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RESOLUTION NO. G-2396

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UTILITIES DIVISION
BRANCH/SECTION: Gas
DATE: December 16, 1980

Director

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RETURN TO GAS BRANCH

SUBJECT: Southern California Gas Company. Order Authorizing Revision in Lifeline Allowances for Disabled Persons.

WHEREAS: SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY (SoCal), by Advice Letter No. 1238, filed December 1, 1980, requests authorization to revise the Lifeline Provisions of its residential tariff schedules applicable to its total rate area, as set forth on Cal. P.U.C. Sheets Nos. 15821-G to 15825-G, inclusive, under the following conditions:

1. The lifeline provisions are revised to include multiple sclerosis (MS) patients with paraplegic/quadriplegic and other disabled persons receiving an additional winter lifeline allowance.

2. Additionally, SoCal has included hemiplegic persons in this same category of disabled persons requiring additional lifeline allowances.

3. The additional allowance for MS and hemiplegic patients is the same as for paraplegic/quadriplegic persons, namely 15, 25 and 35 therms per month for full time residents in SoCal's climatic zones 1, 2 & 3, respectively.

4. This filing is a result of recent changes in Section 739 of the Public Utilities Code to include MS patients in the category of disabled persons requiring additional lifeline allowances, as prescribed by SB 1388, effective January 1, 1981.

5. SoCal also states that a notice will be sent, in December, to all residential customers informing them of the availability of additional lifeline allowance for MS and hemiplegic patients and how to apply if they qualify.

6. Some revenue reduction will be felt by SoCal by allowing additional lifeline allowances to other types of customer but it is impossible at this time to determine the extent of the revenue loss, and

WHEREAS: We find that this filing is reasonable and in keeping with the intent of SB 1388; therefore, good cause appearing,

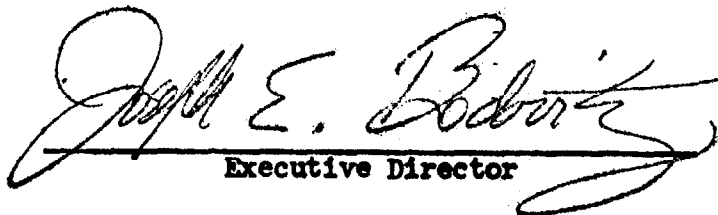
IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Authority is granted under Sections 701 and 739 of the Public Utilities Code for Southern California Gas Company to place the above tariff sheets into effect on January 1, 1981, which is the effective date of SB 1388.

2. The above advice letter and tariff sheets shall be marked to show that they were approved for filing by Resolution No. G-2396 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 December 16, 1980, the following Commissioners voting favorably thereon:

JOHN E. BRYSON
President
RICHARD D. GRAVELLE
CLAIRE T. DEDRICK
Commissioners


Executive Director