PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMISSION ADVISORY AND COMPLIANCE DIVISION Energy Branch RESOLUTION G-2835 October 26, 1988.

RESQLUTION

RESOLUTION G-2835. PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY (PG&E). AUTHORIZATION TO REVISE THE PRELIMINARY STATEMENT REGARDING THE PAYMENT OF INTEREST.

ADVICE LETTER NOS. 1492-G AND 1222-E, FILED SEPTEMBER 1, 1988.

<u>SUMMARY</u>

1. Pacific Gas and Electric Company requests to add the "payment of interest" language to its Gas and Electric Preliminary Statements.

2. This resolution approves the request.

DISCUSSION

1. By advice letter 1492-G and 1222-E PG&E proposes to include in its Preliminary Statment the following language:

"No interest will be paid by the Company unless specifically provided for in the tariff schedules, or ordered by the Public Utilities Commission, except as otherwise provided by Federal Public Law 97-177."

2. PG&E has filed this advice letter to clarify the conditions for the payment of interest to its customers. This clarification corresponds to what PG&E does in current practice.

3. The Commission Advisory and Complaince Division (CACD) has reviewed these advice letter filings and believes that by including the requested clauses in the Preliminary Statements, PG&E will be able to avoid disputes about interest payments. Also, while preserving for the Commission the ability to order interest payments, these provisions will enable PG&E to avoid maintaining separate and detailed accounts of small over- or under-collections of customer payments.

4. Similar interest payment clauses have recently been approved for San Diego Gas and Electric Company by Resolution G-2820, Southwest Gas Corporation by Resolution G-2809, and for Sothern California Edison Company by Resolution E-3094.

PROTESTS

1. No protests have been received by CACD.

FINDINGS

1. It is reasonable for Pacific Gas and Electric Company to include statements regarding the payment of interest in the Preliminary Statements of its gas and electric tariffs to clarify when interest is to be paid.

2. These filings will not increase any rate or charge, cause withdrawal of service, or conflict with any other rate schedule or rule.

3. Public notification of these filings has been made by mailing copies to other utilities, governmental agencies and to all interested parties who requested such notification.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

- 1. Pacific Gas and Electric Company is hereby authorized to revise its gas and electric Preliminary Statements, as proposed by Advice Letter 1492-G and 1222-E.
- 2. Advice Letters 1492-G and 1222-E and accompanying tariff sheets shall be marked to show that they were approved for filing by Commission Resolution G-2835.
- 3. This Resolution is effective today.

I certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its regular meeting of October 26, 1988. The following Commissioners approved it:

STANLEY W. HULETT President DONALD VIAL FREDERICK R DUDA JOHN B OHANIAN Commissioners

Executive Director

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