BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Investigation into the rates, charges, and practices of the Pacific Gas and Blectric Company. PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION FEBRUARY 5, 1992 SAN PRANCISCO OFFICE 1.92-02-002

## ORDER INSTITUTING INVESTIGATION

On November 15, 1991, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) filed Application No. (A.) 91-11-036 requesting authority to increase base rate revenue for electric service by \$610 million and rates for gas service by \$222 million for Test Year 1993.

Without prejudging the issues which may arise in A.91-11-036, we institute this investigation so we have a procedural forum and vehicle to fully act on recommendations on revenue requirement, rates, practices, adequacy of electric and gas transmission and/or storage facilities, and other aspects of PG&E's operations which may be beyond the confines of the relief requested in A.91-11-036. The opening of such investigatory proceedings, for consolidation with large utilities' general rate applications, is customary. It is appropriate, in order to fully use the extensive general rate case review of overall operations, to have such consolidated proceedings. The evidentiary record developed for A.91-11-036 and this consolidated OII, taken together, shall be the common record to support any findings or orders in connection with this investigation.

Accordingly, and on authority of Public Utilities Code Sections 729 and 761, we will institute an investigation into the rates, charges and practices of the Pacific Gas & Electric . Company. This investigation will be consolidated with A.91-11-036 for hearing and decision.

Therefore, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 1. Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Sections 729 and 761, an investigation into the rates, charges and practices of Pacific Gas and Electric Company is instituted.
- 2. This investigation is consolidated with A.91-11-036 and the record in that consolidated proceeding will form the basis of the Commission's investigation.
- 3. A public hearing in this matter shall be held before an Administrative Law Judge of the Commission at a time and place to be determined and announced in connection with setting hearings for A.91-11-036, at which time and place all interested parties may appear and be heard.
- 4. The Executive Director shall to serve a copy of this order on the respondent, PG&E, by certified mail and by regular mail to each party of record in PG&E's general rate case, A.91-11-036.

This order is effective today.

Dated February 5, 1992, at San Francisco, California.

DANIEL Wm. PESSLER
President
JOHN B. OHANIAN
PATRICIA M. ECKERT
NORMAN D. SHUMWAY
Commissioners

I CERTIFY THAT THIS DECISION
WAS APPROVED BY THE ABOVE
COMMISSIONERS TODAY

EAL J. SHULMAN, Executive Director

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