

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION NO. G-1533

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RESOLUTION

UTILITIES DIVISION

BRANCH/SECTION: Gas

DATE: October 13, 1971

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..... Accounting Officer

SUBJECT: Order Authorizing Temporary Deviation From
Preliminary Statement

WHEREAS: PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY, by letter dated September 30, 1971, having requested authority under Section 490 of the Public Utilities Code to make effective, during the period October 1 through November 13, 1971, a temporary deviation from Section 7 of the company's Preliminary Statement to offset the increased cost of purchased Canadian gas against accumulated refunds which the company is holding, and

WHEREAS: By Decision No. 78973, PG&E was authorized to increase its rates effective October 1, 1971 but which order was suspended by Decision No. 79039 in accordance with the presidential wage-price freeze order, and

WHEREAS: Pacific Gas and Electric Company's accumulated refunds include some \$2.6 million which were accumulated during a recent period when FPC gas pipeline rates were temporarily reduced which could be used to offset some \$1.2 million increased Canadian gas costs in lieu of increasing rates, and

WHEREAS: A ruling of the Office of Emergency Preparedness excludes from the price freeze program the increased costs of Canadian natural gas, and allows the passing along to domestic buyers increased Canadian gas costs excluding amounts for sales for steam electric generation, and

WHEREAS: It was the intent and purpose of Decision No. 79039 to comply with the Executive Order and any ruling by the Office of Emergency Preparedness thereunder, and good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that authority be granted under Section 490 of the Public Utilities Code to allow PG&E the requested temporary deviation from Section 7 of the Preliminary Statement for the period October 1 through November 13, 1971 in order to offset some \$1.2 million of increased Canadian gas costs against some \$2.6 million of cumulated refunds per the company letter dated September 30, 1971.

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 October, 1971, the following Commissioners voting favorably thereon: