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RESOLUTION NO. G-2371

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R E S O L U T I O N

UTILITIES DIVISION  
BRANCH/SECTION: Gas

DATE: September 3, 1980

**SUBJECT:** Order Authorizing Temporary Suspension of Parity Provisions for Natural Gas Service to Utility Electric Generation Plants Served by Southern California Gas Company

**WHEREAS:** SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY (SoCal) by Advice Letter No. 1224, filed August 15, 1980, requests authority to temporarily suspend parity provisions related to utility electric generation plant service as established by Decision No. 84512 and related tariff provisions; and

**WHEREAS:** SoCal has temporary access to supplies of natural gas in excess of total market availability which is further impacted by imported hydro-electric power and petroleum products; and

**WHEREAS:** A temporary elimination of the parity provisions and the greater use of available volumes of natural gas would be in the public interest; and

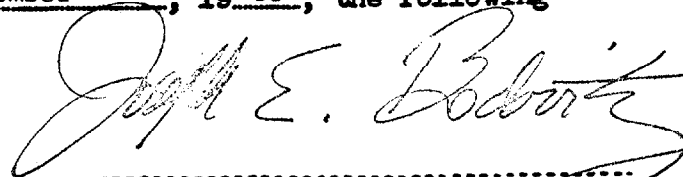
**WHEREAS:** We find that this request should be granted and that the provisions relating to parity as adopted in Decision No. 84512 be temporarily suspended; therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Authority be granted for Southern California Gas Company to supply gas service to utility electric generation plants outside of the parity provisions established by Decision No. 84512. Said provisions are hereby temporarily suspended. A deviation from its filed tariff and existing contracts to the extent necessary is also granted on a temporary basis.
2. Southern California Gas Company will commence refiling Supplement A of Rule 23 to be effective on November 22, 1980, when all utility electric generation customers will be deemed to be at parity among themselves. The percentages used for said filing will be those which reflect the respective fossil fuel requirements during the month of October 1980.
3. The above advice letter be marked to show that it was accepted for filing under Resolution No. G-2371 of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California. The effective date of this Resolution is the date hereof.

JOHN E. BRYSON  
President  
VERNON L. STURGEON  
RICHARD D. GRAVELLE  
CLAIRE T. DEORICK  
LEONARD M. CRIMES, JR.  
Commissioners

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 3rd day of September, 1980, the following Commissioners voting favorably thereon:



Executive Director

# SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY

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August 15, 1980

Advice No. 1224

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Southern California Gas Company (SoCal) hereby submits for filing revised tariff schedules applicable throughout the system, as follows:

<u>Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.</u>	<u>Title of Sheet</u>	<u>Canceling Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.</u>
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SoCal proposes the temporary suspension of parity provisions related to utility electric generation service as set forth in the filed tariff pursuant to Commission Decision No. 84512 in Application No. 53797 (Phase II) and as subsequently modified. Parity in delivery of natural gas, giving each utility electric generation customer (including wholesale utility electric generation) a specific share of available supplies of natural gas, was established by that decision.

The decision did not contemplate the current temporary surplus of natural gas supplies and its allocation and/or distribution among the utility electric generation customers. The decision primarily related to declining or limited natural gas supplies and the avoidance of undue discrimination in the allocation of those supplies among utility electric generation customers. As a result of that order, revisions to Rule 23 were implemented dealing with sequence of curtailment as well as the percentages of allocation of supply to these customers. In summary, the decision was useful in equitably allocating limited supplies, but is not applicable to the present supply situation. SoCal presently has temporary access to supplies of gas in excess of total market availability. Today's supply situation is further affected by the ready availability of imported hydro-electric power and petroleum products. These conditions constitute an unanticipated situation with respect to the maintenance of parity. Accordingly, SoCal proposes temporary suspension of Rule 23 in offering gas to utility electric generation customers, until November 22, 1980 when the winter season begins.

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Therefore, SoCal requests a deviation from Rule 23 and the requirement of the monthly filing of Supplement A of Rule 23, revising the allocation percentages of gas to the affected customers. The proposed deviation is short term, until November 22, at which time the filing of Supplement A of Rule 23 would resume and all utility electric generation customers would again revert to a status of parity among themselves. We propose that the percentages to be used at that time would be those which reflect the customers' respective fossil fuel requirements during the month of October 1980.

Prior to its submission for filing, SoCal reviewed this proposal with each of its customers that would be directly affected thereby, and none of them object to it. Therefore, SoCal requests that the Commission, pursuant to Sections 491 and 701 of the Public Utilities Code, authorize SoCal to deviate temporarily from the procedures, terms and conditions set forth in Decision No. 84512, SoCal's tariff and existing contracts (to the extent necessary) relating to parity of utility electric generation service.

It is requested that this filing become effective as soon as possible under Sections 491 and 701 of the Public Utilities Code (on less than statutory notice) because of the short time remaining prior to commencement of the coming winter season.

Pursuant to Section III.G. of General Order No. 96-A, copies of this filing are being sent to the parties listed on an attachment.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY

(Printed Name)  
R. M. LOCH

R. M. Loch, Vice President

Attachments

A T T A C H M E N T

Southern California Gas Company

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Burbank Public Service Department  
CP National  
California Manufacturers Association  
City of Anaheim Public Utilities Department  
City of Azusa Light and Power Department  
City of Banning Municipal Utilities  
City of Bellflower  
City of Lompoc Light and Water Department  
City of Los Angeles  
City of Riverside, Public Utilities Department  
Colton Bureau of Light & Water  
General Services Administration, San Francisco  
Glendale Public Service Department  
Imperial Irrigation District  
Long Beach Gas Department  
Los Angeles Department of Water and Power  
March Air Force Base  
Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Western Division  
Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
Pasadena Water and Power Department  
San Diego Gas & Electric Company  
San Gabriel Valley Water Company  
Southern California Edison Company  
Southwest Gas Corporation  
Toward Utility Rate Normalization  
Vandenberg Air Force Base

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