PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

EVALUATION AND COMPLIANCE DIVISION Energy Branch

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RESOLUTION

ORDER AUTHORIZING PACIFIC POWER & LIGHT COMPANY (PP&L) TO ESTABLISH A NEW THREE-YEAR DEMONSTRATION PRICING OPTION, SCHEDULE NO. DC-7 ENTITLED RESIDENTIAL SERVICE EXPERIMENTAL CLEAN AIR/WOOD HEAT MONTHLY CREDIT OPTIONAL FOR QUALIFYING CUSTOMERS.

SUMMARY

By Advice Letter 194-E, filed July 23, 1986, Pacific Power and Light Company (PP&L) requests authority to establish a reduced cost-of-electric-space-heating rate for customers who have the capability of utilizing wood as well as electricity for space heating. The intent in offering this rate is to determine how much of the electric load lost to wood-heat in recent years can be regained with a competitive rate.

ANALYSIS

The proposed rate is to be available for three years on an experimental basis in PP&L's California Service area. In order to participate a residential customer must have the capability for primary space heating by using either electricity or wood.

Participating customers will be billed from a new rate Schedule DC-7, which offers electricity at 50% of the present residential rates Schedule D. This reduced rate is only applicable to electricity consumed during the heating season in excess of that consumed during a Base Period (the preceeding heating season will be used for qualification).

Customers may qualify during the three-year test period as follows:

A. Residences built on or after January 1, 1978, automatically qualify for a full three years of participation provided they have the level of weatherization required by building codes at the time of construction.