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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION NO. G-1959

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to Executive Director

R E S O L U T I O N

UTILITIES DIVISION

BRANCH/SECTION: Gas

DATE: September 21, 1976

Director

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SUBJECT: Order Authorizing Rate Increase in Accordance with
Filed PGA Procedure

WHEREAS: SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION, by Advice Letters Nos. 163, filed August 26, 1976 and 163 (1st Supplement) filed September 8, 1976, having requested authority under Section 454 of the Public Utilities Code and under the provisions of its filed PGA clause, to file revised tariff sheets applicable to its San Bernardino County rate area, to increase rates as set forth on Cal. P.U.C. Sheets Nos. 1243-G to 1251-G, inclusive, and 1275-G to 1283-G, inclusive, and

WHEREAS: The proposed rate increases are to offset the increased cost of purchased gas caused by a PG&E general rate increase authorized by Commission Decision No. 86281, dated August 24, 1976, in Application No. 55510, and

WHEREAS: The utility is also expected to have placed into effect revised tariff sheets to reflect increased cost of gas from its suppliers due to increased cost of Canadian gas on or about September 10, 1976, and

WHEREAS: The utility has prior Commission authorization by Resolution No. G-1942 to place the increased rates attributable to Canadian gas into effect on the same day that its suppliers increased rates go into effect, and

WHEREAS: The utility will also file Advice Letter No. 163 (2nd Supplement) to include the cost of Canadian gas along with the PG&E general rate increase, and

WHEREAS: The utility currently has pending before the Commission a request for a Balancing Account which will clear up many of the above problems encountered by multiple gas cost increases, and

WHEREAS: Southwest Gas Corporation has been without rate relief with respect to the PG&E general rate increase since the PG&E rates went into effect on August 27, 1976; therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that authority be granted under Sections 454, 491 and 701 of the Public Utilities Code for Southwest Gas Corporation to withdraw Cal. P.U.C. Sheets Nos. 1243-G to 1251-G and to place Cal. P.U.C. Sheets Nos. 1275-G to 1283-G into effect on September 21, 1976.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Cal. P.U.C. Sheets Nos. 1243-G to 1251-G, inclusive, be marked "Rejected" and that Cal. P.U.C. Sheets Nos. 1275-G to 1283-G, inclusive, or 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-1959. The effective date of this resolution is the date hereof.

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 September, 1976, the following Commissioners voting favorably thereon:

See reverse side.

William R. Johnson
Executive Director