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UTILITIES DIVISION
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RESOLUTION

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SUBJECT: Pacific Gas and Electric Company request for deviation from undergrounding requirements within scenic highway corridor - Monterey County.

WHEREAS: PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY requests authorization from the Commission to relocate a small portion of its distribution facilities along Route 1 in Monterey County near Garrapata Creek. Route 1 is designated as a State Scenic Highway.

A segment of distribution line is proposed for relocation because of severe maintenance problems. The poles in the vicinity of the Creek are subjected to extreme dampness, significantly reducing their useful life. Access for maintenance is difficult and hazardous, particularly during wet weather.

Implementation of such a plan requires Commission approval to deviate from Decision No. 80864. That decision requires the undergrounding of new (or relocated) electric distribution facilities in proximity to State Scenic Highway unless undergrounding in any particular instance is not feasible or is inconsistent with sound environmental planning (Ordering Paragraph No. 1, mimeo, p. 18). This request for deviation is made on the ground that the proposed overhead relocation is consistent with sound environmental planning.

In compliance with Ordering Paragraph 3.B of the Decision, PG&E has requested and received the Monterey County Planning and Community Development Department's approval, as well as the Scenic Highway Advisory Committee's concurrence with the approval.

The Commission finds that the proposed removal of existing facilities, and relocation in an area less environmentally conspicuous enhances the scenic corridor and is consistent with sound environmental planning, and in addition, finds that the environmental effects would be adversely affected by undergrounding; therefore, good cause appearing:

IT IS ORDERED that Pacific Gas and Electric Company's request for deviation from the Commission's order in Decision No. 80864 is hereby granted. The effective date of this resolution is the date hereof.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly introduced, passed and adopted at a regular conference of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California, held on the 13th day of December, 1977, the following Commissioners voting favorably thereon: