

Subject Reference J12-

RATE SCHEDULE DESIGNATIONS

General Order No. 96 provides, in Section 11C(2), that each rate schedule should include the following information:

- Schedule Number, or other designation.
- Class of Service, such as commercial or domestic.
- Character or Applicability, such as heating, lighting, or power, or individual and party-line telephone service.
- Territory, to which the schedule is applicable.
- Rates, in tabular form where practicable.
- Conditions, limitations, qualifications, and restrictions (i.e., Special Conditions).

Exhibit A appended to General Order No. 96 illustrates typical rate schedules for four types of utility service. The approved format is illustrated by the following example:

Schedule No. A-1

FLAT RATE EXCHANGE SERVICEAPPLICABILITY

(Description of the classes of service to which the schedule is applicable.)

TERRITORY

(Description of the territory within which the schedule is applicable.)

RATES

(Statement of the rates, in tabular form if practicable.)

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

(Statement of all special conditions of the rate which are not covered by the Rules and Regulations. The special conditions should be numbered.)

Significance of Rate Schedule Numbers

Over the years schedule numbers have been so chosen, in a number of instances, that they have taken on a meaning through correlation. For example, in electric service the residential or domestic schedules carry the symbol "D", followed by a number indicating the rate zone. It appears desirable to set down for the information of Commission engineers the plan of schedule numbering as it presently exists, augmented by the Rate Committee's recommendations for extending the correlation to additional types and classes of service.

A - ELECTRIC UTILITIES

The electric utilities use letter symbols to designate the classes of service, followed by numbers to indicate the different zones. The Commission staff is working toward standardization on the following rate schedule designations:

Electric Rate Schedule Designations

<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Class of Service</u>
A	General Service by Zones A-1, A-2, A-3, etc.
D	Residential or Domestic Service by Zones D-1, D-2, D-3, etc.
H	Heating and Limited Power
LS	Lighting - Street and Highway
P	Power - General
PA	Power - Agricultural
PM	Power - Municipal
PDC	Power - Direct Current
PR	Power - Railway Service
R	Resale Service
S	Standby Service
DE	Service to Company Employees

B - GAS UTILITIES

It is the general practice to begin all gas tariff schedule numbers with the letter "G" and to follow it with a number denoting both class of service and zone or applicability. The use of the letter "G" for all gas schedules is probably traceable to the combination gas and electric utilities. The Commission staff is working toward standardization on the following rate schedule designations:

Proposed Gas Rate Schedule Designations

<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Class of Service</u>
G-1 through G-9	General Service
G-10 through G-14	Space Heating Service
G-15 through G-19	Multiple Dwelling Service
G-20 through G-24	Commercial Service
G-25 through G-29	Military Service
G-40 through G-44	Firm Industrial Service (incl. dehydrators)
G-50 through G-54	Interruptible Service
G-55	Steam-Electric Interruptible Service
G-60 through G-64	Resale Service
G-70	Gas Exchange Agreement
G-80 through G-89	Liquefied Petroleum Gas Schedules
G-90	Service to Company Employees

In certain situations it has proven desirable to identify a particular area with one of the standard General Service rate zones, even though its characteristics require a somewhat higher rate. The rate schedule applicable to such an area is usually designated by adding a decimal and number following the class and zone designations, as, for example, G-5.1, to identify the rate generally with the Zone 5 rate.

In some instances, where the heating value may vary with source of gas, it may be necessary to show rates for different nominal heating values of the gas in the rate portion of the schedule. The nominal heating values are designated by letter symbols. These symbols are not included as part of the schedule number in the tariff sheets, but are sometimes used as part of the schedule number in order to indicate the specific rate applied. The letter symbols presently used and the nominal heating values they generally represent are as follows:

<u>Nominal Btu per Cu. Ft.</u>	<u>Symbol</u>
1250	Z
1200	Y
1150	X
1100	A
1050	B
1000	C
	etc.

C - TELEPHONE UTILITIES

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company follows the Federal Communications Commission plan of schedule numbering, using numerals to indicate the classes of service. Most independent telephone utilities in California use letter symbols to denote the various types of service, as follows:

Independent Telephone Company Rate Schedule Designations

<u>Symbol</u>	<u>Type of Service</u>
A	Exchange Service Schedules
B	Toll Service Schedules
C	Telegraph Service Schedules
D	Directory Advertising Schedules
G	Private Line Service Schedules
H	Message Unit Schedules
K	Special Assemblies of Equipment
L	Mobile Telephone Service Schedules

These letter symbols are followed by numbers to denote the applicability of the particular schedule as, for example, "A-1" to denote individual and party-line business and residence exchange service.

It appears desirable, in so far as it is practicable, to standardize the numbering of schedules so that a particular number will, in time, have the same meaning in any telephone rate schedule. Suggested designations are set forth on Attachment A hereto.

The rates for a particular class and grade of telephone service, covering all parts of the territory served, are customarily shown in a single rate schedule.

D - WATER UTILITIES

Considerable study has been devoted to development of a uniform system of rate schedule designations to be used for water utilities. The following system of designations is recommended.

Proposed Water Utility Rate Schedule Designations

General

Rate schedule numbers will be codified to indicate classes of service as shown in the following tabulation. (These codes or numbers have been chosen to correspond to the last digit in the revenue account numbers in the January 1, 1955 Uniform System of Accounts for Water Utilities.)

<u>Code Number</u>	<u>Class of Service</u>
1	General metered service
2	General flat rate service
3	Irrigation service
4	Private fire protection service
5	Public fire protection service
6	Resale service
7	Service to governmental agencies
8	Interdepartmental service
9	Other water service (such as construction service)
10	Service to company employees

Where appropriate, the number indicating the class of service will be followed by one or more of the suffixes shown below to further define the type of service covered by the schedule in those situations where the service rendered may be somewhat different than might be expected under the particular class of service, or where further designation for clarification is required.

<u>Suffix</u>	<u>Type of Service</u>
C	Construction service under Code 9.
F	Flat Rate service for other than service under Code 2.
I	Industrial service under Code 9.
L	Limited service, as to area or consumers.
M	Metered service for other than general metered service under Code 1.
R	Residential service.
S	Seasonal service.
T	Treated water for other than service under Codes 1 and 2, utilized for human consumption.
U	Untreated water for other than irrigation service.
W	Off-season or winter irrigation service.
X	Temporary service.
Z	Surplus water sales.

Rate Zones of Single-System Utilities

Should a single-system utility have more than one rate zone in its service area, each rate zone will be designated by a single identifying capital letter prefix placed ahead of the rate schedule number indicating the class of service and separated from it by a hyphen. For example, the zone prefixes for the Valley Rate Zone and the Hill Rate Zone could be V- and H-, respectively, followed by the class-of-service number and, where appropriate, the type of service suffix.

Designation of rate zones within a single system or district of a multi-system or multi-district utility are discussed in the next section.

Multi-System Utilities

For a water utility with several non-integrated water systems or districts, the Commission ordinarily fixes rates separately for each such system or district. Such a utility may either maintain one set of rate schedules wherein the rates for a particular class of service in all systems or districts appear on a single rate schedule (as in electric, gas and telephone utilities), or it may maintain a separate set of rate schedules for each tariff area (i.e., nonintegrated system or district).

Where the latter procedure is followed, the rate schedule numbers applicable to each such system or district will be further codified by use of a tariff area prefix comprising the first two letters of the system or district name, both capitalized. This prefix will be separated from the remainder of the schedule number designation by a hyphen. (If two system or district names have the same first two letters, another distinguishing letter in the name, that will maintain the same alphabetical order of systems or districts as the full name, should be substituted for the second letter. For example, the designations for Normandy and Norwalk could be NM and NW.)

If a particular tariff area has more than one rate zone, a single capital letter will be added, after the tariff area prefix and ahead of the hyphen, to indicate the rate zone, thus: SUH- to designate Suburban Tariff Area, Hill Zone.

In rate schedules applicable to individual systems of a multi-system utility, the tariff area name also will be shown in the heading, in addition to the schedule number and class of service, so that the schedule will be self-explanatory on its face. Thus, the codified schedule number would be followed on separate lines by the tariff area name (and rate zone, where required) and the class of service title for which applicable, as indicated below:

Schedule No. BA-3

Bakersfield Tariff Area

IRRIGATION SERVICE

Examples of Rate Schedule Number Codings

Examples of rate schedule designations follow:

- Schedule No. 1 (general metered service, single-system utility or applicable company-wide for a multi-system utility)
- Schedule No. 2S (general flat rate service, single-system utility or applicable company-wide, seasonal)
- Schedule No. U-3 (irrigation service, upper zone, single-system utility)
- Schedule No. BA-3 (Bakersfield tariff area, irrigation service)
- Schedule No. VA-9MI (Vacaville District, metered industrial service)
- Schedule No. SUH-1X (Suburban tariff area, Hill Zone, temporary general metered service)

For a rate schedule in which the rates are applicable uniformly throughout all systems or districts of a multi-system or multi-district utility, the schedule number may be identified as in the case of a single-system utility, provided the schedule is otherwise clearly marked to show that it is of general application, as follows:

Schedule No. 9C

All Tariff Areas

CONSTRUCTION AND OTHER TEMPORARY FLAT RATE SERVICE

Whenever machine records or further clarification dictate a further codification of such schedule number, corresponding to system prefixes, it is suggested that the prefix AA (applicable to all areas), followed by a hyphen, be inserted before the class and type-of-service designation. The above schedule would then be numbered "AA-9C".

This practice was accepted for use by the Utilities Division at the Division Conference on February 28, 1956.

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Schedule No. 90

All-Territory Areas

CONSTRUCTION AND OTHER TEMPORARY RATE SERVICE

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SUGGESTED NUMBERING SYSTEM FOR TELEPHONE TARIFF SCHEDULES*

- A-1 Individual and Party Line Service
- A-2 Public Telephone Service
- A-3 Semi-Public Service
- A-4 Mileage Rates
- A-5 Suburban Service
- A-6 Farmer Line Service
- A-7 Commercial and Hotel PBX Service
- A-8 Dial PBX Service
- A-9 Intercommunicating System Service
- A-10 Tie Line Service
- A-11 Multiple Key Cabinet Service
- A-12 Connection of Telephone Lines
- A-13 Joint-User Service
- A-14 Directory Listings
- A-15 Supplemental Equipment
- A-16 Attachments
- A-17 Foreign Exchange Service
- A-18 Vacation Rate Service
- A-19 Order Receiving Service
- A-20 Telephone Answering Service
- A-21 Interexchange Receiving Service
- A-22 Key System Service
- A-23 Key Telephone Service
- A-24 Employees Service
- A-25 Desk and Wall Set
- A-26
- A-27
- A-28 Local Service Areas
- A-29 Move and Change Charges
- A-30 Service Connection Charges
- A-31 Line Extension Charges
- B- Toll Schedules[#]
- C- Telegraph Schedules
- D- Directory Advertising
- G- Private Line Schedules
- H- Message Unit Service
- K- Special Assemblies of Equipment
- L- Mobile Telephone Service

* Other than for Pacific Tel. and Tel. Co., which follows F.C.C. numbering plan.

Where a company submits more than one toll service schedule, it is suggested that B-1 be reserved for Toll Service and B-2 for Toll Stations.

