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Energy Branch

RESOLUTION E-3168
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R E S O L U T I O N

RESOLUTION E-3168. PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY
REQUESTS APPROVAL OF LANGUAGE CHANGES IN ITS ELECTRIC
TARIFFS, INCLUDING THE LINE EXTENSION RULE.

BY ADVICE LETTER 1269-E, FILED ON NOVEMBER 7, 1989

SUMMARY

1. By Advice Letter 1269-E, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) submits for approval minor revisions to its preliminary statement and rules, including Rule 15.1 - "Underground Extensions Within New Residential Subdivisions and Residential Developments."
2. California Public Utilities Code (Code) Section 783 prescribes procedures to allow changes to gas and electric utilities' rules regarding extensions of service.
3. This Resolution finds that the requested changes do not affect the substantive provisions of Rule 15.1 and approves the Advice Letter.

BACKGROUND

1. PG&E has filed Advice Letter 1269-E to make minor revisions to its Preliminary Statement and Rules 1, 3 and 15.1. The revisions include removing gender specific language, changing the terms "Company" or "Utility" to "PG&E," and various other changes to make PG&E's gas and electric rules consistent with each other.

2. Code Section 783 restricts the Commission's ability to authorize modifications of service extension rules, which includes PG&E's Electric Rule 15.1. Specifically, the section states

"(a) . . . [T]he commission shall not investigate amending these rules or issue any orders or decisions which amend these rules, unless the investigation or proceeding for the issuance of the order or decision is conducted pursuant to subdivision (b).

(b) Whenever the commission institutes an investigation into the terms and conditions for the extension of services provided by gas and electrical corporations to new or existing customers, or considers issuing an order or decision amending those terms or conditions, the commission shall make written findings on all of the following issues:

(1) The economic effect of the line and service extension terms and conditions upon agriculture, residential housing, mobilehome parks, rural customers, urban customers, employment, and commercial and industrial buildings and development.

(2) The effect of requiring new or existing customers applying for an extension to an electrical or gas corporation to provide transmission or distribution facilities for other customers who will apply to receive line and service extensions in the future.

(3) The effect of requiring a new or existing customer applying for an extension to an electrical or gas corporation to be responsible for the distribution of, reinforcements of, relocations of, or additions to that gas or electrical corporation.

(4) The economic effect of the terms and conditions upon projects, including redevelopment projects, funded or sponsored by cities, counties, or districts.

(5) The effect of the line and service extension regulations, and any modifications to them, on existing ratepayers.

(6) The effect of the line and service extension regulations, and any modifications to them, on the consumption and conservation of energy.

(7) The extent to which there is cost-justification for a special line and service extension allowance for agriculture."

3. The requested changes to Rule 15.1 in PG&E's Advice Letter define the acronym "ITCC" as "Income Tax Component of Contributions," correctly number two paragraphs that are incorrectly numbered, and substitute "PG&E" for "Utility."

4. The other changes to PG&E's tariff requested in the Advice Letter consist of (1) adding the definition to the Electric tariff of the term "Residential Dwelling Unit" in Rule 1 - "Definitions" to make it consistent with PG&E's Gas Rule 1, (2) removing gender references in Rule 3 - "Application for Service," and (3) printing Parts J and K of the Preliminary Statement on separate pages. Also, throughout the new tariff sheets the term "PG&E" was substituted for "Utility" or "Company."

NOTICE

1. Public notice of this filing was made by mailing copies of the advice letter to other utilities, governmental agencies and to all interested parties who requested such notification. Notice of the advice letter filing was published in the Commission calendar on November 13, 1989.

DISCUSSION

1. The purpose of Code Section 783 is to prevent substantive changes to the existing service extension rules without due consideration being given to all interests, including those enumerated in Section 783(b).

2. The Commission Advisory and Compliance Division (CACD) believes that the proposed revisions to Rule 15.1 are nonsubstantive, and simply make the existing rule more understandable, while not changing the effect or meaning of any provision. CACD recommends that the language changes to Rule 15.1 be adopted.

3. CACD also recommends that the other changes requested in the Advice Letter be adopted.

PROTESTS

1. No protests have been received by CACD.

FINDINGS

1. Code Section 783 establishes an extensive procedure for making substantive changes to gas and electric utilities' service extension rules.

2. Advice Letter 1269-E would make nonsubstantive changes to PG&E's electric Rule 15.1, "Underground Extensions Within New Residential Subdivisions and Residential Developments."

3. The changes requested clarify PG&E's Rule 15.1 and do not change the meaning of any provision regarding extension of service.

4. These changes are reasonable and should be allowed.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Advice Letter 1269-E and accompanying tariff sheets shall be marked to show that they were approved by Commission Resolution E-3168.
2. This Resolution is effective today.

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its regular meeting on December 18, 1989. The following Commissioners approved it:

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