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RESOLUTION NO. 2189

RESOLUTION

UTILITIES DIVISION  
BRANCH/SECTION: Gas  
DATE: January 31, 1978

SUBJECT: Request to Provide Natural Additional Gas Service in Excess of 50 Mcfd

WHEREAS: PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY, by Advice Letter No. 959-G filed January 10, 1978 has requested Commission approval under the provisions of Decision No. 85189, to supply additional natural gas in excess of 50 Mcfd to Teledyne McCormick Selph (Applicant) in Hollister, San Benito County under the following circumstances:

1. Applicant's request is for an additional average daily consumption of 360 Mcf, raising his existing average daily consumption from 16 Mcf to 376 Mcf.

2. Applicant will use this additional gas to operate a thermal oxidizer at its chemical plant to destroy contaminants as required by the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District.

3. Complete conversion of this equipment to alternate fuel is not possible because:

- a.) Equipment design requires natural gas for start-up to protect refractory materials;
- b.) After operating conditions are achieved, the combined firing of natural gas and fuel oil are required to achieve proper reducing conditions; and
- c.) The burning with fuel oil could give rise to poor destruction of contaminants and subsequent harmful emissions beyond the limits established by law.

4. The combined requirements for high decomposition temperatures (2200°F) and 24 hour per day operation preclude the use of solar equipment at this time.

5. Applicant meets the criteria for FPC Priority 2 classification (Docket No. RP72-6).

6. We find that this request should be granted and that the Applicant should be classified in Priority 2A under the end-use criteria adopted in Decision No. 85189; therefore good cause appearing.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Authority be granted under the provisions of Decision No. 85189 for Pacific Gas & Electric Company to supply the requested service to Teledyne McCormick Selph effective February 9, 1978.

2. The above advice letter and application be marked to show that they were accepted for filing by Resolution of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California No. G-2189. 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 31st day of January, 1978, the following Commissioners voting favorably thereon: