

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

MANAGEMENT SERVICES DIVISION  
SAFETY DIVISION  
COMMISSION ADVISORY AND COMPLIANCE DIVISION

RESOLUTION G-3002  
June 17, 1992

R E S O L U T I O N

RESOLUTION G-3002. PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY, SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY, SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION, AND WASHINGTON WATER POWER COMPANY - ADOPTS PUBLIC UTILITY GAS CORPORATION SURCHARGE FOR MOBILEHOME PARK SAFETY INSPECTION AND ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 1992-1993 AND AUTHORIZES TARIFF FILINGS.

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SUMMARY

1. The Commission enforces certain mobilehome park safety standards and funds this activity by a surcharge on mobilehome park operators. Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Southern California Gas Company, San Diego Gas & Electric Company, Southwest Gas Corporation, and Washington Water and Power Company collect the surcharge and have filed tariff schedules specifying the surcharge.

2. This Resolution reduces the surcharge rate from \$0.29 per tenant per month for the period from July 1, 1991 through June 30, 1992 to \$0.22 from July 1, 1992 to June 30, 1993. This complies with Section 4358(c) of the Public Utilities Code, which specifies that the surcharge shall not exceed 25 cents per tenant per month after July 1, 1992.

BACKGROUND

1. Sections 4351 through 4358 of the Public Utilities Code (Code) became law on January 1, 1991. They designate the Commission as the enforcement agency for establishing and implementing a gas safety inspection and enforcement program (Program) for mobilehome parks with master-metered natural gas distribution systems (MHPs). The Commission is to verify compliance with federal and state pipeline safety laws and regulations, including the Commission's General Order 112-D.

2. Section 4358 authorizes recovery of the Commission's Program expenses through a surcharge on mobilehome park operators. The maximum surcharge was set at \$0.30 per tenant per month from July 1, 1991 to June 30, 1992. Thereafter the maximum surcharge reduces to a rate of \$0.25 per tenant per

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month. Resolution M-4760 set the surcharge at \$0.29 per tenant per month from July 1, 1991 to June 30, 1992.

### DISCUSSION

1. For the first year of operation of the mobilehome park program (Fiscal Year 1991-1992), the mobile home park safety unit operated with 17 person-months less than needed, thereby creating a surplus of funds. For the Fiscal Year 1992-1993, Safety Division estimates an expense of \$635,000 after taking into account the surplus. A surcharge of \$0.22 per tenant per month appears sufficient to recover the reduced expenses based on data used in Resolution M-4760 to establish the original \$0.29 surcharge. \$0.22 per tenant per month times 12 months times 246,111 MHP tenants or spaces will produce \$650,000. (See Appendix A.) More refined information is anticipated next year when Safety has completed computer programs to extract summary information on the number of mobile home parks, the number of tenants, and historical sales to this customer class. A \$0.22 surcharge is below the legal maximum of \$0.25 per tenant per month.

2. The gas utilities' tariffs now provide for the collection of a \$0.29 surcharge. Surcharge collection at the reduced rate should continue and should be collected by gas utilities from all master-metered MHP operators for bills rendered on and after July 1, 1992.

3. The Management Services Division, the Safety Division, and the Commission Advisory and Compliance Division have reviewed this Resolution which is in compliance with Public Utilities Code Section 4358.

### FINDINGS

1. Sections 4351 through 4358 of the Public Utilities Code (Code) designate the Commission as the enforcement agency for the gas safety inspection and enforcement program for mobilehome parks with master-metered natural gas distribution systems (MHPs). The provisions of the Code became operative on July 1, 1991.

2. Section 4358 authorizes recovery of the Commission's Program expenses through a uniform billing per therm surcharge on mobile home park operators. A reasonable surcharge for the fiscal year 1992-1993 is \$0.22 per tenant per month. This does not exceed the legal maximum of \$0.25 per tenant per month.

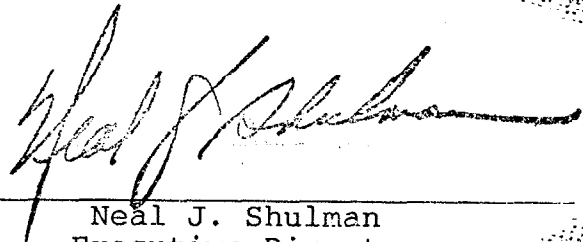
3. The fees, as collected, should be separately identified and forwarded to the Commission at the same time and in the same fashion now collected for the Program.

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**THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:**

1. The surcharge for the gas safety inspection and enforcement program (Program) for mobilehome parks with master-metered natural gas distribution systems (MHPs) shall be \$0.22 per mobilehome space per month for the period from July 1, 1992 until June 30, 1993.
2. Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Southern California Gas Company, San Diego Gas & Electric Company, Southwest Gas Corporation, and Washington Water and Power Company shall file advice letters on or before July 1, 1992 to be effective July 1, 1992 reflecting the reduced surcharge in tariff rate schedules, and the revised preliminary statements.
3. The fees, as billed, shall be separately identified and forwarded to the Commission as presently administered.
4. This Resolution is effective today.

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its regular meeting on June 17, 1992. The following Commissioners approved it:



Neal J. Shulman  
Executive Director

DANIEL Wm. FESSLER  
President  
JOHN B. OHANIAN  
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Commissioners

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Appendix A

UTILITY RESPONSES TO DATA REQUEST  
ON MOBILEHOME PARKS  
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Company	With submeters			Without Submeters		
	MHPs	Customers	1990 Sales in Therms	MHPs	Cust.	1990 Sales In Therms
SWG	51	3120	1666818	0	0	0
Wash. Water and Power	16	551	513364	1	9	2986
SDG&E	220	22854	10532554	30	579	216242
SoCal Gas	1424	129233	64413811	191	6440	2583183
PG&E	986	80665	45193504	204	2660	1167268
Total	2697	236423	122320051	426	9688	3969679

Total Sales = 126,289,730 Therms per year

Estimated Revenue Req't. \$635,000 Fiscal 1991-1992

Rev. Req't. per therm = \$0.00503

Total No. of Units = 246,111 Mobile Home Units

Avg. Sales per Unit = 513 Therms per Unit/Year

Avg. Mo. Rev. Req'd. \$635,000/12/246,111 = \$0.22 Per Unit Per Month