

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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to Secretary

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UTILITIES DIVISION

BRANCH/SECTION: Gas

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SUBJECT: Order Approving a Deviation from Subsection 192.557 (b)(5) of General Order No. 112-C for PG&E's Transmission Line 136 Pending Reconsideration of the Test Procedure by OPS

WHEREAS: PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY, by letter dated February 5, 1974, followed by discussions with the Commission staff on March 1, 1974, has requested approval of a deviation from Subsection 192.557 (b)(5) of General Order No. 112-C, regarding uprating of the maximum allowable operating pressure of its transmission line 136 located in Chico, California, pending reconsideration of the test procedure by the Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS), and

WHEREAS: The utility, as a result of an increase in the number of customers in the Chico-Paradise-Oroville area, performed on January 8 and 9, 1974 an uprating test on the aforementioned pipeline with an input pressure of 595 pounds per square inch gauge (psig), and

WHEREAS: The required test pressure could not be attained in a major portion of the pipeline, and

WHEREAS: The utility has requested permission to operate the pipeline with an input pressure of 595 psig pending a clarification of the test procedure by OPS, and

WHEREAS: Adequate surveillance of the line will be required to assure safe operation until it is retested in accordance with the procedure to be prescribed by OPS, and

WHEREAS: Such a deviation will assist the utility in meeting the increased gas demand in the area and would be in public interest; therefore good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that authority be granted under Section 105.1 of General Order No. 112-C to the Pacific Gas and Electric Company to deviate from the above testing procedure and to operate its transmission line 136 with an input pressure of 595 psig until a decision is received from OPS in the matter, at which time the line shall be retested in accordance with a procedure to be prescribed.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pending receipt from OPS of its decision in the matter, the Pacific Gas and Electric Company shall provide adequate surveillance of the line to assure safe operation.

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 9th day of April, 1974, the following Commissioners voting favorably thereon: