

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMISSION ADVISORY AND
COMPLIANCE DIVISION
Energy Branch

RESOLUTION G-3030
January 22, 1993

R E S O L U T I O N

RESOLUTION G-3030. SAN DIEGO GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO REVISE RATES FOR STEAM SERVICE RESULTING FROM THE STEAM REVENUE ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM BALANCING ACCOUNT AND BASE RATES REVISIONS.

BY ADVICE LETTERS 175-H and 175-H-A, FILED ON OCTOBER 13, 1992 and NOVEMBER 20, 1992, respectively.

SUMMARY

1. San Diego Gas and Electric Company (SDG&E) requests authority to increase its rates for steam service by of \$745,692. This results from an increase in the Steam Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (SRAM) of \$836,057 and a decrease in the steam Energy Cost Adjustment Clause (ECAC) of \$90,365.
2. This Resolution grants the requested authority.

BACKGROUND

1. The ECAC for Steam Service, Preliminary Statement, Section 7, was initially filed by Advice Letter 95-H on January 28, 1977 to make the tariffs of the Steam Department consistent with the tariffs of the Electric Department. Advice Letter 95-H was authorized for filing by Resolution G-2044, on March 1, 1977. The Steam ECAC is designed to offset the fluctuating cost of fuel required to produce steam.
2. The SRAM, Preliminary Statement Section 8, was initially filed by Advice Letter 129-H in compliance with Decision (D.) 83-12-065, Ordering Paragraph 1. Effective January 1, 1984, a balancing account and method of implementing rate revisions was established to offset fluctuations in the Steam Department Base Rate Revenues.
3. The current SRAM rates and ECAC adjustment rates have been in effect since January 22, 1993. They were filed by Advice Letter 173-H. The rate revisions filed by Advice Letter 173-H were approved by Resolution G-3005, dated July 1, 1992.

NOTICE:

1. Public notice of these filings has been made by publication in the Commission's calendar on October 13, 1992, by mailing copies of the filings to adjacent utilities, government entities and other interested parties.

PROTESTS

1. No protests to these Advice Letters were received by the Commission Advisory and Compliance Division.

DISCUSSION

1. At present, SDG&E provides steam service to 7 accounts. Four customers have left or have committed to leaving the steam system in the last five months. Therefore, SDG&E expects smaller steam sales, which will make it difficult for SDG&E to meet its steam sales revenue requirement.

2. SDG&E is eager to implement this rate increase to collect from customers who are still on the system.

3. CACD has reviewed this filing and has determined that the rate revisions are in accordance with the Preliminary Statement of SDG&E's filed Steam Tariffs.

4. SDG&E requested an effective date of January 1, 1993. However, adequate review time and the requirement of a resolution to authorize this rate increase have delayed presenting this matter to the Commission before this time. Therefore, this resolution and the rates in Advice Letter 175-H-A should be effective immediately.

FINDINGS

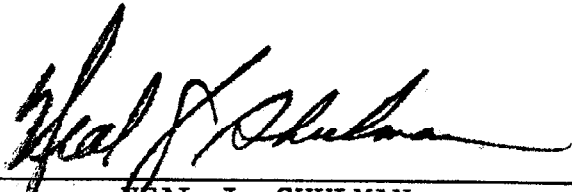
1. The rate increases contained in this filing are necessary, reasonable, below the limit specified in G.O. 96-A Section 6 and should be adopted.

2. Any under-collection due to the delay in implementation of these rate revisions until this date will flow into the respective balancing accounts.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

1. San Diego Gas and Electric Company is authorized to increase its rates for steam service in conformance with the rates proposed in Advice Letter 175-H-A.
2. This Resolution is effective today.

I hereby certify that Resolution G-3030 was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its regular meeting on January 22, 1993. The following Commissioners approved it:



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