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RESOLUTION NO. G-2198

R E S O L U T I O N

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

SUBJECT: Request to Provide Additional Natural Gas Service in Excess of 50 Mcfd Under Conditions Deviating from Filed Tariffs.

WHEREAS: SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY, by Advice Letter No. 1117, filed January 20, 1978 has requested Commission approval under the provisions of Decision No. 85189 and under Section 532 of the Public Utilities Code to supply gas in excess of 50 Mcfd and under conditions deviating from filed tariffs, to Mayfair Packing Company (Applicant) in Farmersville, Tulare County under the following conditions:

1. Applicant's request is for an additional average daily consumption of 269 Mcf in order to operate 14 additional direct-fired prune dryers, thereby raising his existing average daily consumption from 360 Mcf to 629 Mcf on a seasonal basis during the months of August and September.
2. Fuel oil cannot be used as an alternate fuel in this process since products of combustion could contaminate or damage the food product, and the industry is currently awaiting construction of a "proof-o -concept" commercial-size solar fruit dryer.
3. The agreement for service deviates from filed tariffs in that the Applicant agrees to pay the utility in advance of construction, \$5000 which is the estimated cost of constructing and upgrading the facilities required to serve this additional load.
4. Applicant meets the criteria for FPC Priority 2 classification (Docket No. RP72-6) and to deny service to this customer or other customers with similar direct-fired uses would reduce gas entitlements to California, however, the staff has taken the position that agreements deviating from filed tariffs which call for extra-ordinary advance payments should not be approved pending a decision in Case No. 10260, dealing with free-footage allowances, and

WHEREAS: We find that the request for additional service in excess of 50 Mcfd should be granted and that the Applicant should be classified in Priority 2A under the end-use criteria adopted in Decision No. 85189, but that the request for a deviation from filed tariffs by collecting the \$5000 cash advance should be denied; therefore, good cause appearing.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Authority be granted under the provisions of Decision No. 85189, for Southern California Gas Company to supply the requested service to Mayfair Packing Company, but that authority to carry out the terms of the filed contract under Section 532 of the Public Utilities Code be denied.
2. The above advice letter be marked to show that it was conditionally accepted for filing and the attached contract be marked to show that it was "Rejected" in its present form by Resolution of the State of California No. G-2198. 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: