

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION NO. G-2174

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to Executive Director

UTILITIES DIVISION  
BRANCH/SECTION: Gas  
DATE: December 6, 1977

R E S O L U T I O N

.....Director  
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.....Accounting Officer

SUBJECT: Order Authorizing Fuel Cost Increase for LPG Utility Company

WHEREAS: GARBERVILLE GAS CORPORATION, by Advice Letter No. 33, filed November 15, 1977, having requested authority under the fuel escalation clauses of its filed tariff schedules and under Section 454 of the Public Utilities Code to increase its rates to offset a series of LPG purchased price increases as set forth on Cal. P.U.C. Sheets 114-G to 118-G, inclusive, under the following conditions:

1. Revised lifeline rate quantities for Garberville Gas Corp. were established at 15 therms per month during the summer and at 40 therms per month in the winter by Commission Resolution No. G-1986, dated November 30, 1976.
2. The proposed rate increase of 36.0 cents per 100 c.f. for all nonlifeline rates will produce an annual revenue increase of \$15,891, which will offset the estimated increase in annual fuel costs of \$13,419, created by a series of fuel cost increases, raising the commodity rate a total of 7.1 cents per gallon from 29.3¢ to 36.4¢ per gallon, plus provide an additional \$2,472 for annualized costs for installation of cathodic protection.
3. The precedent for allowing inclusion of annualized costs for cathodic protection was first proposed by Russian River Gas Co. in Advice Letter No. 35-G, and subsequently adopted by Commission Resolution No. G-2014, dated January 5, 1977.
4. Due to administrative problems, this utility has not had a rate increase since December 30, 1975 even though there have been several fuel cost increases in that time.
5. This rate filing will increase the average residential customer's monthly bill of 17.2 therms (683 c.f.) by \$0.30 from \$8.54 to \$8.84 and the average winter bill of 43.2 therms (1,715 c.f.) by \$0.42 from \$21.22 to \$21.64.
6. For the average nonresidential customer on nonlifeline rates and using the same quantities as above, the monthly bill will increase by \$2.10 from \$8.54 to \$10.64 in the summer and by \$5.82 from \$21.22 to \$27.04 in the winter.
7. We find that this rate increase is in conformance with the filed tariffs and with the will and intent of Section 739 of the Public Utilities Code concerning lifeline rates; therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Authority be granted under Sections 454, 491 and 739 of the Public Utilities Code for Garberville Gas Corp. to place the above tariff sheets into effect for meter readings taken on or after December 10, 1977.
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-2174. 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 6th day of December, 1977, the following Commissioners voting favorably thereon: