PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION

UTILITIES DIVISION BRANCH/SECTION: Gas DATE: December 10, 1974

RESOLUTION NO. G-1699

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SUBJECT: Order Authorizing Rate Increase Under Special Contract on Less Than Statutory Notice

WHEREAS: PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY by Advice Letter No. 687-G, filed November 20, 1974, having requested short notice authorization under Section X.A. of General Order No. 96-A and Sections 454, 491 and 532 of the Public Utilities Code to carry out the terms of a contract with Tri-Valley Growers covering a gas main extension and supply of interruptible gas service under conditions that deviate from filed tariffs, and

WHEREAS: The agreement for said gas main extension deviates from filed tariffs in that all costs of this project will be borne by the customer without allowing one year's estimated revenue to be deducted from the advance as provided under Rule No. 15, and

WHEREAS: This contract deviates from previous similar agreements in that customer agrees to proceed with contract even though full costs have not been determined due to complicated right-of-way problems and other factors, and in order to expedite construction and delivery of gas in time for customers planned start-up, and

WHEREAS: Once the total cost of this project is determined the customer has the option to either proceed with construction or to cancel if it desires but will be responsible for any and all preliminary costs borne by PGandE, and

WHEREAS: The agreement further deviates from filed tariffs by requiring the customer to pay a monthly cost-of-ownership charge equal to 1% of any non-refunded advance for a period of sixty months if construction does proceed, and

WHEREAS: The reason for such deviations is because sale of interruptible gas to this customer will result in no additional revenue to the utility under this class of service, and

WHEREAS: Approval on less than statutory notice is requested in order that construction of facilities may proceed promptly to provide a service date of no later than June 1, 1975, and

WHEREAS: We find this increase is justified; therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that authority be granted under Sections 454, 491 and 532 of the Public Utilities Code to carry out the terms and conditions of the above agreement, effective December 10, 1974.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the contract be marked to show that it was authorized under Resolution of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California No. G-1699.

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 <u>10th</u> day of <u>December</u>, 19 74, the following Commissioners voting favorably thereon: