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RESOLUTION NO. G-2256

RESOLUTION

UTILITIES DIVISION
BRANCH/SECTION: Gas
DATE: November 28, 1978

SUBJECT: Order Authorizing Rate Adjustment to Return Over-Collected Funds to Gas Engine Customers

WHEREAS: SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY (SoCal), by Advice Letter No. 1158, filed November 16, 1978, requests authority under Section 701 of the Public Utilities Code to temporarily reduce charges to its G-45, Gas Engine Service, Customers to return funds to said customers that had inadvertently been over-collected due to the following:

- 1. By Decision No. 87587, dated July 12, 1977, in Application No. 57196 the Commission authorized SoCal to adjust its rates to reflect increased purchased gas costs as set forth in Appendix A of said decision.
2. The above decision inadvertently set the rate for the G-45 schedule one cent per therm too high due to the fact that it had not been determined that all G-45 customers were classified as either Priority 1 or 2 and thus subject to a lower rate level.
3. This error was discovered and corrected on November 1, 1977 by Decision No. 88060 which required SoCal to reduce the G-45 rate schedule by one cent per therm for all future charges.
4. Thereafter, on December 13, 1977, a complaint was filed by one G-45 customer, Tehachapi-Cummings County Water District, in Case No. 10472, alleging overcharges for the period July 19, 1977 to November 1, 1977, and requesting a refund.
5. While a decision in Case No. 10472 is still pending, SoCal is proposing to provide a one time credit to each existing G-45 customer equal to one cent times the appropriate number of therms used by such customers during the period July 19, 1977 to November 1, 1977, with 7% interest to date credits start. Adoption of this Advice Letter will make Case No. 10472 moot.
6. Such credit would appear on each customers bill approximately 30 days following Commission authorization with any unused credit being carried forward to the next billing cycle. Refund checks will be mailed out to any applicable former or inactive G-45 customer.
7. Such action will result in a one-time revenue decrease of \$238,000 to the utility and SoCal proposes to provide this credit plus interest at 7% per annum contingent upon authority to include such \$238,000 in its PGA balancing account as unrecovered cost of gas, and

WHEREAS: We find that this procedure will provide prompt rate relief to customers that had previously been over-charged; therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Authority is granted by Sections 491 and 701 of the Public Utilities Code, effective this date for Southern California Gas Company to provide a one time credit of approximately \$238,000 plus 7% interest to its G-45 customers and to include such funds in its PGA balancing account as unrecovered cost of gas.

2. The above advice letter be marked to show that it was approved for filing by Resolution No. G-2256 of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California. 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 28th day of November, 1978, the following Commissioners voting favorably thereon:

Executive Director