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RESOLUTION NO. G-2248
 UTILITIES DIVISION
 BRANCH/SECTION: Gas
 DATE: September 19, 1978

R E S O L U T I O N

SUBJECT: Order Authorizing PGA Rate Increase

OFFICE OF THE
 GAS BRANCH

WHEREAS: SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION, by Advice Letters Nos. 198, filed May 25, 1978, and 198-Supplement, filed September 7, 1978, has requested authority to file revised tariff schedules, applicable to its San Bernardino County Rate Area, in order to track increased cost of gas from its supplier, Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E), as set forth on Cal. P.U.C. Sheets Nos. 1640-G through 1648-G, inclusive, under the following conditions:

1. The proposed rate revisions include a rate increase of 0.560 cents per therm applicable to all sales, to offset the cost of gas from PG&E, and a rate decrease of 0.746 cents per therm, for all non-lifeline sales to reflect reduced Ad Valorem taxes as per Article XIII-A of the Constitution of the State of California, thus resulting in a rate decrease for non-lifeline sales.
2. The results of these rate revisions is an increase of \$258,697 and an Ad Valorem tax decrease of \$203,054 for a net annual revenue increase of \$55,643.
3. The utility is applying the rate increase to all sales, including lifeline, because the system average rate has increased more than 30% over the January 1, 1976 level.
4. For a typical residential or commercial customer on lifeline and non-lifeline rate schedules respectively, using 40 therms in the summer months and 150 therms in the winter months, the typical bill will vary as shown below:

	Summer - 40th			Winter - 150th		
	Present Rate	New Rate	Diff.	Present Rate	New Rate	Diff.
Residential						
Barstow	\$12.95	\$13.07	\$0.12	\$40.11	\$40.48	\$0.37
Victorville	12.95	13.07	0.12	37.69	38.22	0.53
Big Bear	13.93	14.05	0.12	36.42	37.19	0.77
Commercial						
Barstow & Victorville	15.17	15.11	<0.06>	47.57	47.35	<0.22>
Big Bear	16.36	16.31	<0.05>	51.35	51.12	<0.23>

< > = rate decrease

5. The utility requests authorization as soon as possible because the PG&E rate increase has been in effect since September 11, 1978, and

WHEREAS: This requested rate increase is found to be reasonable; therefore good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Authority is hereby granted under Sections 454 and 491 of the Public Utilities Code, and under the provisions of the utility's filed PGA procedure for Southwest Gas Corporation to place the above tariff sheets into effect on this date.

2. The above advice letters and tariff sheets be marked to show that they were approved for filing by Resolution No. G-2248 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 19th day of September, 1978, the following Commissioners voting favorably thereon:

Executive Director