

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION NO. G-2076

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RESOLUTION

UTILITIES DIVISION
BRANCH/SECTION: Gas
DATE: May 10, 1977

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SUBJECT: Request to Withdraw Filed Tariff Rule on Less than Statutory Notice

WHEREAS: SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY, by Advice Letter No. 1068, filed April 18, 1977, having requested Commission approval to file revised Cal. P.U.C. Sheets Nos. 14921-G and 14922-G for the purpose of withdrawing Rule No. 23.1 under the following provisions:

1. Rule No. 23.1, Interim Emergency Order Prohibitions Conservation and Curtailment Provisions, was filed by Advice Letter No. 1047 in accordance with the provisions of Decision No. 86932 in Case No. 9642, and subsequently revised on February 28, 1977, by Advice Letter No. 1051 in accordance with the provisions of Decision No. 87017.
2. The purpose of establishing Rule No. 23.1 was to limit nonessential use of natural gas in California in order that this gas might be used to alleviate serious shortages of natural gas elsewhere in the United States.
3. It is the contention of the utility that since the crisis of the gas shortage in the Eastern United States is no longer imminent, that it would unnecessarily prolong the hardships and discomforts on its own customers to continue Rule 23.1 in full force and effect.
4. Southern California Gas Co. requests permission to withdraw and cancel Rule No. 23.1 effective as soon as possible in order to coincide with the transition between winter and summer seasons.
5. It is the opinion of the Commission staff that, even though there is no longer a critical gas problem in the Eastern States at this time, that the continuing gas supply problems throughout the nation, make the abandonment of Rule 23.1 impractical.
6. We find that the continuous enforcement of Rule No. 23.1 is imperative to gas operations throughout Southern California; therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Authority be denied to Southern California Gas Co. to withdraw and cancel Rule No. 23.1.
2. Southern California Gas Company's Rule No. 23.1 shall remain in full force and effect until further order of this Commission.
3. The above advice letter and tariff sheets be marked to show that they were rejected by Resolution of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California No. G-2076. The effective date of this resolution is the date hereof. I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly introduced, passed and adopted at a regular conference of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California, held on the 10th day of May, 1977, the following Commissioners voting favorably thereon: