

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION NO. G-2022

UTILITIES DIVISION
BRANCH/SECTION: Gas
DATE: January 25, 1977

R E S O L U T I O N

SUBJECT: Order Authorizing Rate Increase for LPG Price Change

WHEREAS: RUSSIAN RIVER GAS COMPANY requests to increase its rates by \$5,245 or 2.98% by Advice Letter No. 36-G, filed December 6, 1976, having requested authority under Sections 454 and 739 of the Public Utilities Code to offset an LPG purchased price increase, as set forth on Cal. P.U.C. Sheets Nos. 184-G to 187-G, inclusive, and

WHEREAS: The estimated annual revenue increase of \$5,245 will offset the estimated increase in annual fuel costs of \$5,652, and

WHEREAS: The utility has spread the rate increase evenly on a cents per 100 c.f. basis for all sales, including lifeline because the system average unit cost has increased by more than 25% since January 1, 1976, and

WHEREAS: The rate increase of 3 cents per 100 c.f. for all sales will increase the average customer's monthly bill by 38 cents to \$13.27 in the summer and by 84 cents to \$26.89 in the winter, and

WHEREAS: The utility is in competition in its area with bottled gas companies and the rates for commercial customers are beginning to reach the point where it is more practical for them to convert to bottled gas use, and

WHEREAS: If the utility were to lose many of its commercial customers, the burden of rate increases would become even greater to the remaining commercial customers, thus prompting further desertions until eventually the burden of rate increases would have to fall back on the residential customers, and

WHEREAS: The cost of propane is regulated by the Federal Energy Administration (FEA) which sets a maximum rate a utility may charge for a gallon of propane, and continued increases for nonlifeline sales, could result in a direct conflict between Commission orders and FEA regulations, and

WHEREAS: We find this rate increase is in conformance with its filed tariffs and is reasonable; therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that authority be granted under Sections 454 and 739 of the Public Utilities Code to make this filing effective for meter readings taken on or after this date.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the above sheets be marked to show that they were issued under Resolution of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California No. G-2022. 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 25th day of January, 1977, the following Commissioners voting favorably thereon:

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RESOLUTION NO. G-2022-Alternate

UTILITIES DIVISION
 BRANCH/SECTION: Gas
 DATE: January 25, 1977

R E S O L U T I O N

SUBJECT: Order Authorizing Rate Increase for LPG Price Change

WHEREAS: RUSSIAN RIVER GAS COMPANY requests to increase its rates by \$5,715 or 3.75% by Advice Letter No. 36-G, filed December 6, 1976, having requested authority under Sections 454 and 739 of the Public Utilities Code to offset an LPG purchased price increase, as set forth on Cal. P.U.C. Sheets Nos. 184-G to 187-G, inclusive, and

WHEREAS: The utility has spread the rate increase evenly on a cents per 100 c.f. basis for all sales, including lifeline, because the system average unit cost has increased by more than 25% since January 1, 1976, and

WHEREAS: A supplemental Advice Letter No. 36-G, with substitute Cal. P.U.C. Sheets Nos. 184-G to 190-G, inclusive, has been prepared which spreads the rate increase on nonlifeline rates only, and

WHEREAS: The proposed estimated annual revenue increase of \$5,715 will offset the estimated increase in annual fuel costs of \$5,652, and

WHEREAS: The rate increase of 6.5 cents per 100 c.f. for all nonlifeline sales will increase the average residential customer's monthly bill by 10 cents to \$13.37 in the summer and by 11 cents to \$26.16 in the winter, and

WHEREAS: The average nonlifeline customer's monthly bill will increase by 82 cents to \$17.43 in the summer and by \$1.83 to \$38.80 in the winter, and

WHEREAS: We find this rate increase is in conformance with its filed tariffs and is reasonable provided that no increase is imposed on lifeline rates; therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that authority be granted under Sections 454 and 739 of the Public Utilities Code to instruct Russian River Gas Company to place Advice Letter No. 36-G, Supplement and substitute Cal. P.U.C. Sheets Nos. 184-G to 190-G, inclusive, into effect for meter readings taken on or after this date.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the above substitute sheets be marked to show that they were issued under Resolution of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California No. G-2022-Alternate. 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 25th day of January, 1977, the following Commissioners voting favorably thereon: