

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMISSION ADVISORY
AND COMPLIANCE DIVISION
ENERGY BRANCH

RESOLUTION E-3124
December 19, 1988

R E S O L U T I O N

RESOLUTION E-3124. SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY (SDG&E). ORDER AUTHORIZING REVISION TO ELECTRIC RULE NO. 14.1, PROHIBITIONS AND CURTAILMENT PROVISIONS, TO CLARIFY THE USE OF DECORATIVE LIGHTING.

ADVICE LETTER 752-E, FILED NOVEMBER 14, 1988

SUMMARY

1. SDG&E requests authorization to modify Section B.1.a. of Electric Rule No. 14.1, Prohibitions And Curtailment Provisions, to allow the use of decorative lighting during non-daylight hours, except during periods of supply shortages.
2. In addition, SDG&E seeks to modify Section C of Rule 14.1, Notification, to include language regarding customer notification of the existence of a supply shortage.
3. This resolution grants the request.

BACKGROUND

1. The restrictions on decorative lighting contained in Rule 14.1 date back to the 1976-77 California drought and the prior 1973-74 Arab Oil Embargo. Nighttime decorative lighting was curtailed at that time, not only to save oil and gas, but as a symbolic gesture to encourage energy conservation.
2. Since no electrical supply shortages are expected during any nighttime period during the foreseeable future, the proposed revision to allow nighttime decorative lighting, except during periods of electrical energy shortages, will have no appreciable undesirable effects.

3. The proposed notification provision would allow for public announcements or other appropriate means to curtail unnecessary decorative lighting, depending on the urgency of the situation.

4. The change requested in Section B.1.a. is identical with that approved for Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) by Commission Resolution E-3032, dated May 13, 1987 and for Southern California Edison Company (SCE) by Commission Resolution E-3106, dated September 14, 1988. The notification requirement as shown in the revision to Section C of Rule No. 14.1 is identical to that approved by the SCE resolution.

5. This filing has been reviewed by the Energy Branch of the Commission Advisory & Compliance Division (CACD). CACD has no objections to the proposed revisions.

6. Public notification of this filing has been made by mailing copies of the filing to other utilities, governmental agencies and to all interested parties who requested such notification. No protests to this filing have been received by the CACD.

7. The utility alleges, and the CACD concurs, that this filing will not increase or decrease any rate or charge, conflict with other schedules or rules nor cause the withdrawal of service. The utility also contends, and CACD further concurs, that no cost information for this filing is required, therefore none has been prepared.

8. The utility requests that this filing become effective on regular notice, which is 40 days after the date of filing, namely December 24, 1988.

FINDINGS

1. SDG&E's request to modify its Rule 14.1, regarding Prohibitions and Curtailment Provisions, as discussed above, is just and reasonable.

2. Commission approval of this filing will permit SDG&E's electric tariffs to coincide with the tariffs of other electric utilities as previously approved by prior Commission resolutions.

THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED that:

1. San Diego Gas & Electric Company is authorized to modify its Electric Rule No. 14.1, Prohibitions And

Curtailement Provisions as presented by Advice Letter 752-E.

2. Advice Letter 752-E and accompanying tariff sheets shall be marked to show that they were approved for filing by Commission Resolution E-3124.

3. The effective date of the above tariff sheets shall be 40 days after the date of filing, namely December 24, 1988. This Resolution is effective today.

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its regular meeting on December 19, 1988. The following Commissioners approved it:

STANLEY W. HULETT
President
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FREDERICK R. DUDA
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