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RESOLUTION NO. 2207  
UTILITIES DIVISION  
BRANCH/SECTION: Gas  
DATE: April 18, 1978

R E S O L U T I O N

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

**WHEREAS:** PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY, by Advice Letter No. 982-G, filed March 29, 1978 has requested Commission approval under the provisions of Decision No. 85189, to supply additional natural gas in excess of 50 Mcfd to Western Gold & Platinum Company (Applicant) in Belmont, San Mateo County under the following circumstances:

1. Applicant's request is technically for an additional average daily consumption of 69 Mcf with an existing average daily consumption of 0 Mcf since Applicant is carried as an existing gas account by PG&E with no consumption since August 1977.
2. Applicant will use this additional gas in the direct process firing of a high temperature, ceramic kiln to produce alumina ceramic parts.
3. Use of solar energy is not practical in this operation since temperatures of 3210°F are required.
4. Use of oil for firing small kilns such as Applicant's at these high temperatures has not been successful.
5. Applicant meets the criteria for FPC Priority 2 classification (Docket No. RP 72-6) and to deny service to this customer or other customers with direct fired uses would reduce gas entitlements to California, and

**WHEREAS:** We find that this request should be granted and that the Applicant should be classified in Priority 1 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 Western Gold & Platinum Company effective April 28, 1978.
2. The above advice letter be marked to show that it was accepted for filing by Resolution of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California No. G-2207. 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 18th day of April, 1978, the following Commissioners voting favorably thereon: