

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMISSION ADVISORY  
AND COMPLIANCE DIVISION  
Energy Branch

Resolution G-2896  
November 3, 1989

**R E S O L U T I O N**

**RESOLUTION G-2896. PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY (PG&E)  
AUTHORIZED TO REVISE ITS GAS METER PERFORMANCE CONTROL PROGRAM.**

**BY LETTER DATED SEPTEMBER 11, 1989, FILED ON SEPTEMBER 13, 1989.**

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**SUMMARY**

1. The utility requests authority to revise its Gas Meter Performance Control Program (PROGRAM) with regard to reporting frequency, test data collection period, meter grouping criteria, subgroup reporting, and report format. Implementing the requested revisions will result in more accurate meters in service, cost savings and an improved annual report.
2. This resolution approves the utility's request.

**BACKGROUND**

1. Pacific Gas and Electric Company removes gas meters in accordance with a statistical sampling program. This is in lieu of periodic testing of each meter. The presently effective PROGRAM was authorized by Resolution G-2681, effective June 25, 1986.
2. Specific changes to the PROGRAM requested by PG&E:
  - a. Submit one annual report due April 1, of each year rather than two separate spring and fall reports. Change the report test data collection period to run from January 1 through December 31 of each year and revise the reporting format.

- b. Change the criteria by which individual meter groups are identified and reported. This will be done by deleting obsolete criteria and distinguishing between previously repaired meters and those which have not needed repair. This will allow more precise identification of meters with like characteristics. This, in turn, will lead to more representative meter sample test results.

PROTESTS

1. No protests have been received by CACD.

DISCUSSION

1. The Commission Advisory and Compliance Division (CACD) reviewed PG&E's requested revisions and concludes that the proposed changes will enhance its PROGRAM because it:

- a. will make it easier to monitor test results.
- b. will result in more accurate meters in service.
- c. will reduce cost by an estimated \$82,000.

2. CACD therefore recommends adoption of the proposed revisions.

FINDINGS

1. The revision of PG&E's PROGRAM will result in reduced costs, easier review of test results, and more accurate meters in service.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Pacific Gas and Electric Company is authorized to revise its Gas Meter Performance Control Program as requested.
2. Pacific Gas and Electric Company's annual reports on meter performance control results shall include a statement that they are prepared under the authority of General Order 58-A, Rule 13(c) and this Resolution.
3. This Resolution is effective today.

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its regular meeting on November 3, 1989. The following commissioners approved it.

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President  
FREDERICK R. DUDA  
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