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Companies File for Rate Increase

The PL utilities Companies have applied to the California Public Utilities Commission for an increase in their rates of about nine percent. This will produce added revenue of \$64.2 million a year, based on Test Year 1972, if approved. Filing date was Friday, June 18.

If the full rate request is approved by the CPUC a typical residential gas bill will go up an average of 91 cents a month.

The major reasons for the Companies' filing are:

- To meet higher costs of doing business which are the result of inflationary pressures. In the last 10 years, the cost of living in southern California has risen 33 percent. If the proposed rates are approved, gas rates in southern California in the last 10 years will still have shown a rate of increase of only two-thirds of that of the cost of living.
- To provide for the costs of seeking new gas supplies and for acquisition of new storage facilities to help meet peak-day demands for gas. The national gas supply shortage is having an effect on the Com-

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Irene McCune Serves As B P W President

North Basin's Irene McCune wears two hats these days. One hat is for Secretary #2 to Division General Superintendent Frank Whipple. The other hat is for the presidency of the Newhall-Saugus Business and Professional Women's Club.

Mrs. McCune, who has worked her entire 22 year Gas Co. career at the Pine Street building in Newhall, joined the Newhall-Saugus B.P.W. in 1967. She has served as head of several committees, was vice president last year and assumed the presidency on May 1 for a one-year term.

Under her direction the club participates in "Girl's Week" programs at the two local high schools. She presents scholarship awards on behalf of the club to outstanding female business students.

Members of the Newhall-Saugus B.P.W. assist wherever possible. They are active in the local Fourth of July parade. The club is always represented at the local chamber of commerce meetings.

In addition to her other duties as president, Mrs. McCune works to keep her members informed on local political issues and legislation. She arranges to have local judges, politicians and business leaders give talks at club meetings. In the past, local judges Adrian Adams and C. M. McDougal and Lieutenant Governor Ed Reineke have addressed the club.

-Dick Albertson

Employees Will Celebrate July 4 on Monday July 5

The Employee Communications Staff would like to remind its fellow employees that July 4 is the fourth of eight scheduled Company holidays for 1971.

Since the Fourth of July falls on a Sunday, July 5 will be celebrated as a day off for most Company employees.



Photo by Ed Delaney

Now everyone can do his bit for ecology. Just follow the example of Accounting's Larkie Stolze

in bringing a cup for coffee or tea from home. Using throw away cups adds to the trash problem.

Potential Gas Reserves Show Slight Drop from 1968 Report

Figures released recently by the Potential Gas Committee show a slight drop during the past two years in the estimated amount of yet-to-be discovered natural gas in the lower 48 states, Alaska and U.S. offshore areas.

The report issued by the committee estimates the potential amount of natural gas in this country at the end of last year is 1,178 trillion cubic feet. This compares with 1,227 trillion cf as estimated for the period ending Dec. 31, 1968. Hawaii was not included in either study.

The latest figure on potential reserves is about four times the proved reserves, which are 290 trillion cf. For comparison, 22 trillion cf of natural gas was used by consumers in this country during 1970.

The Potential Gas Committee is made up of industry and government experts from throughout the United States. The committee issued its first report at the end of 1966.

While the figure for 1970 potential supplies is somewhat lower than 1968, the committee pointed out that much of the change is in the "speculative" category. As new information is developed, speculative estimates may vary widely from report to

report, the committee said.

Potential supplies are broken into three different categories. "Speculative" is in new territories where there is no present production and the estimates are based on a minimum of knowledge. "Probable" is gas associated with existing fields. "Possible" is gas in undiscovered fields in areas of established production.

The breakdown from the latest report is as follows (figures are in trillion cubic feet):

	Probable	Possible	Speculative	Total
Current report	257	387	534	1,178
1968 report	260	335	632	1,227
Net Change	-3	+52	-98	-49

The report, which covers major areas separately, also reveals that more than 60 percent of the potential supply of natural gas is deeper than 15,000 feet in the ground, or beneath the oceans bordering the U.S. to 1,500 feet water depth, or in the state of Alaska.

While the committee did not estimate how much it will cost to find and produce these new supplies, it did acknowledge that because of the location of most of the fields, it will be expensive.

QUIZ ON PL CORP.

How Much Do You Know?

What significant moves did the Pacific Lighting Companies make during the past year? How did the PL Companies fare in 1970?

Here's a quiz to check your knowledge of the Companies. Most of the questions are based on past *Pipeline* articles or from data in the annual report. On the multiple-choice questions, just circle the answer you believe is right.

Score yourself 10 for each correct answer. If you total 250 or better, you're an expert. A score of 200-240 gets a superior rating. A score of 150-190 is not bad.

(1) How many utility Companies are listed as PL Corp. subsidiaries in the annual Report.
A. 1 B. 2 C. 3 D. 4

(2) How many Pacific Lighting subsidiary Companies are there listed in the 1970 annual report?
A. 12 B. 17 C. 9 D. 21



Southern California Gas Co. has been around for many years. How far can you trace its family tree?

(3) Pacific Lighting Corporation can actually trace its lineage and interest in the gas distribution business to the year?

- A. 1886 B. 1867 C. 1907 D. 1915

(4) What is the name of the company to which Pacific Lighting Corporation can first trace its interest in the gas distribution business?

- A. Los Angeles Gass Co. B. Los Angeles Gas & Electric Co. C. Santa Maria Gas Co. D. Southern Counties Gas Co.

(5) Pacific Lighting Corporation has shareholders.

- A. 97,220 B. 80,684 C. 55,159 D. 62,393



Revcon Motorhomes are produced by which non-utility subsidiary of PL Corp.?

(6) Net 1970 income for the PL non-utility Companies was more than times their 1969 earnings.

- A. 6 B. 4 C. 3 D. 2

(7) Shareholders earned \$.....per common share in 1970.

- A. 1.94 B. 2.03 C. 0.97 D. 2.70

(8) Southern Counties Gas and Southern California Gas Cos. merged into one Company on.....?

- A. Aug. 1, 1970 B. July 31, 1970
C. Aug. 1, 1969 D. Jan. 1, 1970

(9) The president of Southern California Gas Co. is?

- A. W. Morton Jacobs B. Alan R. Bailey
C. Paul A. Miller D. Joseph R. Rensch

(10) W. D. Fowler & Sons, a PL subsidiary, is primarily interested inproducts?

- A. agricultural B. building
C. chemical D. commercial



Which of the non-utility subsidiaries grows pistachio nuts?

(11) The latest company or group of associates acquired by PL Corp. was?

- A. Dunn Properties B. Blue Goose Inc.
C. W. D. Fowler & Sons D. Fredricks Development

(12) William R. Bigelow is.....of PL Corp.

- A. treasurer B. secretary C. vice president
D. controller



Bill Bigelow holds an executive position with PL Corp. What is it?

(13) The following is *not* a PL Corp. subsidiary.

- A. Hawaii Real Property Corp. B. All-Year Weather, Inc. C. Don R. Cowell and Associates D. Pacific Pipeline Co.

14. Southern California Gas Co. distributes natural gas to customers in counties.

- A. 12 B. 8 C. 9 D. 5

(15) At the end of 1970, Southern California Gas Co. served a total of customers.

- A. 2,100,700 B. 2,655,000
C. 3,170,000 D. 3,300,000

(16) During 1970, Southern California Gas Co. gained customers.

- A. 20,000 B. 25,500 C. 35,000 D. 42,000

(17) Southern California Gas Co. has invested \$..... for each one of its customers.

- A. 145 B. 256 C. 341 D. 550

(18) The average monthly residential gas bill runs?

- A. \$3.51 B. \$5.59 C. \$8.51 D. \$10.78

(19) The average cost of heating a home with electricity for a one year period is \$152. What is the cost for that period with natural gas?

- A. \$125 B. \$105 C. \$92 D. \$78

(20) Within the Southern California Gas Co. service area what percent of the homes and commercial premises have natural gas heating systems?

- A. 75 B. 80 C. 90 D. 95

(21) The total sendout of natural gas in Mcf for 1970 was?

- A. 1,098,600,000 B. 166,898,000
C. 99,978,987 D. 78,989,000

(22) Southern California Gas and Pacific Lighting Service Cos. have a combined total ofmiles of transmission, storage and distribution pipelines.

- A. 10,563 B. 15,798 C. 31,895 D. 41,434

(23) The Pacific Lighting utility Companies paid \$..... for the gas they sold in 1970.

- A. 152,950,000 B. 276,900,000
C. 335,393,000 D. 357,400,000

(24) At the end of 1970, Southern California Gas Co. had regular employees.

- A. 5,600 B. 6,200 C. 7,400 D. 7,650

(25) At the end of 1970 Pacific Lighting Service Co. had regular employees.

- A. 500 B. 700 C. 1,000 D. 1,500

(26) Southern California Gas Co. is a member of TARGET. TARGET recently began field testing an experimental?

- A. vehicle B. fuel cell C. gas light
D. air conditioner

(27) Pacific Lighting Service Co., one of the two utility Companies within the PL Corp., is headed by President:

- A. Daniel P. Bryant B. Joseph R. Rensch
C. Robert A. Hornby D. Paul A. Miller

(28) The PL Corp. utility Companies are regulated by the:

- A. California Public Utilities Commission
B. Federal Power Commission
C. Department of Commerce
D. Interstate Commerce Commission



PL Exploration Co., a non-utility subsidiary, is interested in developing oil and gas deposits in Alaska and Canada.

(29) Which PL Corp. subsidiary produces the Revcon Motorhome?

- A. W. D. Fowler & Sons B. Dunn Properties
C. Fredricks Development
D. Don R. Crowell and Associates

(30) The earnings from the non-utility Companies contributed to more than percent of net income applicable to common stock.

- A. 7 B. 12 C. 10 D. 8

The answers to the above questions are found on page 4.

Personnel Shifts, Niimi Heads List

Four management promotions were announced during the past two weeks. Roger A. Bink has moved from Accounting Clerk #1 to Accountant in Headquarters Accounting. Jack E. Ford is now a Staff Aid with Transmission Staff. Ford was a Station Control Technician at Newberry in North Inland Division. Ford's picture was not available when *Pipeline* went to press.

Marvin Melton went from Petroleum Engineer at Montebello in North Basin Division to Reservoir Engineer at that location. Frank T. Niimi moved from Payroll Supervisor in Headquarters Accounting to Employee Benefits Administrator in Personnel.

Other promotions and transfers:

Nicholas J. Cremidis moved from Crewman in South Basin Division at Playa del Rey to Pipeline Repairman at that location. Leland S. Garrett returned from a military leave of absence to Records Control Clerk in Headquarters Planning and Eco-



Bink



Melton



Niimi

nomics. Joel Hartzheim moved from Records Control Clerk at Playa del Rey in South Basin Division to Senior Records Control Clerk at that location.

David R. Heard is now a Station Operator at South Needles in North Inland Division. He was a Station Assistant at that location. George E. Swick went from Pipeline Repairman at Brea in South Basin Division to Pipeline Mechanic at that location.

New to PLS:

Claudine Takii is a Secretary #2 in System Law Department.

New Project Set for Mid-August

A bid package for the 13½ miles of 36-inch pipeline which will run from the City of Banning to Moreno is now being developed. The South Inland Division project is currently scheduled to begin around mid-August.

The new line will carry gas to the two pipelines that funnel natural gas to the San Diego Gas & Electric Co. One line leaving Moreno is 16 inches in diameter, the other is 24 inches in diameter. It is approximately 34 miles from Moreno to the San Diego County line where the gas is turned over to SDG&E.

Meanwhile, the 22-mile segment of 36-inch pipeline running from Desert Center to the pressure limiting station at Shaver Summit was put into service on May 18.

New Homes Found for Orphaned Kittens

by Duck Byrd

The litter of kittens recently found abandoned at South Basin's Playa del Rey Office (*Pipeline* May 25) are all snug and warm in new-found homes. The story concerning the kittens' plight was carried not only in *Pipeline*, but also in the *Santa Monica Evening Outlook*, *Santa Monica Independent* and *Robinson News*.

The Playa del Rey Office employees were swamped with phone calls from people wanting one of the furry orphans. One call came from a woman who wanted employees to give out her number when the orphaned kittens were all gone. It seems she had a litter of kittens to find homes for also.

With the help of the kittens, Playa del Rey employees made a lot of new friends. And the employees proved to the public and the "orphans" that gas really does give you a better deal.

All is back to normal at the Playa del Rey office, but those there seem to miss the little bundles of fur.

Loch Gets Certificate from DPM Assoc.

Administrative Engineer Bob Loch has received the Certificate in Data Processing awarded by the Certification Council of the Data Processing Management Association.

Loch was one of 869 successful applicants, numbering 2,726, who took the exam. The test was administered in colleges and universities across the United States and Canada. Locally, the exam was given at California State College at Los Angeles.

More than 11,900 individuals have been presented with the certificate since the first exam was given in 1962. The exam establishes a method for recognizing a corps of individuals having knowledge considered important to data processing management information. Exam applicants must have three years of EDP experience and possess certain academic qualifications.

The Data Processing Management Association is the largest professional organization serving the information processing and computer management community. It is an educationally-oriented association comprising nearly 30,000 members in 250 chapters located throughout the United States and Canada as well as in several other countries.

Employee Classified Ads

AUTOS FOR SALE:

- '70 Opel GT, auto trans, low mil, chartreuse, excel cond, \$2,850. Call Louise Tassin, ext 124-303 or (213) 563-1806 aft 6 p.m.
- '69 Datsun, 2000 sport roadster, 15,000 mi, excel cond, \$2,100. Call Theo Barillaro, ext 122-472 or (213) 287-2854 aft 7 p.m.
- '69 VW, auto shift, 28,500 mi, just tuned up, new tires, excel cond, \$1,325. Call Ann Hollen 689-3706.
- '69 Dodge Dart, western sport special, vinyl top, a/c, p/s, new tires, brakes, battery, 29,700 mi, excel cond, \$2,250. Call John Timberman, ext 3639 or (213) 966-6555.
- '69 Toyota Corolla, 25,000 mi, \$1,100. Call Clark Stoner, ext 3699.
- '69 MGC/GT, 6 cyl eng, 4-spd & elec overdrive, am/fm radio, wire wheels, English leather interior, Dunlop radial tires, 11,000 mi, \$2,700. Call John Franklin (714) 629-8144 aft 6 p.m.
- '69 Grand Prix, antique gold w/brown top, excel cond, 24,000 mi, a/c, tilt steering, \$3,500. Call John Hatcher, ext 2082.
- '69 VW, low mi, green, gd cond, \$1,500. Call Henry Baxter, ext 3313 or 756-4346 aft 6 p.m.
- '68 Toyota Corona, a/c, landau top, immaculate, \$1,495. Call Sharon Paff ext 142-364 or (714) 545-4978.
- '68 Toyota, landcruiser, 4/w drive, r/h, 22,000 mi, \$1,700. Call Gayle Kieron, ext 147-7-70 or (805) 647-4870.
- '68 VW Camper, pop top, tent, radio, 26,000 mi, \$2,495. Call Ken Engle, ext 122-455 or (714) 635-0788.
- '68 Datsun, 2000 roadster, 135 hp, 5 spd, bronze, gd cond, \$1,650. Call Margaret Seeberger, ext 125-229 or 798-8176 aft 6 p.m.
- '68 Dodge Van A108, paneled interior, bed, ice box, sink & louvered windows, \$1,900. Call Ron Jackson (714) 944-5358.
- '68 Impala, 4-dr, sedan, green gold, a/c, 327 eng, new tires & brakes, \$1,475. Call Lloyd Holliday, ext 2249 or (213) 691-1527.
- '68 VW, zenith blue, gd cond, new tires, \$1,200. Call Jean Tarantino, ext 3054.
- '67 VW, 5,000 mi on rebuilt eng. new brakes, U.S. mags in front, porsche clutch, racing steering wheel, runs excel, lots of extras, \$1,400. Call Al Hines, ext 121-231 or (714) 871-9494 aft 7:30 p.m.
- '67 Mustang, fastback, \$100 for equity & assume balance of \$1,130. Call Paul Potter (213) 965-1065 aft 5 p.m.
- '67 Mercury Parklane, p/s, p/b, a/c, 4-dr, \$1,050. Call Jan Todd, ext 125-354 or 962-7592 aft 6 p.m.
- '66 Comet, 2-dr, 4-spd, excel cond, \$850. Call Wayne Kuckenbecker, 966-2748 or 337-7525.
- '66 Mustang, V8, p/s, console, radio, white w/red interior, \$1,183. Will take pedigreed German shepherd pup as partial payment. Call Yezdi Bhesania, ext 3272.
- '66 Mustang, 289 V8, r/h, p/s, custom firemist brown finish, chrome reversed wheels to wide oval tires, \$975. Call George Norman, 375-5892.
- '65 Chevrolet, 4-dr sedan, auto trans, r/h, p/s, white sidewall tires, 47,000 mi, excel cond, \$645. Call John Engle, ext 122-455 or (714) 635-0788.
- '65 Rambler, r/h, trans w/overdrive, 43,000 mi, excel cond, \$600. Call Will Soth, ext 126-248 or (213) 324-5485.
- '64 Ford Custom, 4-dr, white w/blue interior, r/h, gd cond, \$200. Call Georgia Sims, ext 3189 or (213) 678-0264 aft 6 p.m.

- '64 Chevy II Nova, 2-dr sedan, silver blue, 6 cyl, 3-spd, r/h, new tires, clean interior, \$475. Call Bill Volkmore, ext 4246 or (213) 248-7481 eves.
 - '64 Dodge Polara, 500, 15,000 mi, \$800. Call Leonard Gray, 361-0047 or 896-6738 aft 9 p.m.
 - '64 Olds 98, full pwr, a/c, r/h, 65,000 mi, excel cond, \$1,000. Call Norm Talley, ext 3671 or 691-2934 aft 6 p.m.
 - '63 Continental, a/c, all pwr extras, beautiful, \$595. Call Bob Crosby, ext 2451 or (714) 249-3542.
 - '62 Ford, Fairlane, 500 V8, p/s, p/b, r/h, low mi, orig owner, \$350. Call Ruth Springer, ext 3564 or 240-0558 eves.
 - '61 Triumph, TR 3, r/h, 3 tops, 4-spd, oversize tires, \$475. Call Ray Robles, ext 122-351 or 724-0207.
 - '57 T-Bird, excel cond, \$1,995. Call Dorothy Kuckenbecker, 337-7525 or 966-2784.
 - '56 Ford, F100 pu, excel cond, a/c, \$1,450. Call Bruce Kuckenbecker, 377-7525 or 966-2784.
 - '55 Chev Sta, 2-dr, 283 eng rebuilt, 3-spd trans w/hurst linkage, crager mags, excel tires, new black interior w/seats, \$800. Call Dan Suttles, ext 143-225 or (213) 443-7347.
- Racing car, MGA, 1622, lightened, bal. Sebring cam, spec valve train, aluminum flywheel, c/r gears, Derrington extractor, near new Good-years, \$450. Call Ed Meissner (213) 629-5771 9 to 5 p.m.

MOTORCYCLES FOR SALE:

- '70 Yamaha, 125 atib, like new, \$350. Call James Williams, 339-1235.
- '69 Honda, 350 C. L., 1,400 mi, immaculate, never in dirt, \$525. Call Ed Ferrara, 861-8149 aft 5 p.m.
- '69 Honda, 90cc, model CM 91, 3-spd, w/automatic clutch, 2,000 mi, excel cond, \$200. Call Joe Westmoreland, ext 3869 or (714) 982-0805 aft 6 p.m.
- '68 Mojave, 350cc, low mileage, like new, w/new helmet & shield, \$300. Call Millie Loubert, 587-4091 aft 6 p.m.

BOATS FOR SALE:

- Boat, '68, Tri-Hull 16 ft, Thunderbird, 100 hp Johnson w/many extras, \$1,500. Call Bob Reeder, ext 129-7-216.
- Fishing boat, 16', Terry Bass, new completely equipped, \$1,100. Call Susie Frank, ext 2476 or (213) 663-0401.
- Boat, Horizon Ski, 16 ft, 90 hp, Mercury OB, big wheel trailer, gold & white, \$1,295. Call Fred Herrlein, ext 142-380 or 538-3957 eves.
- Boat, 20' Hallet ski, Hydro Chev. powered, tandem trailer, \$3,000. Call Sheila Fuentes, ext 125-229 or 330-8982 eves.

FOR SALE:

- Adding machine, Clary, \$25; General Electric color tv, \$135; glass maple shadow box, \$15; art lamps, \$8; books, hard cover (novels), 25¢ ea. Call Jack Uhern, ext 123-257 or (213) 241-0907.
- Dog, great Dane, 1 yr old, fawn female, gd w/children, papers avail, \$25. Call Jan Todd, ext 125-354 or 962-7592 aft 6 p.m.
- Camera, 135 mm, Miranda F SLR, w/two telephoto lenses, 135 mm & 300 mm, like new, \$175. Call Sal Garcia, ext 122-354 or (213) 771-1043 aft 5 p.m.
- Table, oval, formica top, 6 vinyl back seat chairs, w/leaf, champagne beige & ivory color, \$75. Call Jo Teleki, ext 4233 or 665-7383 aft 6 p.m.
- Trailer, utility, 6' x 8' tiltbed, 1000 lb. capacity, all steel frame, '71 license, \$250. Call Susie Frank, ext 2476 or (213) 663-0401.

- Dryer, Norge, gd cond, \$40. Call Joyce Maxson, 222-3548.
- Range, Roper 40" free standing w/ staggered burners, high broiler & clock controlled oven, excel cond, in storage at Canoga Park, \$75. Call Margaret Doyan, ext 2488 or 340-3548 aft 5 p.m.
- Crypt, dbl lawn for 2, Forest Lawn, Hollywood Hill - Tenderness section, \$875. Call William Seidel (213) 242-3349 or (714) 837-2386.
- Refrigerator, Norge, \$125; gas barbecue, \$60; infant maple cradle, \$15; maple gun cabinet, \$125; coffee table, custom made polished rock, \$150. Call Reginold Evans, 692-2005.
- Refrigerator, old, white, working cond., \$15. Call Aurie Duran, ext 122-358 or (213) 949-2319.
- Camera, new, Miranda 35mm, slr w/ 55mm, f1:7 lens & carrying case, \$170. Call Raymond Reddick, (714) 543-4679.
- Camper trailer, travel mate, sleeps 7, stove, ice box, dining table, water & elec hook up, like new, \$995. Call Rose Harper 831-4212.
- Puppies, Shetland Sheep dog, sable & white, 2 males & 1 female, 9 weeks old, have shots, \$75. Call Rhoda Reis, ext 121-246 or (213) 693-4696 aft 6 p.m.
- Surfboards, Greg Noll, custom red, 7'2", \$60; Maron, 9', \$60; Dwinain-Red, 9', \$25. Call Frances Bruce, ext 122-433 or (213) 754-2685.
- Car stereo, 8 track cartridge, speakers not incl, \$25. Call Bill Volkmore, ext 4246 or (213) 248-7481 eves.
- Camera, Leica f 1:2 Ernest Leitz Wetzlar Summar, 1000 sec, telephoto f 4:5 135 mm Steinheil muchen culinar, both for \$75. Call Joe Terhorst, ext 129-7-235.
- Gas Range, 30" O'Keefe & Merritt & a formica top utility table, excel cond, \$35. Call Muriel Gutheil ext 2406.

HOMES FOR SALE:

- House, 3-bdrm 1¾ bath, fireplace, assume 5¼% loan, @ \$7,000 down, balance \$19,500, \$173 mo, in Southwest Fullerton. Call Morris Nylander Jr. (714) 525-6771.

FOR RENT:

- Beach cottage, sleeps 9, surfside, Seal Beach, private beach, \$160 weekly, 2 or more weeks, \$155 weekly. Call Penny Durbin (213) 592-2123.

RIDES WANTED:

- Car pool, 1 or 2 persons or ride from vic of Granada Hills or San Fernando Mission Blvd & San Diego Frwy area to Flower St, hrs 7:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Call Melinda Ota, ext 2593.
- Ride or rider wanted from Manhattan Beach to Flower St, 8 a.m. & 5 p.m. Call Duck Byrd, 374-5356.
- Ride wanted from Downey, Imperial Hwy & Paramount Blvd, hrs 8 a.m. & 5 p.m. Call Nancy Nelson, ext 3268.
- Share a ride from South Gate, corner of State & Liberty, hrs 8 a.m. & 5 p.m. Call Vicky Saputo, ext 3041.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Collie, 1½ yr old male, free. Call Al Vessa, (213) 645-4469 aft 6 p.m.
- Kittens, free, 8 weeks old, black & white, gray & white, all black. Call Bob Weeks, ext 2531.
- Kittens, free, five, very cute. Call Terry Porter, ext 122-491 or (213) 288-9657 aft 5 p.m.
- WANTED: House, 2-bdrm to rent in Glendale, N. Hollywood or Hollywood area. Call Terry Buxton, ext 267 or 465-3007 aft 5:30 p.m.
- Blue Chip stamps, will pay \$1.50 for ea or \$1.75 for S&H Green stamps. Call Jack Uhern, ext 123-257 or (213) 241-0907.

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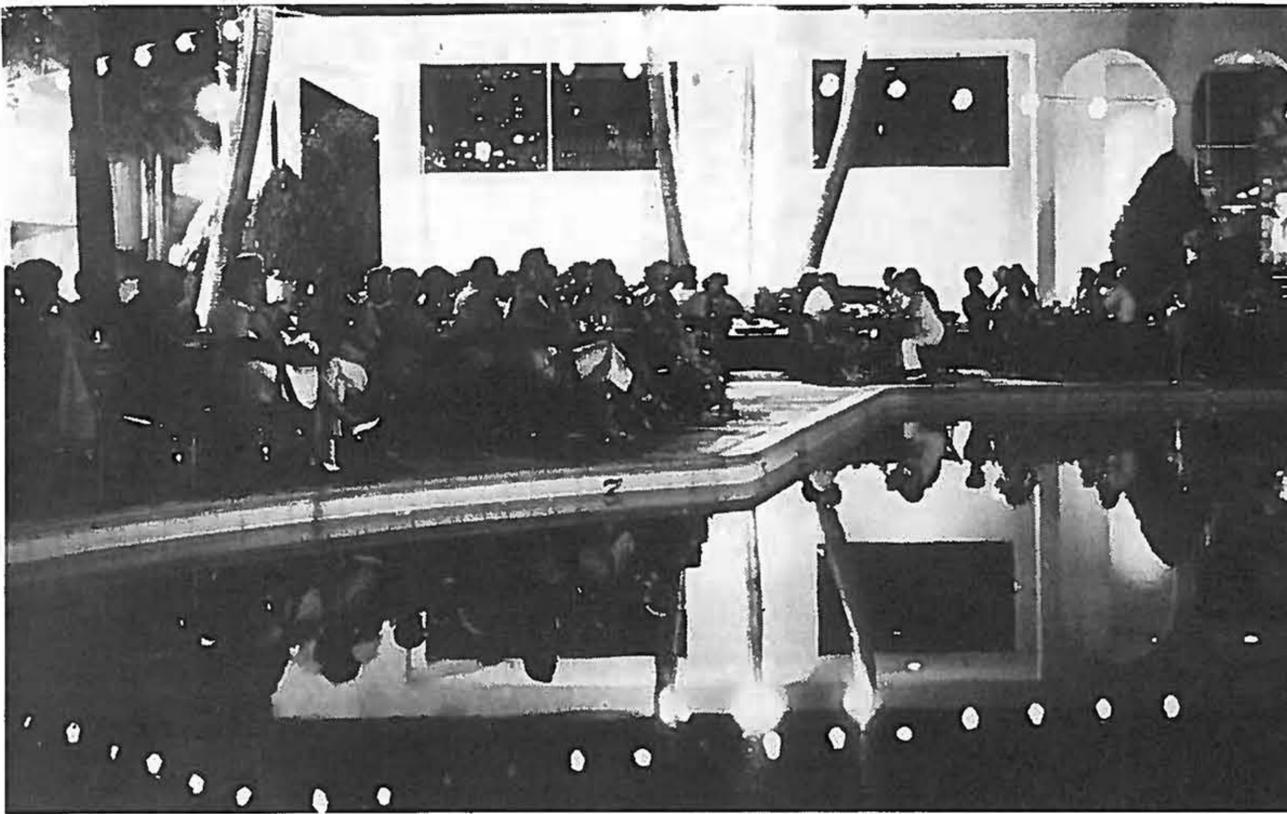


Photo by Ed Delaney

More than 200 members, guests and their spouses attended the evening luau as part of the annual Inland Golfing Association's Palm Springs Invi-

tational Tournament. The event was held at the Canyon Country Club. The only PLS golfer to win honors was Bill Cross with a second in E Flight.

RATE INCREASE SOUGHT . . .

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panies' costs. Future supplies of gas for the southern California area will have to be obtained from far distant sources.

- To obtain a level of earnings which reflects the risks of the Companies' business and, by doing so, encourages the availability of capital necessary for the Companies to maintain their high quality of service to customers.
- To cover miscellaneous items including (a) increased costs of purchased gas not offset by previous Commission decisions, (b) higher costs which are the result of pipeline safety regulations recently imposed by the Federal government on top of those which the Companies have been following for many years under regulation of the CPUC, and (c) a one-third increase in postage rates resulting in about \$800,000 additional cost for monthly mailing to more than 3.1 million customers.

The previous PL utility Companies general rate increase decision by the CPUC was based on the test year 1970. Since that time, costs have increased — or will increase by 1972 — because of these major factors:

- The effect of inflation upon virtually all elements of cost.
- The effect of large increases in wages and employee benefits.
- The effect of national energy supply shortage on the Companies' costs.
- The higher cost of money which requires an increased rate of return.

Embedded cost of debt for SoCal Gas and Pacific Lighting Service Cos. has increased from 4.47 percent in 1969 to 5.55 percent in 1970, and is estimated to increase to 5.86 percent by 1972. The interest rate on the Companies' most recent

How Many Did You Get Right?

Now it's time to see how well you did. Score yourself 10 points for each correct answer. Questions are found on Page 2.

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| (1) B | (11) B | (21) A |
| (2) D | (12) A | (22) C |
| (3) B | (13) D | (23) D |
| (4) A | (14) A | (24) C |
| (5) B | (15) C | (25) C |
| (6) C | (16) C | (26) B |
| (7) B | (17) C | (27) B |
| (8) B | (18) C | (28) A |
| (9) A | (19) D | (29) B |
| (10) A | (20) D | (30) B |

bond issues has been approximately 9 percent. Future issues are estimated to cost 8 percent. To protect the interests of the bondholders (through adequate interest coverage) and the common stockholders (through adequate return on common equity), earnings on net common equity of 13 percent must be obtained. This requires a rate of return of 8½ percent.

A fair rate of return, the Companies believe, is one which meets corporate requirements of:

- a. maintenance of credit,
- b. providing return comparable to that received by other companies with similar risks,
- c. maintaining the ability to attract capital at the lowest possible cost, and
- d. protecting the interest of the existing investors by maintaining the integrity of dollars already invested in the Companies.

Considered in the light of today's continued high cost of money, and with the particular risks facing the Companies, the requested rate of return is clearly in line with rates of return earned by other companies with similar risks.

Southern California Gas Co. and Southern Counties Gas Co. were merged July 31, 1970.

The effects of consolidation are reflected in this proceeding. Savings in manpower, effected by attrition, were first realized during the summer of 1970. Since then, there have been significant reductions in manpower from the point of the merger. Also savings in manpower from the consolidation of transmission and storage functions in Pacific Lighting Service Co. are reflected in costs.

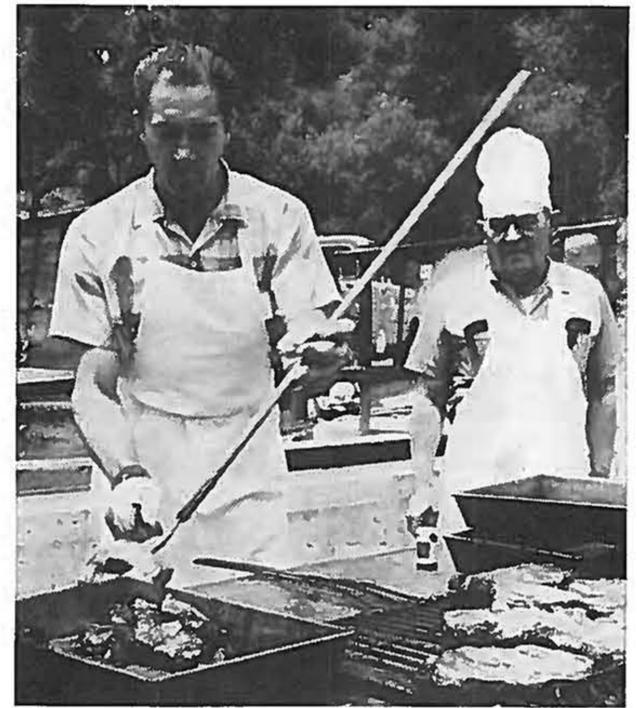


Photo by Jack Armstrong

Coastal Division employees, families and guests recently enjoyed their division picnic. Above are cooks Wes Harman, left, and Eddie Cannon.



Water skiing was one of the many activities enjoyed by several North Inland Division employees at their picnic along the Colorado River at Needles recently.

Pocket-sized Card Contains Facts on Utility Companies

A pocket-sized card containing principal statistics about the Pacific Lighting utility Companies for the year 1970 is being mailed in bulk to all divisions.

Published by System Public Relations, the card contains such figures as customer growth, investments, number of employees, annual payroll and comparative costs between gas and electricity.

Printing of the card was delayed until now because many of the figures were not available earlier.

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