## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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UTILITIES DIVISION BRANCH/SECTION: ELECTRIC DATE: February 18, 1981

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SUBJECT: Order Authorizing Pacific Power and Light Company to Establish an Optional Equal Payment Plan in its Electric Department.

PACIFIC POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY (PP&L) by Advice Letter No. 159, filed January 16, 1981, requests authority to revise its Rule No. 9 adding Section H. Equal Payment Plan which deviates from Section A.2. Section A.2 reads: "Bills for metered service will be based on meter registrations, ..."

This filing, made in compliance with Ordering Paragraph 7 of Decision No. 92411, in the last general rate Application No. 58605, establishes an optional budget billing plan which will provide residential customers with a means of budgeting their variable monthly payments into eleven equal payments with an "Annual Review Month" on the twelfth month to handle any credit or debit balances incurred. PP&L's experience with this Equal Payment Plan in the other state jurisdictions served by PP&L is that it has proved to be a valuable means by which customers, especially low or fixed-income electric space heat customers, may spread over time the higher monthly bills which occur during peak usage months.

Utility will provide notice to all residential customers of the availability of the optional Equal Payment Plan.

It is found that this filing will not conflict with other rules or schedules nor cause the withdrawal of service except as noted above: therefore it is reasonable and in keeping with the intent of Decision No. 92411.

IT IS ORDERED that authority is granted under Sections 491 and 532 of the Public Utilities Code for Pacific Power and Light Company to carry out the Rule No.9 revision in keeping with the intention of Decision No. 92411, effective February 18, 1981. The effective date of this resolution is the date hereof.

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 <u>February 18, 1981</u>. The following Commissioners voted favorably:

JOHN E. BRYSON President RICHARD D. GRAVELLE LEONARD M. GRIMES, JR. Commissioners

Executive Director

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