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RESOLUTION NO. G-1588

UTILITIES DIVISION

BRANCH/SECTION: Gas

DATE: August 21, 1973

R E S O L U T I O N

SUBJECT: Order Authorizing Filing of Sample Contract Form
on Less Than Statutory Notice

WHEREAS: PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY by Advice Letter No. 642-G, filed on July 30, 1973, having requested authority under Sections 453, 454 and 491 of the Public Utilities Code and under Section IX of General Order No. 96-A to file a sample form of a letter agreement between the utility and oil refineries, as set forth on Cal. P.U.C. Sheets Nos. 9068-G to 9070-G, inclusive, and

WHEREAS: The purpose of this contract form is to enable refineries to produce adequate supplies of fuels during the current energy shortage by allowing the utility to store specific amounts of natural gas that would normally be used by the refineries in excess of their minimum gas requirements and subsequently deliver it from storage to the refineries during periods of curtailment, and

WHEREAS: There will be no adverse impact relative to gas supply on any other customer because of these agreements, and

WHEREAS: Such gas deliveries are to be made in exchange for an equivalent amount of energy in the form of fuel oil to be used by the utility in its steam-electric plants in lieu of oil purchased on the open market, and

WHEREAS: Any additional revenue realized by this fuel exchange will be included in a refund to gas customers thus maintaining the utility's earnings in the same position as without such a contract, and

WHEREAS: This contract form is temporary in nature with an expiration date of June 30, 1974, and

WHEREAS: The utility requests that this filing be authorized on less than statutory notice in order that the voluntary curtailment and storage may commence without delay, and

WHEREAS: The Commission review of this contract form finds that any such increases are justified. It will not result in a burden on other ratepayers and is considered to be an exemption to the provisions of the Economic Stabilization Program, Phase IV; therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that authority be granted under Sections 453, 454 and 491 of the Public Utilities Code and Section IX of G.O. 96-A, to make the above sheets effective on August 21, 1973.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the above sheets shall be marked to show that they were issued under Resolution of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California No. G-1588.

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 21st day of August, 1973, the following Commissioners voting favorably thereon: