

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMISSION ADVISORY AND
COMPLIANCE DIVISION
Energy Branch

RESOLUTION G-3029
January 22, 1993

R E S O L U T I O N

RESOLUTION G-3029. WP NATURAL GAS REQUEST FOR
AUTHORIZATION TO REFUND TO ITS CUSTOMERS AMOUNTS
RECEIVED FROM ITS SUPPLIERS OF NATURAL GAS.

BY ADVICE LETTER C-9-G, FILED ON AUGUST 3, 1992.

SUMMARY

1. WP Natural Gas (WPNG) requests authority to refund to its customers refunds (an estimated \$2,608,225.60 plus interest) which it has received from its suppliers of natural gas; Southwest Gas (SWG), Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) Northwest Pipeline Corporation (Northwest) and Paiute Pipeline Company. (Paiute).
2. This resolution approves the request.

BACKGROUND

1. WP Natural Gas received refunds from Southwest Gas, Southern California Gas Company, Northwest Pipeline Corporation, and Paiute Pipeline Company. SWG refunds were authorized by Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) rulings in Docket Numbers RP82-96-00, CP87-309, and RP81-3. FERC rulings in Dockets RP88-47 and RP88-227 authorize the refunds made by Northwest and Paiute, respectively.

DISCUSSION

1. WPNG proposes to apply the refund to its customers' bills as a bill credit. WPNG requests that this refund plan, Refund Plan 1, become effective on February 1, 1993.
2. WPNG has estimated that the typical refund for each residential customer will be a one time refund of \$127 while the typical refund for each commercial customer will be \$755.

3. WPNG's proposal meets the refund requirements established by the California Supreme Court in California Manufacturers Association vs Public Utilities Commission (1979) 24 Cal 3rd 836, Cal Rptr 676, 598 Pac 2nd 836. These requirements are: (1) to the maximum extent possible refunds shall be returned to the customers who paid the funds now being refunded, and (2) for those customers to whom the amount of the refund is difficult to determine there may be a rate reduction to their class.

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 of the filing to adjacent utilities and government entities.

PROTESTS

1. No protests to this Advice Letter were received by the Commission Advisory and Compliance Division.

FINDINGS

1. WPNG has received refunds from its suppliers of natural gas which should be returned to its natural gas customers.

2. CACD finds that WPNG's proposed refund plan as described in Attachment A of Advice letter C-9-G is just and reasonable.

THEREFORE,

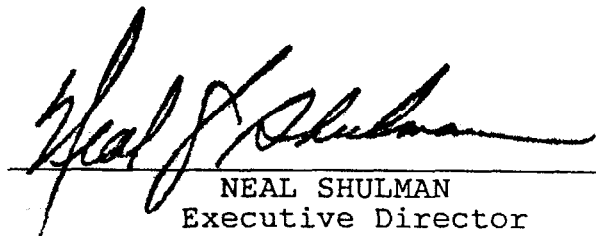
IT IS ORDERED that:

1. WP Natural Gas is authorized to distribute refunds to customers as proposed in this Advice Letter.

2. Advice Letter C-9-G as submitted by WP Natural Gas shall be marked to show that it was approved for filing and for implementation, as modified, by Commission Resolution G-3029.

3. 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 SHULMAN
Executive Director

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