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RESOLUTION NO. G-2183

RESOLUTION

UTILITIES DIVISION
BRANCH/SECTION: Gas
DATE: March 7, 1978

SUBJECT: Order to Revise Tariff Schedules Resulting in More Restrictive Conditions.

WHEREAS: SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY, by Advice Letter No. 404-G, filed December 15, 1977, having requested authority under Section VI of General Order No. 96-A to file revised tariff sheets as set forth on Cal. P.U.C. Sheets Nos. 2616-G to 2618-G, inclusive, resulting in more restrictive conditions, as follows:

1. The utility proposes to close Schedule GL-2, Service From Liquefied Natural Gas Facilities- Alpine, to new customers and to any new load of existing non-domestic customers as of the effective date of the above tariff sheets.
2. Service to Alpine was authorized by Commission Decision No. 75404 and was filed by Advice Letter No. 241-G, dated March 13, 1969.
3. The current LNG tank and facilities at Alpine are now operating near capacity and tank setback requirements in existing and expected future building codes make it impossible to add additional storage capacity at the present site.
4. Moving the facilities or constructing a pipeline from existing natural gas distribution systems is economically infeasible in view of the fact that anticipated customer growth and density in Alpine is insufficient to warrant such system revisions.
5. The utility also proposes to revise both Schedule GL-2 and Schedule GL-1, Borrego, to make the taking of service contracts permissive rather than mandatory in view of the cost involved in taking such contracts and the infrequency of receiving new customers.
6. The Commission staff has conducted an investigation into this request and has inspected the facilities and the Community of Alpine and is in concurrence with the utility as to the necessity of closing the rate schedule to new customers but feels that a slight delay should be required in order to allow any imminent prospective home builder to apply for service prior to the deadline, and

WHEREAS: It is found that the growth potentials in the Alpine area do not warrant expansion of existing facilities which are currently operating near capacity, but that a delay of approximately four months should be required prior to closing the schedule in order to protect prospective home builders; therefore, good cause appearing.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Authority be granted under Section VI of General Order No. 96-A for San Diego Gas & Electric Company to place the above tariff sheets into effect July 1, 1978.

2. San Diego Gas & Electric Company be instructed to provide adequate notification through appropriate news media of the impending deadline date for the closure of Schedule GL-2 to all new customers.

3. The above tariff sheets be marked to show that they were accepted for filing by Resolution of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California No. G-2183. The effective date of this order 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 7th day of March, 1978, the following Commissioners voting favorably thereon:

Executive Director