by Paul Dirmeyer









## ies rate hike opposed

USTIN — A \$304.2 million the hike request by the newly med Texas Utilities Electric has been challenged by the blic Utility Commission staff. Texas Utilities was created I by the merger of Dallas Power's ower and Light, Texas Power ent was find Light, and Texas Electric ervice Co. Texas Electric had n granted a \$73.9 million ncrease Dec. 12, and Dalwer and Light was given a 4 million rate hike Jan. 16 case filed prior to the

> PUC examiner said Tuesshe will rule next month on

EL PASO — An American

rlines employee who once

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en to take promotions he was

When questioned by his law-

said he was passed over at least he Originative times for promotions that went to younger men.

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works enelped deter a hijacking at El

ost. Paso International Airport was holar free lescribed in federal district

nsibar, recourt Tuesday as a model em-n the a ployee who has been discrimi-

Va., forth Allen B. Gilbert, 62, a 35tear worker with the airline, tually furlaims in his suit that his em-"Vision ployers hired less experienced

Age discrimination

cited in airline suit

hike request — including one initially projected \$779 million. filed by PUC lawyer Eddie The plant is under construc-

Pope.
Pope's motion said Texas
Pope's motion said Texas estimate its operating costs — a key part of its rate request.

Other dismissal motions were filed by the state Office of Public Utility Council, which represents residential and small business customers, and the Citizens Association for Sound Energy, a Dallas-based group concerned with nuclear energy

Texas Utilities Vice President Tom Baker said 64 percent of the request was set aside for the Comanche Peak nuclear power ee dismissal motions —which plant whose costs have spiraled

Gilbert is suing the airline for

past salaries he would have re-

ceived if he had won the pro-

motions, plus estimated future

salaries he would have received

with the promotions, plus puni-

tive damages. Specific amounts

will be determined by an econo-

mist during the trial, officials

He is also asking to be placed in the job he said he should

have gotten through promo-

would in effect deny the rate to date to \$3.89 billion from an tion costs have contributed to

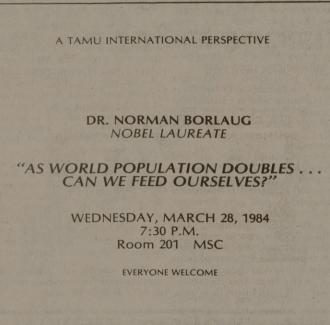
miles southwest of Fort Worth. An Atomic Safety and Licensing Board administrative judge last week questioned Nuclear Regulatory Commission quality control audits, which could jeopardize the plant's li-

Comanche Peak's construc-

the deterioration of Texas Utilities' financial condition. The fition in Glen Rose, about 30 nancial community was recently miles southwest of Fort Worth. alerted that Texas Utilities corporate bond rating could be

PUC judge Angela Demerle gave the utility company until April 16 to respond to the dismissal motions. The hearing on the rate case itself was set for

Gilbert said he was harassed by American Airlines managers and his immediate boss, Paul De La Garza, after De La Garza was promoted to a position for which Gilbert applied.



## Texas gas firm to refund \$2.6 million in gas profits

The judge originally ruled

Coastal should pay back the gas

at a 1958 contract price, a \$6

**United Press International** 

WASHINGTON — Coastal Oil and Gas Corp. of Texas must refund over \$2.6 million for illegally diverting natural gas from a Florida interstate pipeline firm and selling it in-trastate at higher prices, officials said Tuesday.

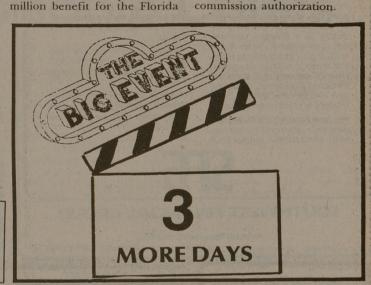
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission officials said Coastal must refund the money representing earnings from the well from which the gas was diverted — to Florida Gas Transmission Co. customers.

The commission said the firm violated the Natural Gas Act by failing to seek their authorization to divert 1.9 billion cubic feet of gas dedicated to the Florida company — an interstate pipeline. The commission's ruling on

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1st Meeting 3/30/84 7:00 pm Rudder 308 the diversion affirms a judge's customers. The commission decision that Coastal sold gas insaid the ruling might be excession. trastate to its affiliate - Losive, and reduced the penalty to Vaca Gathering Co. of Houston \$2.6 million. at rates above the maximum.

Under the Natural Gas Act, once a producer dedicates interstate service for gas supplies he may not stop service without



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## Frustrated newlywed kills himself

United Press International

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> They were married March 2. Police said the man shot him-f in the head with a .22-cali-

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