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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMISSION ADVISORY & COMPLIANCE DIVISION
Energy Branch

RESOLUTION NO. E-3090
May 11, 1988

R E S O L U T I O N

PACIFIC POWER & LIGHT COMPANY IS AUTHORIZED TO EXTEND ITS EXPERIMENTAL TARIFF PA-22 AGRICULTURAL PUMPING SERVICE EXPERIMENTAL TEN PERCENT SEASONAL REBATE FOR AN ADDITIONAL ONE YEAR PERIOD (1988).

Advice Letter No. 207-E, filed March 30, 1988

SUMMARY

Pacific Power & Light Company (PP&L) implemented the Experimental Tariff PA-22 for the 1987 irrigation season. The tariff was to make a ten percent (10%) refund to agricultural customers who had paid their 1987 energy bills on time. The tariff was submitted May 20, 1987 as Advice Letter 202-E, and was to terminate on January 31, 1988. The Commission approved the implementation of this experimental tariff by Resolution E-3038 dated June 15, 1987. PP&L has filed this Advice Letter to extend this experimental tariff until January 31, 1989.

PP&L will continue to absorb the costs of this rebate payment. The costs will not be applied to other California customers in PP&L's service territory.

DISCUSSION

1. In the letter of transmittal PP&L stated, as was also stated for 1987, "if the price for agricultural pumping service cannot be decreased, [the customers] will need to switch to diesel powered pumps, resort to other forms of irrigation, reduce their plantings, practice dry land farming or not farm at all."
2. In addition it will be necessary, because of the lack of rainfall in California, to irrigate considerably more in 1988 than in 1987.

3. Upon receipt of customers' November 1988 payments, including all arrearages through November 1988, PP&L will calculate a ten percent rebate based upon billings issued for the eight month agricultural pumping season, April through November, 1988.
4. Eligibility requires timely 1988 monthly payments, full payment for annual load size charges due in November, and clearing any outstanding balances. Upon receipt of full payments and consideration of other applicable schedules and discounts, PP&L will issue a rebate by January 31, 1989.
5. PP&L stresses that they will not seek to recover the revenue effect of the proposed rebate from its other California customers. The program will expire without further action by PP&L or the Commission on January 31, 1989.
6. PP&L mailed copies of this Advice Letter to its standard mailing list on March 30, 1988.
7. No complaints regarding this Advice Letter have been received.

FINDINGS

1. PP&L's agricultural Pumping Service Experimental Ten Percent Seasonal Rebate Schedule No. PA-22 is the continuation of a one time program offering a ten percent rebate on seasonal billings to California agricultural pumping customers served on Schedule PA-20.
2. Program eligibility requires customers to pay their monthly 1988 billings within 19 days from the date of mailing its bill for services, including the annual load size charge due in November, and to pay any outstanding balances from prior to 1988.
3. Upon receipt of customers' November 1988 payments, including all arrearages through November 1988, PP&L will calculate a ten percent rebate based upon billings issued for the eight month agricultural pumping season, April through November, 1988. The rebate will be calculated after consideration of Agricultural Pumping Service Experimental Seasonal Credit, Schedule No. PA-21, and any other applicable discounts. PP&L should maintain clear and accurate accounting records of all rebates provided to customers.
4. All rebate checks will be issued by January 31, 1989, and this experimental program shall expire without further action of PP&L or this Commission on January 31, 1989.

THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED that:

1. PP&L is authorized to file tariff sheets extending this experimental program "Agricultural Pumping Service Experimental Ten Percent Seasonal Rebate Schedule No. PA-22.
2. Pacific Power & Light Company shall establish a memorandum account to record the revenue loss associated with the 10% rebates for the sales under this discounted schedule. Pacific Power & Light Company shall not be allowed to recover from other California customers the effect of the proposed rebates under this experimental schedule.
3. This Resolution is effective today.

I certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its regular meeting on May 11, 1988. The following Commissioners approved it:

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