Gas News

March 4, 1980

Unions set to vote on 2-year contract

Union-represented employees will be voting this month on a new contract that provides for a 9.5 percent general wage increase retroactive to March 1, 1980, and an 8.5 percent increase effective April 1, 1981.

This will be the second consecutive year the effective date will be March 1 instead of the usual April 1.

The 1981 general wage increase includes a cost of living adjustment that will range from an additional one-half percent to five percent depending upon the rate of rise in the Los Angeles-Orange County Consumer Price Index during 1980. If the index rises at the same rate as it did in 1979, employees will receive the full five percent, for a total general wage increase of 13.5 percent.

Among other major provisions of the proposed contract are:

- No payroll deductions for the indemnity-type Medical Plan, effective July 1. The company will pay the entire cost of a medical plan that will pay employees and dependents 80 percent of regular and customary charges after a $100 deductible ($200 maximum per family).

The company will also subsidize premiums for HMO-type medical plans not to exceed the amount of the indemnity-type medical plan premiums.

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Sights of relief felt as rain storms end

Southern California began to dry out last week, following a devastating series of storms that dumped nearly 13 inches of rain on Los Angeles but resulted in little damage to SoCal facilities.

Flooding, road closures and mud slides made it difficult for SoCal crews to reach some areas during the rain storms. Patrols were increased to watch for potential damage to transmission and distribution lines.

Crews in all divisions donned rain gear and high-topped work boots to slog through muddy streams and streets, sometimes working late hours to ensure that residents would have gas service.

A five-mile section of the 34-inch-diameter transmission line 225 near Magic Mountain Parkway was closed and pressure was lowered as a precaution due to erosion in the south fork of the Santa Clara River near Saugus. It was back in service after a few days.

Erosion and land slippage resulted in exposure of several other pipelines in the system, but no other transmission lines were out of service.

SoCal officials breathed a collective sigh of relief when the rains finally ceased, but even during the wet spell, all agreed that, as one official said, "we look in good shape."

Among other incidents, San Fernando Valley, one of the hardest hit areas, reported that 11 customers in the Monte Nido area had no service for a day when a two-inch main (continued on page 3)

News Briefs

NEW PGA RATE INCREASE

SoCal is expected to apply to the California Public Utilities Commission this week for authority to increase rates to offset the increases in the price of gas it purchases.

The increase, proposed to become effective April 1, would be a normal purchased gas adjustment (PGA), timed to coincide with the price increases from SoCal's out-of-state suppliers effective each year on April 1 and Oct. 1.

FEDERAL ENERGY BUDGET

Of the $615.8 billion proposed in 1981 for all federal programs, only $8.1 billion is specifically allocated for energy programs, an analysis of President Carter's proposed budget shows.

"T-BILL PLUS" DISCONTINUED

The Gasco Credit Union is temporarily discontinuing its "T-Bill Plus" program after March 7 because of problems trying to balance its cost of capital (shares) with its yield from loans.

Until that date, minimum deposits of $10,000 will be accepted. The interest rate is based on that for 26-week Treasury Bills, raised to the next 1/4 percent.

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Promotions into management rose significantly during 1979

A total of 128 SoCal employees were promoted from non-management into management during 1979, compared to 84 promotions into management in 1978.

Of the 128 promotions last year, 24 percent involved women and 30 percent were minorities, reports the industrial relations department.

(Non-management employees promoted into management come from a pool of about 425 employees who have completed a series of "ready-for-management" tests after being recommended for advancement by their supervisors.)

Thirty-five of the 128 promotions in 1979 took place in the fourth quarter, resulting in a year-end total above estimates made earlier in 1978.

Departments showing a significant increase in promotions over their 1978 activity were administrative services, customer services, engineering services, information systems, market services and operations support.

Also in 1979, there were 357 promotions of employees already in management, almost equal to the 1978 total of 359. Of these, 24.9 percent were minorities and 22.1 percent were women.

(Minority women are included in both categories.)

Eighty-nine of the 357 promotions took place in the fourth quarter.

As of year-end, 12.7 percent of management employees were women, while minorities represented 17.3 percent.

Five years before, at year-end 1974, the mix was 8.1 percent women and 10.5 percent minorities. In 1969, the mix was 5.6 percent women and 5.1 percent minorities.

UNIONS...

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- Significant improvements in the Dental Plan. Effective July 1, the company will reimburse 80 percent of regular and customary dental charges, after a $50 annual deductible.
- A new holiday. Effective in 1981, Columbus Day (the second Monday in October) will be the 12th official company holiday.
- Customer service representatives and customer contact representatives will be upgraded to the next higher rate progression (an increase of more than $8 per week).
- Vacation changes. Effective in 1981, a five week vacation will be granted in the 24th and subsequent years and six weeks will be granted in the 32nd and subsequent years. In addition, the bonus vacation allowance of one additional week will be granted every year until retirement, instead of up to the 20th year only.
- The company also proposes that, as a matter of equity, vacations in the calendar year following hire, instead of being one week in all cases, range from two weeks if hired in January or February downward to none if hired in December.
- The general wage increase will be effective March 1 and the benefit improvements will be effective April 1 for all employees, not represented by the Union, except where other effective dates are specified.
- Union ballots are expected to be counted on March 24.

Q&A

It seems as though everyman is not as neatly groomed as they used to be. Pride in appearance also means pride in your work.

Jim Radcliffe, manager of customer services, responds that "to say our servicemen are not neatly groomed is a matter of opinion. Grooming standards have gradually been relaxed over the past years. This has taken place nationally, not just in our area. Personal appearance that is acceptable now may not have been considered acceptable five or 10 years ago, especially with the style changes in beards and long hair. The public, in general, determines acceptable styles and grooming by the way they themselves dress.

"We feel strongly that our field employees are better groomed than most other service company employees. We also feel that our field employees do quality work. This is based on the fact that their quality index for 1979 systemwide is 94.6 percent."

Non-management

Rudolph Muniz

Roosevelt Tolbert

Thomas McKenzie

David Montoya

Jay Dicksen

Morris Bernstein

Kenneth Wager

Divisions assign eight ASRs as 35 move into new positions

Crew Leader
Dean Richardson ....... North Coastal
Sylvia Roering ....... SGV to Northwest
Sylvia Roering ....... SGV to Southwest
Sylvia Roering ....... West

Crew Assistant
George Calkitchen ....... Southeast to Metro
Edward Colon ....... Metro to Eastern
Ronald Jackson ....... Metro to Inland
Woodrow Maudie ....... Southern to OC
Alfred Sanchez ....... San Gabriel Valley

Field Technician
John Fitch ....... Southern
Rudolph Muniz ....... Northwest
Kenneth Wager ....... SE to Southern

Technical Assistant
John Suddell ....... San Gabriel Valley

Appliance Service Representative
Jay Dicksen ....... Southern
Tyrone Heintz ....... San Joaquin Valley
Thomas McKenzie ....... San Fernando Valley
David Montoya ....... Northwest
Francisco Serna ....... Metro
Roosevelt Tolbert ....... Metro
Emmett Vega ....... Northern
Victor Villa ....... Southern

Field Service Representative
Grady Maxwell ....... Northwest
Araceli Dunn ....... Northwest

Russell Kuzorra ....... Northwest to SGV
Billy Nardini ....... SFV to Northern
Sylvia Roering ....... SGV to Southeast
Gerald Wellman ....... Western

Auto Mechanic
Robert Nall ....... San Gabriel Valley
Building Mechanic
Gordon Chaney ....... San Fernando Valley
Manuel Lterman ....... South Basin to HQ

Accountant
Morris Bernstein ....... Headquarters (Accounting & Finance)

Special Investigation Rep.
Constance Clark ....... Eastern
Utility Clerk
Eleanor Barajas ....... Metro to Southern

Gale Bereikian ....... Headquarters (Consumer Services)
Sarah Olson ....... Metro to Headquarters (Administrative Services)

Willford Williams ....... Inland
Secretary
Robin Meece ....... Headquarters (Public Affairs)

Executive Secretary
Nancy Takuya ....... SoCal to Pacific Lighting

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A BROKEN BRIDGE in the Monte Nido area of San Fernando Valley (above) brought Bill Carr (left), distribution construction supervisor, and Mike Schwartz, crew leader, from Simi base. About 100 feet of six-inch main were replaced in Lancaster, in Northern division (right), when floods washed out a road. Ken Kimbro, distribution construction supervisor, surveys the damage.

RAINS...

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A crew out of Simi base worked to replace the main and service was restored.

A four-inch distribution line in Ojai, in North Coastal division, was damaged by flooding. About 1,000 feet of pipe was installed to loop the four-inch line.

A storm drain plugged near Olive Street compressor station in Ventura, in Coasal transmission division. Workers bagged the station and the next day removed seven truckloads of mud from the parking lot. The plant was never in any danger.

In Northern division, a six-inch distribution main in Lancaster washed out. Crews replaced 100 feet of main.

A house slid onto a street in the Sunset Heights area of Northwest division, pulling a service connection with it. For a time, 13 houses were without gas.

Laguna Canyon Road in Orange County division was impassable for awhile, and service was disconnected at several homes in Fullerton and Laguna Beach when they were flooded.

Late last week, rising water in the Santa Ana River in Santa Ana, Orange County, exposed a high-pressure gas line. The Army Corps of Engineers turned off the flow of water while gas company crews installed 2 valves — one on each side of the river — to shut down the line until the water would recede.

Back in service after a day were the section of line on the east side of the river and a regulator station in Santa Ana. Fourteen customers who had been without gas had service restored.

Field service reps in Eastern division found traveling a bit difficult because of blocked or washed out roads. More than 30 customers in San Bernardino, in Inland division, were without gas at one time because of mudslides and overflowing debris.

Crews in South Inland transmission division, headquartered in India, kept ahead of any problems by using bulldozers and sandbagging to protect lines.

Closer to Los Angeles, Southeast division distribution crews strong a temporary bypass service to six homes in Montebello when a storm drain gave way.

In Western division, meter readers were unable to get into Malibu and Mandeville Canyon areas during the rains. And one distribution crew typified the inventiveness SoCal employees showed during the foul weather.

When road blockage stopped their truck in the Mandeville Canyon area, the crew members took their tools and equipment in by hitching a ride on a fire department four-wheel drive vehicle.

HELPFUL HINT NO. 63

Stakes are higher in ‘Longevity Game’

Nobody knows how long they’ll live, but lifestyle can give you a few clues. Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co. came up with a “Longevity Game” that enables you to figure your own potential.

Put down 74 as your expected life span, then add or subtract from it according to the instructions. The figure you end up with is the age you’re likely to reach. (Note: The game may not include all factors that doctors believe contribute to a long life, and all individuals are not affected exactly the same way by them — however, each factor is critical to longevity.)

Read each question and add or subtract years from the starting age (74). If a question doesn’t apply, go to the next one.

1. Strenuous exercise builds the strong heart you need to live a long life. If your work requires regular, vigorous activity or you “work out” every day, add 3 years. If you don’t get much exercise at home, work or play, subtract 3.

2. If you have a relaxed approach to life (you roll with the punches) add 3 years. If you’re aggressive, ambitious or nervous (you have sleepless nights, bite your fingernails), subtract 3 years. If you consider yourself unhappy, subtract another year.

3. Auto accidents are the largest cause of death among people under 35 and the fourth largest cause overall. Younger drivers who have had traffic tickets in the past year or been involved in an accident, subtract 4 years. Other violators, minus 1. If you always wear seatbelts, add 1.

4. High Blood pressure is a major cause of the most common killers — heart attacks and strokes — but most victims don’t know they have it. If you have annual blood pressure checks or are under treatment for the condition, add 1 year.

5. If you are 65 or older and still working, add 3.

6. A family history of good health and longevity indicates you have a good chance of living a long time:
   a) If any grandparent reached age 85, add 2; if all grandparents reached age 80, add 6.
   b) A parent died of a stroke or heart attack before age 50, minus 4.
   c) A parent or sibling has (or had) diabetes since childhood, minus 3.
   d) Women live longer than men. Females add 3 years; males subtract 3 years.

8. Cigarette smokers:
   a) More than 2 packs a day — minus 8.
   b) One to two packs a day — minus 6.
   c) One half to one pack — minus 3.

9. If you drink two cocktails (or beers or glasses of wine) per day, subtract 1 year. For each additional daily libation, subtract 2.

10. The Weigh-in: If you avoid eating fatty foods and you don’t add salt to your meals, your heart will be healthier — add 2 years.
   a) Overweight by 50 pounds or more — minus 8.
   b) 30 to 40 pounds — minus 4.
   c) 10 to 30 pounds — minus 2.
   d) Underweight — minus 8.

11. How long you have already lived can help predict how much longer you’ll last. If you’re under 30, the jury is still out, but:
   a) 30 to 40 — add 2.
   b) 40 to 50 — add 3.
   c) 50 to 70 — add 4.
   d) Over 70 — add 5.
The flat, wide open landscape is one of the most fertile areas in the country. California's most important agricultural region, the San Joaquin Valley boasts of a variety of crops, including cotton, citrus, potatoes and grapes, along with dairy cattle and sheep. SoCal's San Joaquin Valley division, headquartered in Visalia (marked with a star), encompasses Kern, Tulare and Kings counties, along with portions of several others. Division Manager Chuck Sweitzer and 275 employees provided service to 136,953 meters at year-end 1979. With the Tehachapi Mountains providing a backdrop, trucks shift into low gear at the Grapevine just before Highways 5 and 99 split beyond Fort Tejon. The Tule Elk Oil Reserve is near Taft, while oil fields, football, rodeos and country music make their mark in Bakersfield. Rushing down from Lake Isabella, one entrance to the Sequoias, is the Kern River, where boaters sometimes brave the rapids. In the north are Lake Success near Porterville and the Naval Air Station at Lemoore. And Visalia is now the site of a Shakespearean festival.
**Division News**

Jean Knolle sent along a report of trouble in a SoCal distribution crew truck that turned out to be very timely. The freeze plug came loose and the truck lost all its engine coolant enroute to a job site. Returning to Riverside base in Eastern division to pick up a replacement vehicle, welder Earl Kilgore and crew assistants Mike Heredia and Rick Arend noticed smoke coming from under the hood of a car next to them on a freeway overpass. The men extinguished the fire and, while waiting for the CHP and fire department to arrive, set out traffic cones to safely route other vehicles around the scene... Helen Bevire in Glendale, Northern division, forwards a section of a customer's bill they recently received. On it is neatly lettered this comment about the conservation message printed on the bill: "So I cut my gas usage by 61 percent and now my wife is pregnant! Advise the public that they can be too conservative!"... Meter reader Tim Blankenship of Northern knows it's never too early to educate our future customers. Tim gave kindergarten students at the Buchanan Elementary School in Highland Park a presentation on meters and how gas comes into their homes. Karen Vanelli, who passed this information along, says Tim found keeping the youngsters' attention was a bit of a problem but then, she says, "keeping our customers' attention is also a problem — except when they receive their bills"... Art Palma, local manager at San Fernando, Northern, had an idea to promote the company's conservation message which suddenly turned into a full fledged "Energy Conservation Week," officially proclaimed by the city council and sponsored by the chamber of commerce March 4-8. SoCal's mobile conservation unit will be open to the public on a city parking lot just behind the gas company office at 317 South Brand Blvd. in San Fernando... North Basin transmission division employees' association V.P. Harold Hicks tells us the group's Valentine's dinner dance at Big Oaks Lodge was a big success... Flo Holding of Southeast reports that three teams from the division were in the top four in the recent Balanced Power Bowling Tournament in San Gabriel Valley. In first place was the 5 East team of Beverly Wolfe (captain), Don MacLeod, Louise Harrell, Dale Blitzer and George Teats. In addition, Wolfe took women's high handicap game with a 226 total, and Blitzer the men's high handicap with a 245... If you know of interesting events, employee activities or have brief news items, remember, Gas News is interested. Send them to us at ML 1122.

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**Olympic victory inspires art**

YOU MAY HAVE SEEN this bit of art that graphically tells the story of the United States hockey team's inspiring performance in the recent Winter Olympics at Lake Placid, New York. SoCal's own Roger Yuhasz of Headquarters engineering services, created and sold it to the Los Angeles Herald-Examiner and Long Beach Independent Press-Telegram, and offered to share it with Gas News readers.

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**Harvey Proctor first to testify as PUC opens evidentiary hearings on rate case**

The California Public Utilities Commission last week began hearings in Los Angeles to take evidence on SoCal's application for a $178.9 million general rate increase.

Among other items, the application seeks an increase in the rate of return from the presently authorized 9.73 percent to 10.7 percent. In 1979, SoCal actually earned 8.15 percent.

The first witness last week was SoCal Chairman Harvey Proctor, who testified on policy matters, including the requested increase and the rate of return.

About 20 other SoCal witnesses are expected to present detailed testimony and undergo cross-examination during the hearings, along with other experts and the PUC staff.

Under the PUC's "regulatory lag" plan, the commission has 12 months from the date the application was filed to issue its decision on the request — or, in this case, until December 1980. If approved in full, the rate increase would add about $3.50 a month to the average residential customer's bill, beginning in January 1981.

The hearings at the state building in downtown Los Angeles are scheduled to continue through June.

Five public hearings, at which individual customers presented their views on the proposal, were held in January.

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**Retirements**

Gardening, travel, hobbies on tap for eight

The 42-year career of Robert C. Davis ends as senior records control clerk in distribution, North Coastal. He joined the company as a helper.

Davis enjoys gardening, photography, reading and playing bridge.

Clifford Smith, field planner in distribution, Eastern, ends his career after 26 years.

Smith's immediate plans are to travel with his wife, Edie.

Jim Rucker, order dispatcher in customer services department, Western, retires after 33 years.

Future plans are to travel extensively with his wife, Mary.

Ending his 28-year career is George Kuehl, who retires as senior appliance service representative in customer services, San Gabriel Valley.

Kuehl enjoys flying, golfing and fishing.

Marguerite Smith plans to become more active socially and continue solving crossword puzzles and doing creole work.

Smith departs as order reconciliation clerk in Western after 29 years.

"Travel, enjoy grandchildren and move out of the snow," are Don Lowe's plans after 44 years when he retires as supervisor of inventory planning and control, Headquarters.

Lowe enjoys gardening, travelling and reading.

Robert Manning joined the company in 1952 as a helper and concludes his career as a station engineer in transmission, South Basin.

Manning enjoys gardening, reading, and chess.

Robbie Robertson's 35-year career concludes as distribution storeroom keeper in general services, Western.

Immediate plans include a three-month stay in Medford, Oregon, where he and his wife, Carmen, might possibly purchase a retirement home.
By Karen Charcest

The facts, and nothing but the facts.
For the crews who staff SoCal's 24-hour Message Center, getting all the pertinent facts on various incidents can make all the difference in the company's operation — and its public image. And the phones never stop ringing.
The message center, located at Flower Street, is the company's central communications point for all information concerning incidents related to company activities. If there's a gas fire, explosion or serious leak, message center personnel know about it. The same holds true for floods, earthquakes, robberies, burglaries and an infinite variety of occurrences.
During southern California's recent torrential rains, the message center was especially busy. "The board was lit up like a Christmas tree many nights," relates Bob Brown, dispatch service supervisor and 23-year SoCal employee.
"The first night of the rains, there were 19 calls where it was necessary to dispatch service personnel or crews," says Brown. "The second night there were 14 calls. During this time, "We had to call in two dispatchers on overtime to help out."
There also were many service requests concerning inoperative appliances, adds Brown. These were scheduled for regular hours.
Frequently incidents turn out to be message center reports (MCRs), which require special handling and notification of Headquarters management and staff. Only certain types of occurrences are classified as MCRs, but dispatchers are instructed to accept all reports, including ones that do not appear to qualify, according to Cliff Sharp, lead order dispatcher.
Jackie Hernandez, newly appointed service center supervisor, explains that MCRs fall into several general emergency categories (such as gas fires and outages) and situations of widespread interest (such as the extreme weather conditions recently experienced). MCRs are often declared so the claims department can begin a prompt investigation or so the company's news bureau is able to answer questions from the media regarding the incident. In addition, the state Public Utilities Commission and Office of Pipeline Safety are sometimes notified of MCRs.
"Our job is to get all the information anyone might need — whether it be the news media, fire department or company president," explains...

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"Nothing but the facts' keeps the phones ringing...

If life isn't busy enough under normal circumstances, there are times when the adrenaline really flows.
Folsom recalls the pressures when a fire erupted at the Aliso Canyon storage field in 1975. "Customers were calling in each day with new cases for putting out the fire — including one person who suggested throwing baking soda on the blaze."
John Wayne's secretary called, too, says Folsom. "It seems the actor played the role of Red Adair in a movie and he wanted to speak to the famous firefighter."
Folsom tells of a bomb threat the message center received for the Flower Street building. "The city bomb squad evacuated the building when they found a ticking package in the mail room."
"Turned out the package was a meter assembly with a clock control mechanism..."

"I'll never forget the first tremor. For a boy from Texas, it sure was something..."

Folsom says, adding, "After that, instructions went out that all packages should be labeled for contents."
Reg Kelly's first day as a message center dispatcher was Feb. 9, 1971 — the day the earthquake shook the Los Angeles area.
"I'll never forget it," exclaims Kelly. "I was at home getting ready for work when I felt the first tremor. For a boy from Texas, it sure was something. At work, I found out what was happening and my training turned out to be a trial by fire.
"We had all sorts of A-1 leaks, which require a repair person on the scene within one hour of when the call was received. We had so many leaks coming down, we only took the addresses — no names and no account numbers — just to save time," says Kelly.
"I ended up working overtime — a very unusual occurrence for a trainee — and then formally began my training the next day. But, boy, what a first day that was."

Reginald Thompson, a dispatcher for six years. "We don't judge what is or isn't an MCR because we may not know some past history that could make a seemingly unimportant incident very important."
Experienced dispatchers use their own form of shorthand to record the information, condensing it to get "nothing but the facts."
Many times it's like piecing together a puzzle, admits Thompson.
Part of Metro division's customer services dispatch office, the message center handles dispatching for Metro and seven divisions during the graveyard shift every day and various hours on weekends, taking calls for next-day orders or those that require immediate attention. All curtailment orders and air quality reports also are passed to divisions through the center.
Reginald Thompson, an 11-year veteran, says the routine is never dull. "With heavy rains such as we experienced, we could have 20 calls waiting at any one time."
Once an MCR is received, the staff uses a long-established contact list to relay the information. In addition to claims and the news bureau, also notified are customer services, distribution and gas control at Spence Street, which serves as emergency backup for the message center.
Each weekday morning, the center prepares a summary of the MCRs occurring since the previous day. Copies are mailed to designated supervisors, managers and executives throughout the company.
"Notifying people in the middle of the night is probably the hardest part of the job," concedes Folsom. "You hate to wake them up, but it is a necessity."
Thompson concurs, adding, "At first, you're especially nervous about calling high-level company officials, but they're usually very receptive. They want the information we're here to give."

A WHEEL OF ORDERS in SoCal's message center gets the attention of Reginald Thompson, dispatcher.
AUTOS FOR SALE

77 Chevrolet, Nova, small V8, a/c, excel condition, dr or art, $4,500.00. Mickey Thornton, (213) 862-2647.

75 Cadillac, Coupe de Ville, am/fm stereo, full power, $7,800.00, immaculate, $3,695.00. Michael Busch, (213) 845-7381.

75 Porsche, 914/6, mint cond, am/fm stereo, $6,000.00. Tom Rodriguez, (213) 943-8508.

81 Fiat, X 19, like new, 17,000 ms, am/fm stereo, tape deck, must sell, $4,100 or offer. Frank Wiles, (213) 633-8572.

83 Chevrolet, 1 1/2 ton pickup, 74 motor, 6 cyl, 50,000 ms, very clean, $1,200.00. Hal Pape, (213) 864-7317.


76 Honda, Civic, 5 speed, hatchback, excel condition, dr or art $2,500.00, or offer. Irwin Litvak, (213) 730-2416.

73 Plymouth, sedan, red only mirror body and paint, $3,800. Gilbert Garcia, (213) 372-4872.

72 Mercury, Capti, V6, new tires, shock, engine runs gd, interior needs some work, $1,500 or offer. Joe Marzio, (213) 890-6201.

LEGAL NOTICES

Below are notices required by law regarding the applications to the Internal Revenue Service for an advance determination of the qualification of Southern California Gas Co.'s employee retirement plans.

NOTICE TO ALL EMPLOYEES OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY:

An application is to be made to the Internal Revenue Service for an advance determination of the qualification of the following employee retirement plan:

Plan: Southern California Gas Company Employees' Retirement Plan

Plan Identification Number: 001

Applicant and Plan Administrator: Southern California Gas Company,
810 South Flower Street,
Los Angeles, California 90071

Applicant Identification Number: 95230075

The Internal Revenue Service has previously issued a favorable determination letter with respect to the qualification of the plan. An application will be submitted to the District Director, Southern California Gas Company, 810 South Flower Street, Los Angeles, California 90071 for an advance determination as to whether or not the plan qualifies under §401 (a) of the Internal Revenue Code, with respect to the amendments of the plan adopted since the last Internal Revenue Service advance determination.

The employees eligible to participate in the plan are all employees who have completed at least one year of service.

Each person to whom this notice is addressed is entitled to submit, or request, the District Director described above a comment on the question of whether the plan meets the requirements for qualification under Part I of Subchapter D of Chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954. Two or more such persons may submit their comments in a single comment or request. If such persons or persons requesting the Department of Labor to submit a comment and who desire to file a joint comment in respect of one or more matters raised in the request, the person or persons so requesting may submit a joint comment to the District Director in respect of the matters on which the Department of Labor declines to comment. A joint comment to the District Director must be received by him on or before April 28, 1980. However, if it is being made on a matter on which the Department of Labor was first requested, but did not act within 45 days after the request, the comment must be received by the District Director on or before the latter of April 28, 1980, or the 45th day after the time during which the Department of Labor notices such persons or persons that it declines to comment, but in no event later than May 15, 1980. A written notice from the Department of Labor that the Department of Labor will not submit a comment must be received by the district director on or before April 8, 1980, or if the person or persons making the request wish to preserve their right to submit a comment to the District Director, the District Director in the event the Department of Labor declines to comment, on or before March 31, 1980.

Additional information material regarding the plan and procedures to be followed in submitting or requesting the Department of Labor to submit a comment may be obtained from Industrial Relations - Employee Benefits.

An application is to be made to the Internal Revenue Service for an advance determination of the qualification of the following employee retirement plan:

Plan: Southern California Gas Company Employees' Retirement Savings Plan

Plan Identification Number: 002

Applicant and Plan Administrator: Southern California Gas Company,
810 South Flower Street,
Los Angeles, California 90071

Applicant Identification Number: 95230076

The Internal Revenue Service has previously issued a favorable determination letter with respect to the qualification of the plan. An application will be submitted to the District Director, Southern California Gas Company, 810 South Flower Street, Los Angeles, California 90071 for an advance determination as to whether or not the plan qualifies under §401 (a) of the Internal Revenue Code, with respect to the amendments of the plan adopted since the last Internal Revenue Service advance determination.

The employees eligible to participate under the plan are all employees who have completed at least one year of service in the pay of the company for more than 25 years, began at the old Signal Hill plant and served at Huntington Beach before moving to Goleta, where he is a shift supervisor, and has served as a transmission division officer. Jim's late grandfather also worked in transmission, retiring in 1940.
Management

3 join SoCal as 13 change jobs

Six of 13 management changes announced recently were in Headquarters departments, while seven took place in divisions and three new employees joined the company.

Two moves took place in Western division.

Cherrill Edmondson moves from billing services supervisor to service center supervisor at英格伍德 in customer services. Replacing Edmondson is Ray Gollan, who is promoted from data specialist in information systems. Both report to Jerry Pollock.

Promoted from meter reading control representative in customer services, Headquarter, to meter reading supervisor at Upland, Southern, is Bill Martinez. He reports to Ken Davis.

There were two promotions in South Basin transmission division.

Victor Mckean is promoted from shift supervisor at Playa del Rey to plant supervisor at Barker Hill, reporting to Walt Merritt. Replacing McKean is Jim Hawkins, who is promoted from station engineer in North Basin transmission. Hawkins reports to Jack Ford.

Lennie Swartz moves from station maintenance supervisor at Playa del Rey in South Basin transmission to the same post at Needles Springs in North Inland transmission. He reports to Dick Allen.

Hal Carson is promoted from pipeline superintendent in South Inland transmission to division superintendent in Eastern, reporting to Lee Derrick.

At Headquarters, Jim Serici is promoted from management planning administrator in industrial relations to general services manager in Metro, reporting to Al Robbins.

Promoted from local manager at Anaheim in Orange County to staff supervisor program development in operations support is Ben Pruetz. He reports to Dan Cook.

Eleanor Weaver is promoted from reference center supervisor in public affairs to gas supply information specialist in gas supply, reporting to Dave Digikich.

In information systems, Al Padilla is promoted from mail payment supervisor to a temporary assignment as scheduler, reporting to Bob Castle.

Promoted in engineering services are Ariel Domingo and Tom Alujievic.

Domingo, who has been on a temporary assignment as market services analyst in market services, returns to his regular position as engineer in technical services, reporting to Brian King.

Alujievic is promoted from safety representative in industrial relations to administrative coordinator in engineering administration, reporting to Ken Gleasner.

Joining the company are:

Dipak Comar, engineer in engineering design, engineering services, coming from Bechtel Power Corp. He reports to Ron Meyer.

Larry Davidson, assistant computer programmer in information systems, coming from Cal State University, Northridge, and reporting to Chuck Rooney.

Ben Nakajama, market services research statistical analyst in market services, coming from the University of California, Riverside, and reporting to Dick Reynolds.

Credit union assets up 5.2%

The Gasco Credit Union increased its assets by 5.2 percent in 1979 to $61.1 million, up from $58.1 million in 1978, according to Harry Young, treasurer.

Credit union membership also went up last year to 13,327 from a total of 12,758 the year before.

While the average loan balance remained about the same — about $4,676 in 1979 and $4,682 in 1978 — the average share balance in 1979 went down 9.1 percent.

Last year the average member had savings of $3,543. In 1978, that figure was $3,898.

Loans totaled $43.4 million at year-end 1979, an increase of 4.8 percent over the 1978 total of $41.4 million. A total of $3.9 million in dividends was paid in 1979, up 8.3 percent over 1978’s $3.6 million.

In addition, the credit union’s total income went up 13.5 percent from $5.2 million in 1978 to $5.9 million a year later.

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question of whether the plan meets the requirements for qualification under Part I of Subchapter D of Chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954. Two or more such persons may be included in a single comment or request. If such persons or persons request the Department of Labor to submit a comment and that department declines to do so in respect of one or more matters raised in the request, the person or persons so requesting may submit a comment to the District Director in respect of the matters on which the Department of Labor declines to comment. A comment submitted to the District Director must be received by him on or before April 28, 1980. However, if it is being submitted on a matter on which the Department of Labor was first requested, but declined to comment, the comment must be received by the District Director on or before the latter of April 28, 1980, or the 15th day after the day on which the Department of Labor notifies such person or persons that it declines to comment, but in no event later than May 13, 1980. A request of the Department of Labor to submit a comment must be received by that department on or before April 8, 1980, and, if the person or persons making the request wish to preserve their right to submit a comment to the District Director in the event the Department of Labor declines to comment, on or before March 21, 1981.

Additional informational material regarding the plan and the procedures to be followed in submitting, or requesting the Department of Labor to submit, a comment may be obtained from Industrial Relations—Employee Benefits.

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