

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION NO. G-2197

RESOLUTION

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

SUBJECT: Order Authorizing Revision to Tariff Rules Resulting in Increased Charges

WHEREAS: SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY by Advice Letter No. 1118, filed January 24, 1978, having requested authorization under Sections 454, 455, 490 & 701 of the Public Utilities Code to file revised tariff sheets modifying Rule No. 10, Reconnection Service Charge, to reflect changed conditions and problem areas, as set forth on Cal. P.U.C. Sheets 15112-G to 15114-G, inclusive, under the following conditions:

- 1. The utility proposes to increase the reconnection service charge from \$3.00 to \$5.00 in order to become closer to actual costs based on current labor costs and will be at a level comparable to that established for other utility companies.
2. The utility also proposes a charge of \$2.00 per unit, in addition to the initial charge of \$5.00 for the first unit, to cover the additional costs for restoring service to each unit of a multi-family complex served through a master meter.
3. The final charge proposed relates to unusual costs realized in situations arising from customer fraud or neglect whereby the utility is forced to pinch off service between the main and the property line rather than at the meter. The utility proposes to bill the customer the actual costs involved, which averages about \$240 per incident.
4. The estimated annual revenue impact of these changes is \$230,000 based on the increased reconnection charge and an estimate of the unusual cost clause, and

WHEREAS: We find that these rule revisions are reasonable and will provide assistance in controlling extra costs now being shared by other ratepayers; therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that:

- 1. Authority be granted under Sections 454, 455, 490 and 701 of the Public Utilities Code, for Southern California Gas Company to place the above tariff sheets into effect on this date.
2. The above advice letter and tariff sheets be marked to show that they were accepted for filing under Resolution of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California No. G-2197. 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 7th day of March, 1978, the following Commissioners voting favorably thereon: