Decision No. 79373

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company for authority to revise its gas service tariff to offset the effect of increases in the price of gas from California sources and Pacific Gas Transmission Company.

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company for authority to revise its electric service tariff to offset the effect of authorized cost-of-gas increases for natural gas used to generate electricity.

Application No. 52565 (Filed April 20, 1971)

Application No. 52490 (Filed March 10, 1971)

ORDER PERMITTING SUSPENDED RATE INCREASES TO BECOME EFFECTIVE

By Decision No. 79314, dated November 10, 1971, the Commission extended the suspension of rate increases ordered by Decision No. 79039 pending issuance of federal regulations relating to the stabilization of prices and allowable increases in rates after November 13, 1971. Such regulations were issued effective November 14, 1971 (Chapter III, Price and Rent Stabilization). The Commission has reviewed its Decision Nos. 78973 and 78881 in the above matters and finds and concludes that the increases authorized therein, which were not permitted to go into effect due to Executive Order No. 11615, are consistent with the purposes of the Economic Stabilization Act of 1970, as amended, in that they were authorized to offset increases in cost of gas purchased from Pacific Gas Transmission Company occurring after Executive Order No. 11615. Applicant is expected to comply with the requirements of the Price Commission's regulations relating to the stabilization of prices and rents after November 13, 1971.

ORDER

The increases in rates authorized by Decision Nos. 78973 and 78881 in the above matters which have been suspended pending issuance of federal regulations may now become effective.

The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 22 Clay of NOVEMBER 1971.