PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION

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to Executive Director

RESOLUTION NO. G-1971

UTILITIES DIVISION BRANCH/SECTION: Gas DATE: October 26, 1976

Director
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Accounting Officer

SUBJECT: Order Authorizing PGA Rate Increase and Filing of Lifeline Rate Schedules

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WHEREAS: SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION, by Advice Letter No. 169, filed October 1, 1976, having requested authority under the PGA clauses of the utility's filed tariffs, to file revised tariff sheets applicable to its Placer County rate area in order to track rate increases by its supplier, Northwest Pipeline Corp., as set forth on Cal. P.U.C. Sheets Nos. 1305-G to 1312-G, inclusive, and

WHEREAS: The proposed annual revenue revision of \$100,444 will offset the proposed rate increases by Northwest Pipeline Corp., and

WHEREAS: This filing is made pursuant to the PGA clause of the utility's filed tariff schedules, and SoWest has already accrued this increase since October 2, 1976, and

WHEREAS: SoWest also uses this opportunity to file new "Lifeline" rate structures in accordance with the provisions of Decision No. 86087 in Case No. 9988, and

WHEREAS: In the event that the FPC should approve rate schedules different from that requested by Northwest or require a different effective date, SoWest will file substitute tariff sheets to reflect approved rate levels, and

WHEREAS: We find this rate increase to be reasonable; therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that Southwest Gas Corp. be granted authority under Sections 454, 455 and 701 of the Public Utilities Code and under the provisions of the PGA clause of its filed tariff schedule to place the above tariff scheets or subsequent substitute tariff scheets into effect on October 27, 1976 or on a date concurrent with the effective date of Northwest's FPC approved rate increase, whichever date 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 State of California No. G-1971. 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 <u>26th</u> day of <u>October</u>, 1976, the following Commissioners voting favorably thereon:

D. W. HOIMES, Frosident William Symons, JR., VERNON L. STURCEON LEONARD ROSS, ROBERT BATINOVICH, Commissioners

William R. Johnson

Executive Director