985. The following Commissioners approved it:

**DONALD VIAL**  
President  
**VICTOR CALVO**  
**PRISCILLA C. GREW**  
**FREDERICK R. DUDA**  
Commissioners

  
Executive Director