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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Re Resolution E-1930 authorizing Pacific Gas and Electric Company to establish a 1981 Underground Conversion Budget.

Application No. 60809 (Filed August 11, 1981)

ORDER GRANTING REHEARING

A petition for rehearing has been filed by Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

The Commission has considered each and every allegation contained in said petition and is of the opinion that good cause exists for rehearing of said decision. Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that rehearing of Resolution No. E-1930 is granted.

Rehearing is to be held before such Commissioner or Administrative Law Judge at such time and place as shall hereafter be designated. The Executive Director is directed to cause a notice of the rehearing to be mailed at least ten (10) days prior to such hearing.

This order is effective today.

Dated OCT 6 1981 at San Francisco, California.

JOHN E. BRYSON  
President  
RICHARD D. GRAVELLE  
LEONARD M. GRIMES, JR.  
VICTOR CALVO  
PRISCILLA C. CREW  
Commissioners

*I certify that this decision was approved by the above Commissioners today.*

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION NO. E-1930

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to Executive Director

UTILITIES DIVISION  
BRANCH/SECTION: Electric  
DATE: July 22, 1981

RESOLUTION

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Director  
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Accounting Officer

SUBJECT: Order Establishing 1981 Underground Conversion Budget for Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E)

WHEREAS: PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY, in its letter dated April 2, 1981, requests approval of an underground conversion budget for 1981 of \$15,500,000, which is equal to its 1980 budget.

Because of increases in the cost of underground construction, PG&E's proposed budget represents a substantial reduction in buying power over its 1970 budget.

Despite attempts to reduce the carryover of underground conversion funds from one year to the next, PG&E still has in excess of \$23 million in unspent budgeted funds carried over from prior years, much of it still uncommitted.

In Decision No. 73078, dated September 19, 1967, we found that there was a demand for undergrounding and established an underground conversion program. In order to maintain its underground conversion program at the initial level of effort, PG&E will have to budget \$21,150,000 for 1981.

IT IS FOUND that there is a continuing need for conversion of overhead electric and communication facilities to underground and that PG&E should not reduce its level of effort in that regard.

IT IS ORDERED that Pacific Gas and Electric Company shall budget \$21,150,000 for its 1981 underground conversion program and shall make every effort to commit that money as well as the uncommitted funds from previous budgets as soon as possible.

I certify that this Resolution was introduced, approved and adopted at a regular conference of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California on July 22, 1981. The following Commissioners voted favorably:

JOHN E. BRYSON  
President  
RICHARD D. GRAVELLE  
LEONARD M. GRIMES, JR.  
VICTOR CALVO  
PRISCILLA C. CREW  
Commissioners

  
Executive Director  
