PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMISSION ADVISORY AND COMPLIANCE DIVISION Energy Branch

RESOLUTION G-3020 DECEMBER 16, 1992

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION G-3020. CALNEV PIPE LINE COMPANY REQUESTS AUTHORITY TO; INCREASE DEMURRAGE CHARGES, IMPOSE A LATE PAYMENT FEE ON OVERDUE ACCOUNTS, ADD TWO NEW DESTINATION POINTS, AND REVISE LANGUAGE TO CONFORM WITH THE LANGUAGE IN TARIFFS FILED WITH THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION.

BY ADVICE LETTER 8. FILED ON OCTOBER 21, 1992.

SUMMARY

- 1. Calnev Pipe Line Company (CANV) requests authority to; increase demurrage charges imposed from one (1) cent per barrel per day to five (5) cents per barrel per day after the owner of petroleum products receives a notice from CANV to remove their material, impose a late payment fee of one and one-half percent (1 1/2%) per month on over due bills, add two additional destination points, Yermo and Baker, both located in San Bernardino County, California and revise language to conform with the language in tariffs filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).
- 2. The first two requested items require the formal approval of the Commission, the last two requested items could have been approved without formal Commission approval.
- 3. This Resolution grants the request.

BACKGROUND

1. CANV provides pipeline service for refinery products from Colton, San Bernardino County, California to Las Vegas, Nevada, and to intermediate points Adelanto and Barstow in California. Only shipments starting and ending in California are under the regulation of the Commission. Shipments to Las Vegas, Nevada are regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

NOTICE:

1. Public notice of this filing has been made by publication in the Commission's calendar on August 26, and by mailing copies to adjacent utilities.

PROTESTS

1. No protests to this filing have been received by the Commission Advisory and Compliance Division (CACD).

DISCUSSION

- 1. Demurrage charges are imposed when a shipper does not remove their material from the facilities of the transporter on a timely basis. If the material is not removed on a timely basis the utility transporting the material can not use its facilities for the transportation of additional material, denying the use of the pipeline to other shippers of petroleum products.
- 2. CANV will permit a shipper to store an average of ten (10) days shipment of material before sending the shipper an EVACUATION NOTICE. When a shipper receives an Evacuation Notice any excess material not removed from the shippers terminal storage tanks will be subject to a demurrage charge of five (5) cents per barrel per day until removed. CANV will permit shippers to store material on a first in first out basis without imposition of the demurrage charge if there is available storage capacity not needed by CANV for its operations within the next ten (10) days.
- 3. The Commission has permitted the imposition of late payment charges by the utilities which it regulates. The other pipeline carriers are authorized to assess a late payment charge at the maximum legal rate (currently ten per cent [10%]) ten (10) calendar days after the date of the invoice for the service provided. CANV is proposing to implement its late payment charges of one and one-half per cent $(1\ 1/2\%)$ per month twenty (20) days after the date of the billing invoice. CANV will provide twice the length of time period of FCPL before imposing its late payment charges.
- 4. The addition of two new destination points Yermo and Baker, both located in San Bernardino County, California being a service not previously provided, do not require formal Commission approval to be implemented.
- 5. Minor changes in language which will result in similar language in FERC tariffs and Commission tariffs, and do not result in increased charges to or more restrictive conditions being imposed upon the customers, also does not require formal Commission approval to be implemented.

6. The Commission Advisory and Compliance Division recommends approval of this Resolution.

FINDINGS

- 1. To achieve maximum use of the pipe line by shippers it is reasonable to impose a demurrage charge on those who, by not promptly removing their shipped material, may deny other shippers an opportunity to use the pipe line.
- 2. To encourage the prompt payment of charges to a utility, it is reasonable to authorize the collection of a late collection charge.
- 3. It does not require formal action by the Commission for a utility to provide service not previously available, or to make minor language in its filed tariffs.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

- 1. Advice Letter 8 shall be marked to show that it, with the attached contract was approved by Commission Resolution G-3020.
- 2. This Resolution is effective today.

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its regular meeting on December 16, 1992. The following Commissioners approved it:

NEAL J. SHULMAN Executive Director

DANIEL Wm. FESSLER
President
JOHN B. OHANIAN
PATRICIA M. ECKERT
NORMAN D. SHUMWAY
Commissioners

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMISSION ADVISORY AND COMPLIANCE DIVISION Energy Branch

RESOLUTION G-3019 JANUARY 22, 1993

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION G-3019. PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY REQUESTS AUTHORITY TO MAKE REFUNDS TO ITS STEAM, ELECTRIC, AND NATURAL GAS CUSTOMERS.

BY ADVICE LETTERS 101-H, 1406-E, AND 1710-G. FILED ON AUGUST 5, 1992.

SUMMARY

- Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) has previously filed refund plans to return over-collections to its customers. These previous plans were approved by the Commission. Refund 13, which refunded approximately \$30 million to electric, natural gas and steam customers, was approved by Resolution G-2417 dated March 17, 1981. Refund Plan 14, which refunded approximately \$77.7 million was approved by Resolution G-2637 dated April 3, 1985. Both refund plans permitted PG&E to retain 0.25% of the refunded amount for contingency purposes. PG&E proposes to allocate the amounts retained for contingency purposes, either to the customers who received a refund or to escheat to the State of California in accordance with the requirements of Code of Civil Procedure (CCP) \$1519.5. This additional refund (Refund Plan 16 for natural gas and Refund Plan 8 for electric and steam) would also return to PG&E customers approximately \$3.6 million, allocated similar to refund plans 13 and 14, of income tax refunds received subsequent to the above refunds. These refund plans are to distribute the remaining funds left over from refund plans 13 and 14 plus the income tax refund to the steam, electric and natural gas customers of PG&E.
- 2. This Resolution grants the request.

BACKGROUND

1. As of April 30, 1992, Refund Plan 13 had a balance of \$218,889.91 owing to identified customers which is scheduled to escheat to the State of California upon the approval of these filings.

- 2. As of April 30, 1992, Refund Plan 14 had a balance of \$223,000.00 owing to identified customers which is scheduled to escheat to the State of California upon the approval of these filings.
- 3. These amounts, plus interest accumulated since April 20, 1992, will escheat to the State of California upon Commission approval of this Resolution.
- 4. In the proposed plans, steam electric Refund Plan 8 and natural gas refund plan 16 (contingency funds from Refund Plans 123 and 14 and income tax refunds) PG&E proposes to allocate the total refund as follows: \$9,593,108.69 to its natural gas customers, \$2,714,272.37 to its electric customers and \$14,221.98 to its steam customers. PG&E proposes that the basis for allocations for Refund Plan 16 and Refund Plan 8 be the same as the allocations for Refund Plan 14 adjusted to reflect the restructuring of rates for natural gas service since May 1989.

NOTICE:

1. Public notice of this filing has been made by publication in the Commission's calendar on August 6, 1992 and by mailing copies to adjacent utilities.

PROTESTS

1. No protests to these filings have been received by the Commission Advisory and Compliance Division (CACD).

DISCUSSION

- 1. PG&E has funds in its possession which should either be refunded to its customers or escheat to the State of California under the the provisions of CCP §1519.5.
- 2. PG&E proposes to implement the refunds to its customers using a method similar to that used for Refund Plan 14. This implementation procedure was approved in Commission Resolution G-2632, dated April 3, 1985.
- 3. The sum of \$441,889.91 at present held by PG&E will escheat to the State of California upon approval of Advice Letters 101-H, 1406-E and 1710-G.
- 4. To reduce the number of rate changes to its customers PG&E is requesting authority to delay implementation of refund to its customers until after March 1, 1993.
- 5. The Commission Advisory and Compliance Division recommends approval of these filings.

FINDINGS

- 1. PG&E has funds in its possession which should be either distributed to its customers or escheat to the State of California in conformance with CCP 1519.5.
- 2. PG&E's proposal for implementing refunds to its customers is similar to the refund plan approved in Commission Resolution G-2632.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

- 1. Advice Letters 101-H, 1406-E and 1710-G shall be marked to show that they were approved by Commission Resolution G-3019.
- 2. The sum of \$441,889.91, plus interest accumulated since April 30, 1992 shall escheat to the State of California by Pacific Gas and Electric Company.
- 3. On or after February 1, 1993, but no later than April 30, 1993, Pacific Gas and Electric Company shall make refunds to its customers by application of the refund amount as a credit to their monthly bills. In case of former customers PG&E will issue refund checks.
- 4. Within eighteen (18) months of the approval of this Resolution Pacific Gas and Electric Company shall file a report with CACD as to the amounts refunded to its customers and a proposal to dispose of any remaining balance.
- 5. This Resolution is effective today.

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its regular meeting on January 22, 1993. The following Commissioners approved it:

NEAL J. SHULMAN Executive Director

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July 28, 1994



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Re: Interim Status Report

Refund Plan 16

Dear Mr. Coughlan:

This is to provide you with an interim status report on PG&E's customer refund plan known as "Refund Plan 16," which was authorized by Resolution G-3019, dated January 22, 1993 (and later modified by Decision 94-03-025, dated March 9, 1994). The status of Refund Plan 16 as of July 22, 1994 is as follows:

Total amount refunded: \$6,841,471.

Amount remaining for distribution: \$2,783,535 (includes interest as of December 1993).

If you have any questions regarding the above, please call me at (415) 973-3652.

Sincerely,

John P. Clarke Tariffs Supervisor