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RESOLUTION NO. G-2409

UTILITIES DIVISION
BRANCH/SECTION: Gas/Electric
DATE: January 21, 1981

RESOLUTION

SUBJECT: C. P. National, Gas & Electric Departments. Order Authorizing a Service Charge for Checks Returned from the Bank as "Unpaid".

WHEREAS: C. P. NATIONAL (CPN), by Advice Letters Nos. 160-G and 208-E, both filed December 18, 1980, requests authority to revise Rule No. 9, Rendering and Payment of Bills, in both its Gas and Electric Tariff Schedules, by adding a section on Returned Check Charges, as set forth on Cal. P.U.C. Sheets Nos. 901-G to 904-G, inclusive and Cal. P.U.C. Sheets Nos. 1340-E to 1342-E, inclusive, resulting in the following:

1. The establishment of a charge of $5.00 for unpaid checks is to offset the expense associated with handling returned checks. The intent of the charge is to collect from the customer who causes this increased cost of doing business rather than from the ratepayers in general.

2. The charge of $5.00 per returned check is established as the approximate level of the weighted average administrative and clerical costs of processing each returned check.

3. The establishment of this service charge will produce approximately $1,680 additional annual revenue for the Gas Department and about $1,800 for the Electric Department, which will offset "Bad Check" costs to the utility of approximately $3,480.

4. These filings will not conflict with other schedules or rules nor cause the withdrawal of service, and will not increase any rates or charges except as listed above, and

WHEREAS: We find that these revisions are justified; therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Authority is granted under Section 454 of the Public Utilities Code for C. P. National to place the above tariff sheets into effect on this date.

2. The above tariff sheets shall be marked to show that they were issued under Resolution No. G-2409 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 January 21, 1981**, the following Commissioners voting favorably thereon:**

JOHN E. BRYSON
President
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RICHARD D. GRAVELLE
[redacted]
LEONARD M. GRIMES, JR.
Commissioners

Joseph E. Bodovitz
Executive Director