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RESOLUTION NO. G-2268

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to Executive Director

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UTILITIES DIVISION
BRANCH/SECTION: Gas
DATE: April 10, 1979

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SUBJECT: Order Authorizing PGA Rate Increase and Amortization of
Unrecovered Gas Cost Balancing Account

WHEREAS: SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION (SoWest), by Advice Letter No. 210, filed March 1, 1979, having requested authority to file revised tariff schedules, applicable to its Placer County Rate Area, in order to track increased cost of gas, as set forth on Cal. P.U.C. Sheets Nos. 1725-G to 1731-G, inclusive, under the following conditions:

1. The proposed rate revision of 7.738 cents per therm for all lifeline rates and 0.008 cents per therm for non-lifeline rates will result in an annual revenue increase of \$144,760, which will offset the increased cost of gas from the utility's supplier, Northwest Pipeline Corporation (Northwest) in its semi-annual PGAC filing in Docket No. RP72-154 with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).
2. The PGA rate increase is allocated primarily to lifeline rates because the rates for non-lifeline gas has reached the point of barely being competitive with alternative fuel prices.
3. An additional rate surcharge of 1.747 cents per therm for all rates will result in an annual revenue increase of \$41,854 and will amortize the unrecovered gas cost balancing account through December 31, 1978.
4. This additional surcharge is proposed to be in effect from April 1, 1979 to September 1, 1979.
5. For a typical residential customer under lifeline rate schedules, using 70 therms in the summer months and 200 therms in the winter months, the bill will increase \$3.24 from \$36.76 to \$40.00 in the summer and by \$17.40 from \$85.64 to \$103.04 in the winter.
6. For a commercial customer, under non-lifeline rate schedules, using the same volumes, the bill will increase \$1.23 from \$40.02 to \$41.25 in the summer and by \$3.51 from \$106.46 to \$109.97 in the winter.
7. In the event that the FERC rejects or amends Northwest's filing in Docket No. RP72-154, SoWest will file substitute tariff sheets to reflect approved rate levels, and

WHEREAS: These requested rate increases are found to be reasonable; therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Authority is granted under Sections 454 and 701 of the Public Utilities Code, and under the provisions of the utility's PGA procedure to place the above tariff sheets or subsequent substitute tariff sheets into effect on this date, or any subsequent date that the FERC might require Northwest's filing to become effective, whichever date is later.

2. The above tariff sheets and/or any subsequent substitute tariff sheets be marked to show that they were issued under Resolution No. G-2268 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 10th day of April, 19 79, the following Commissioners voting favorably thereon:

Executive Director