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RESOLUTION NO. G-1960

UTILITIES DIVISION
BRANCH/SECTION: Gas
DATE: September 21, 1976

RESOLUTION

SUBJECT: Order Authorizing Establishment of Balancing Accounts

WHEREAS: SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION, by letter dated August 26, 1976, requests authority to establish and maintain Balancing Accounts, and

WHEREAS: The purpose of the Balancing Accounts would be to accrue increases and/or decreases in the cost of purchased gas until Commission action can authorize rate revisions, and

WHEREAS: The utility has recently been faced with several purchased gas increases with the anticipation of others to come in the near future, and

WHEREAS: The 25-day notification period in the utility's filed PGA clause and the press of Commission business have made it extremely difficult for the utility to track all of the recent rate revisions on a timely basis as they occur, and

WHEREAS: Separate Balancing Accounts will be maintained for the utility's Placer County and San Bernardino County rate areas, and

WHEREAS: The Commission has previously authorized similar Balancing Accounts for So. Cal. and PG&E, and

WHEREAS: We find that the establishment and maintenance of such Balancing Accounts would be in the best interest of all concerned and would result in a reduction in the number of rate changes that have to be made; therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that Southwest Gas Corp. be granted authority under Section 454, 491 and 701 of the Public Utilities Code to establish and maintain a Balancing Account for both its Placer County and San Bernardino County rate areas for the purpose of accruing over and under collections caused by purchased gas revisions.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Balancing Accounts shall be maintained until such time as a Purchased Gas Adjustment with deferred accounting be finalized by the Commission and that the utility be notified that amortization of over and under collections, as well as PGA rate revisions may not occur without further order from the Commission. 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:

WILLIAM SYMONS, JR.
VERNON L. STURGEON
LEONARD ROSS
ROBERT BATINOVICH
Commissioners

William R. Johnson
Executive Director