

Decision No. 79378

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE 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.)
(Gas)

Application No. 52565
(Filed April 20, 1971)

ORDER MODIFYING DECISION

By Decision No. 78973, dated July 27, 1971, in the above proceeding, the Commission authorized Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) to increase its rates and charges for natural gas service by \$36,813,000 in two steps to offset increases in expense caused by increases in the price of gas delivered to PG&E from California sources and Pacific Gas Transmission Company (PGT).

Certain changes authorized in rates relating to the increase in charges for Gas Air Conditioning Usage under the gas tariff schedules of PG&E were not correctly translated in Appendix A and Appendix B of Decision No. 78973. This modification will conform the Air Conditioning charges with the increases authorized to all other rates and charges by Decision No. 78973. Appendix A and Appendix B should be so revised in order to correct omissions.

The increases in rates herein authorized will not increase applicant's level of earnings since this modification will conform the air conditioning charges with increases authorized to other rates and charges by Decision No. 78973 which were to offset increases in cost of gas. 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.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The following paragraph be added to page 3 of Appendix A under the rates for Schedules G-1, G-2, G-3, G-4, G-5, G-7, G-11, G-12 and G-13 and on page 4 of Appendix A under the rates for Schedules G-40 and G-41:

Charge for Gas Air Conditioning Usage:

Upon application, customers who, in addition to other significant gas uses, install and use gas energized air conditioning equipment will be billed for service furnished during the periods designated by the Utility as the June to October billing periods, inclusive at the commodity charges shown above, except that up to two therms per month per 1000 Btu/hour rated input capacity of gas energized absorption air conditioning equipment, or up to 24 therms per month per ton of nominal cooling capacity rating of gas energized mechanically driven air conditioning equipment, will be billed at the rate of 5.202 cents per therm. Other usage will be billed at the successive commodity charges, starting with the rate of the first block, shown above.

2. The following paragraph be added to page 2 of Appendix B under the rates of Schedules G-1, G-2, G-3, G-4, G-5, G-7, G-11, G-12 and G-13 and on page 3 of Appendix B under the rates for Schedules G-40 and G-41:

The same paragraph as contained in order No. 1 above with the exception that the rate per therm will be 5.375 cents instead of 5.202 cents.

3. All other increases of rates and charges as authorized by Decision No. 78973 shall remain in effect.

The effective date of the revised charges as set forth for Appendix A shall be July 28, 1971. The effective date of the revised charges as set forth for Appendix B shall be the date the rates pursuant to Decision No. 78973, as set forth in Appendix B thereof and as suspended by Decision No. 79039, actually go into effect.

The effective date of this order shall be the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 23rd day of NOVEMBER, 1971.

William J. Vukasin, Jr. Chairman
James L. Sturgeon
Commissioners

Commissioner J. P. Vukasin, Jr., being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.