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RESOLUTION NO. G-2193

UTILITIES DIVISION
 BRANCH/SECTION: Gas
 DATE: February 22, 1978

R E S O L U T I O N

SUBJECT: Order Authorizing Revised Fuel Cost Adjustment Resulting in Rate Increase in Steam Tariffs

WHEREAS: PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY, by Advice Letter No. 57-S, filed January 27, 1978, requests authority under Section 454 of the Public Utilities Code to increase its steam tariff rates, in accordance with Part B, Paragraph 2 of the Preliminary Statement, as set forth on Cal. P.U.C. Sheets Nos. 223-H and 224-H, and resulting in the following:

1. The total net revenue effect of this request will result in an annual revenue increase of \$47,600 or 1.2%, for the utility's Steam Department.
2. The fuel cost adjustment factor is proposed to be changed from \$1.869 per 1,000 lbs. to \$1.945 per 1,000 lbs. of steam.
3. The staff is currently in discussion with the utility concerning the possibility of limiting these fuel cost rate adjustments to twice a year.
4. The revised FCA is based on forecast period sales and fuel use for the 12 months beginning February 1, 1978, gas fuel prices estimated to be in effect on or before February 1, 1978, and the average cost of oil fuel in steam sales inventory on the first day of the forecast period.
5. The staff, however, has prepared revised calculations based on estimated annual sales of 698,500,000 lbs. of steam as shown in the staff rate design exhibit in Application No. 57202 rather than the utility's revised estimate of 626,600,000 lbs. of steam.
6. The staff's calculations result in a revised fuel cost adjustment factor of \$1.894 per 1,000 lbs. of steam, resulting in an annual revenue increase of \$17,500, or 0.4%, for utility's Steam Department, and

WHEREAS: We find that the staff's method of calculations to be just and reasonable; therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. The staff's figures be adopted and that PG&E be instructed to file revised tariff sheets to reflect such figures and that upon receipt of such revised filing that authority be granted under Sections 454, 491 and 701 of the Public Utilities Code for such revised tariff sheets to be placed into effect upon date of filing or on February 28, 1978, whichever comes last.
2. Such revised tariff sheets be marked to show that they were authorized under Resolution of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California No. G-2193. 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 22nd day of February, 1978, the following Commissioners voting favorably thereon: