

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION NO. E-1930

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to Executive Director

UTILITIES DIVISION
BRANCH/SECTION: Electric
DATE: July 22, 1981

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SUBJECT: Order Establishing 1981 Underground Conversion Budget for Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E)

WHEREAS: PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY, in its letter dated April 2, 1981, requests approval of an underground conversion budget for 1981 of \$15,500,000, which is equal to its 1980 budget.

Because of increases in the cost of underground construction, PG&E's proposed budget represents a substantial reduction in buying power over its 1970 budget.

Despite attempts to reduce the carryover of underground conversion funds from one year to the next, PG&E still has in excess of \$23 million in unspent budgeted funds carried over from prior years, much of it still uncommitted.

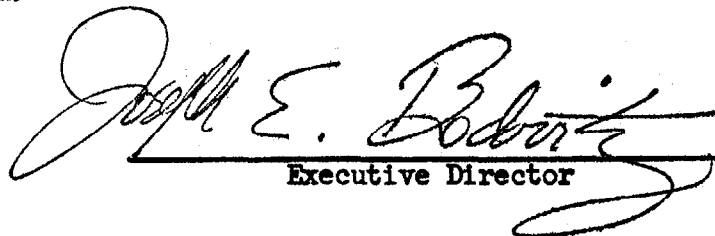
In Decision No. 73078, dated September 19, 1967, we found that there was a demand for undergrounding and established an underground conversion program. In order to maintain its underground conversion program at the initial level of effort, PG&E will have to budget \$21,150,000 for 1981.

IT IS FOUND that there is a continuing need for conversion of overhead electric and communication facilities to underground and that PG&E should not reduce its level of effort in that regard.

IT IS ORDERED that Pacific Gas and Electric Company shall budget \$21,150,000 for its 1981 underground conversion program and shall make every effort to commit that money as well as the uncommitted funds from previous budgets as soon as possible.

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 July 22, 1981. The following Commissioners voted favorably:

JOHN E. BRYSON
President
RICHARD D. GRAVELLE
LEONARD M. CRIMES, JR.
VICTOR CALVO
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Commissioners


Executive Director