PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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to Executive Director	RESOLUTION	UTILITIES DIVISION BRANCH/SECTION: Gas
Director		DATE: August 8, 1978
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SUBJECT: Order Authorizing Transfer of Refund Amounts into Balancing Account

WHEREAS: SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION, by letter dated July 10, 1978, having requested Commission approval to transfer funds from its refund accounts into its balancing account under the following conditions:

- 1. The total amount in question is \$38,057.44 of which \$32,091.80 is applicable to the utility's Placer County operations and the remaining \$5,965.64 is applicable to the San Bernardino County operations.
- 2. By placing these amounts in the balancing account Southwest plans to use the refunds to offset future rate increases for the benefit of the customers.
- 3. The Commission has previously set precedents for placing refund monies in balancing accounts for Southern California Gas Company by Decision No. 87587, dated July 12, 1977, in Application No. 57196, and for Pacific Gas & Electric Company by Decision No. 88261, dated December 20, 1977, in Application No. 57481, and

WHEREAS: We find Southwest's request to be reasonable, provided that the amounts for the two rate areas are kept separately so that each rate area will benefit from its own refund amounts in offsetting future rate increases; therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that:

- 1. Authority is hereby granted under Sections 701 and 792.5 of the Public Utilities Code to Southwest Gas Corporation to place the refund monies in its balancing Account.
- 2. Southwest Gas Corporation be notified that the funds from the two different rate areas shall be kept segregated so that each rate area will receive the benefits of its own refund account in offsetting future rate increases.
- 3. The above letter be marked to show that it was approved for filing by Resolution No. G-2237 of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California. 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 8th day of August 19.78, the following Commissioners voting favorably thereon:

Executive Director

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