PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO GAS BRANCH

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to Executive Director	RESOLUTION	UTILITIES DIVISION BRANCH/SECTION: Gas
Director		DATE: March 23, 1976
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SUBJECT: Order Authorizing PGA Offset Increase in Gas Tariff Schedules

WHEREAS: SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION, by Advice Letter No. 156, filed March 4, 1976, requests authority under the Purchased Gas Adjustment Clause in its tariffs, to adjust its gas rate schedules as set forth on Cal. P.U.C. Sheets Nos. 1161-G to 1169-G, inclusive, to become effective on August 1, 1975, and

WHEREAS: These tariff revisions are to offset changes in rates filed by its supplier, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, in Advice Letter No. 773-G, for certain increased costs of gas from El Paso Natural Gas Company, and

WHEREAS: Southwest Gas Corporation was granted a Purchased Gas Adjustment Procedure by Decision No. 84603, dated July 1, 1975, in Application No. 54807, and

WHEREAS: It is proposed to increase existing tariffs to result in an addition to current annual revenues of approximately \$61.131, and

WHEREAS: We find that this rate increase is reasonable; therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS CRDERED that authority be granted in accordance with the provisions of Southwest Gas Corporation's Purchased Gas Adjustment Procedure and under Section 454 of the Public Utilities Code to make the above tariff sheets effective for service on and after April 1, 1976, conditional upon approval of PG&E's rate increase to be effective that day.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that in the event that El Paso makes further modification of its April 1, 1976 FPC filing, authority will be granted under Sections 491 and 701 of the Public Utilities Code for Southwest Gas Corporation to submit substitute tariff sheets to reflect FPC accepted rate levels, and that such substitute tariff sheets become effective on April 1, 1976, or upon one-day notice, whichever is later.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the above tariff sheets and/or any subsequent substitute tariff sheets be marked to show that they were issued under Resolution of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California No. G-1865.

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 23rd day of March 19.76, the following Commissioners voting favorably thereon:

D. W. HOLMES

President
WILLIAM SYMONS, JR.
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