

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2638**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Calderon**

February 25, 2000

An act to amend Section 783 of the Public Utilities Code, relating to public utilities.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2638, as introduced, Calderon. Public utilities: extension of service.

The Public Utilities Act requires the Public Utilities Commission to continue to enforce the rules governing the extension of service by gas and electrical corporations to new residential, commercial, agricultural, and industrial customers in effect on January 1, 1982, except as specified.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes in those provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 783 of the Public Utilities Code  
2 is amended to read:

3 783. (a) The commission shall continue to enforce  
4 the rules governing the extension of service by gas and  
5 electrical corporations to new residential, commercial,  
6 agricultural, and industrial customers in effect on January  
7 1, 1982, except that the commission shall amend the

1 existing rules to permit applicants for service to install  
2 extensions in accordance with subdivision (f). Except for  
3 periodic review provisions of existing rules, and  
4 amendments to permit installations by an applicant's  
5 contractor, the commission ~~shall~~ *may* not investigate  
6 amending these rules or issue any orders or decisions  
7 ~~which~~ *that* amend these rules, unless the investigation or  
8 proceeding for the issuance of the order or decision is  
9 conducted pursuant to subdivision (b).

10 (b) Whenever the commission institutes an  
11 investigation into the terms and conditions for the  
12 extension of services provided by gas and electrical  
13 corporations to new or existing customers, or considers  
14 issuing an order or decision amending those terms or  
15 conditions, the commission shall make written findings  
16 on all of the following issues:

17 (1) The economic effect of the line and service  
18 extension terms and conditions upon agriculture,  
19 residential housing, mobilehome parks, rural customers,  
20 urban customers, employment, and commercial and  
21 industrial building and development.

22 (2) The effect of requiring new or existing customers  
23 applying for an extension to an electrical or gas  
24 corporation to provide transmission or distribution  
25 facilities for other customers who will apply to receive  
26 line and service extensions in the future.

27 (3) The effect of requiring a new or existing customer  
28 applying for an extension to an electrical or gas  
29 corporation to be responsible for the distribution of,  
30 reinforcements of, relocations of, or additions to that gas  
31 or electrical corporation.

32 (4) The economic effect of the terms and conditions  
33 upon projects, including redevelopment projects, funded  
34 or sponsored by cities, counties, or districts.

35 (5) The effect of the line and service extension  
36 regulations, and any modifications to them, on existing  
37 ratepayers.

38 (6) The effect of the line and service extension  
39 regulations, and any modifications to them, on the  
40 consumption and conservation of energy.

1 (7) The extent to which there is cost-justification for a  
2 special line and service extension allowance for  
3 agriculture.

4 (c) The commission shall request the assistance of  
5 appropriate state agencies and departments in  
6 conducting any investigation or proceeding pursuant to  
7 subdivision (b), including, but not limited to, the  
8 Business, Transportation and Housing Agency, the  
9 Department of Food and Agriculture, the Department of  
10 Consumer Affairs, the Department of Real Estate, the  
11 Department of Housing and Community Development,  
12 and the Department of Economic and Business  
13 Development.

14 (d) Any new order or decision issued pursuant to an  
15 investigation or proceeding conducted pursuant to  
16 subdivision (b) shall become effective on July 1 of the  
17 year ~~which follows~~ *following* the year when the new order  
18 or decision is adopted by the commission, so as to ensure  
19 that the public has at least six months to consider the new  
20 order or decision.

21 (e) The commission shall conduct any investigation or  
22 proceeding pursuant to subdivision (b) within the  
23 commission's existing budget, and any state agency or  
24 department ~~which~~ *that* is requested by the commission to  
25 provide assistance pursuant to subdivision (c) shall also  
26 provide the assistance within the agency's or  
27 department's existing budget.

28 (f) An electrical or gas corporation shall permit any  
29 new or existing customer who applies for an extension of  
30 service from that corporation to install a gas or electric  
31 extension in accordance with the regulations of the  
32 commission and any applicable specifications of that  
33 electrical or gas corporation.

