

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMISSION ADVISORY AND  
COMPLIANCE DIVISION  
Energy Branch

RESOLUTION E-3293  
DECEMBER 3, 1992

R E S O L U T I O N

RESOLUTION E-3293. SAN DIEGO GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY REQUESTS AUTHORITY TO DEVIATE FROM ITS RULE NO. 9. RENDERING AND PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR SERVICE TO VARIOUS INSTALLATIONS OWNED BY THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (CALTRANS) UNDER A SPECIAL CONTRACT.

BY ADVICE LETTER 855-E. FILED ON AUGUST 26, 1992.

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SUMMARY

1. San Diego Gas and Electric Company (SDG&E) requests approval of a contract it has signed with the State of California, Department of Transportation (CALTRANS) under which CALTRANS will be billed for a flat monthly kilo-watthour consumption instead of the actual measured energy use.
2. This Resolution grants the request.

BACKGROUND

1. CALTRANS has thirteen installations, (traffic signals, street illumination lights, automatic sprinkler controls, etc.) using electric service provided by SDG&E. SDG&E is currently billing these installations using meters and billing on Tariff Schedule A. "General Service".
2. Because of the hazardous exposure to SDG&E employees when they read these meters SDG&E and CALTRANS have agreed to use this monthly amount as the flat monthly kilowatt-hour consumption and charges are at the appropriate current Schedule A, General Service rate instead of reading the meters each month at these thirteen locations. The monthly estimate was made using the actual amount of consumption at each installation for a period of 31 months.

NOTICE:

1. Public notice of this filing has been made by publication in the Commission's calendar on August 26, and by mailing copies to adjacent utilities.

**PROTESTS**

1. No protests to this filing have been received by the Commission Advisory and Compliance Division (CACD).

**DISCUSSION**

1. SDG&E and CALTRANS consider SDG&E's meters installed at these thirteen locations to be in locations hazardous to persons reading the meters.

2. To reduce the hazardous exposure to SDG&E's employees in reading these meters, both parties agree to a deviation contract for service at these locations.

3. The request is to bill at a flat rate for the energy used at these thirteen locations. The flat rate will be determined by assuming the monthly average consumption for the preceeding 31 months and using the energy rates from Tariff Schedule A - GENERAL SERVICE to compute the monthly charges.

4. CACD recommends approval of this filing.

**FINDINGS**

1. Current electric meter installations at thirteen locations in the SDG&E distribution system require meter readers to work in a hazardous situation when reading the installed meters.

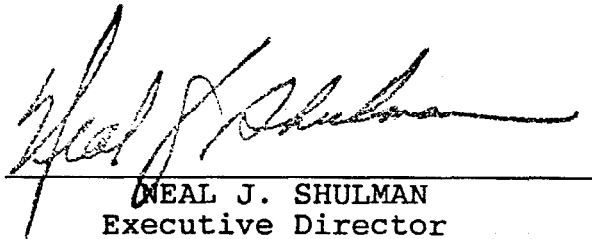
2. Requiring SDG&E's employees to expose themselves to the possibility of injury to read these meters is not necessary.

3. The meters have all been installed for a period in excess of thirty-one months. Therefore reasonable estimates of electric energy consumption were possible.

**THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:**

1. Advice Letter 855-E shall be marked to show that it, with the attached contract, was approved by Commission Resolution E-3293.
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 3, 1992. The following Commissioners approved it:



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