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RESOLUTION NO. G-2057

UTILITIES DIVISION
BRANCH/SECTION: Gas
DATE: March 15, 1977

R E S O L U T I O N

SUBJECT: Order Authorizing Filing of Lifeline Rate Structure & Fuel Cost Rate Increase for LPG Utility Company

WHEREAS: LAKE COUNTY UTILITY COMPANY, by Advice Letter No. 21, filed March 2, 1977, having requested authority under Sections 454, 491 and 739 of the Public Utilities Code to increase its annual revenues by \$717, or 2.3%, to offset an LPG purchased price increase and to file revised tariff schedules, as set forth on Cal. P.U.C. Sheets Nos. 78-G and 79-G, under the following provisions:

1. The revised tariff schedule also establishes lifeline quantities at 1,000 c.f. per month in the Summer and at 3,400 c.f. per month in the Winter as previously approved by Commission Resolution No. G-1876, dated April 27, 1976.

2. The estimated annual revenue increase of \$716.97 will offset the total increase in annual fuel costs of \$717.30.

3. The utility has no commercial or seasonal customers and thus the total impact of the rate increase must be borne by those residential customers whose usage exceeds the lifeline quantities.

4. Due to the relatively minor volume of sales in excess of lifeline quantities this rate increase will result in an increase of \$2.025 per 100 c.f. for all nonlifeline sales resulting in a unit rate increase of 281%.

5. For the average customer using 881 c.f. per month in the Summer, there will be no increase in the present monthly bill of \$11.07 while the average customer using 3,456 c.f. per month in the Winter will face a monthly bill increase of \$1.13 from \$39.94 to \$41.07.

6. A slight amount of conservation effort on the part of the customers could result in all sales being under lifeline quantities, thus leaving the utility no place to go to recover increased fuel costs.

7. Authorization on less than statutory notice is requested because the new fuel cost increase has been in effect since February 8, 1977.

8. This rate increase and revised rate structure is found to comply with the will and intent of Section 739 of the Public Utilities Code; therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Authority be granted under Sections 454, 491 and 739 of the Public Utilities Code to make this filing effective for meter readings taken on or after this date.

2. The above tariff sheets be marked to show that they were issued under Resolution of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California No. G-2057. 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 15th day of March, 1977, the following Commissioners voting favorably thereon: