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RESOLUTION NO. G-2284

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UTILITIES DIVISION
 BRANCH/SECTION: Gas
 DATE: July 3, 1979

SUBJECT: Order Authorizing PGA Rate Increase on Less than Statutory Notice

WHEREAS: SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION (SoWest), by Advice Letter No. 213, filed June 5, 1979, has requested authority to file revised tariff schedules, applicable to its San Bernardino County Rate Area, in order to track the increased cost of gas from its supplier, Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) as set forth on Cal. P.U.C. Sheets 1743-G to 1748-G, inclusive, under the following conditions:

1. The proposed rate revisions include a rate increase of 5.530 cents per therm for residential lifeline sales and a rate increase of 8.512 cents per therm for all other sales.
2. These rate revisions reflect a 6.999 cent per therm increase filed by PG&E and also includes a Balancing Adjustment Factor and a Supply Adjustment Mechanism rate to amortize the credit balance accrued in the utility's accounts.
3. The result of these rate revisions include a revenue increase of \$3,576,390 and a revenue decrease of \$795,990, for a net annual revenue increase of \$2,780,400.
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 - 40 therms				Winter - 150 therms			
	Present Rate	New Rate	Diff.	%	Present Rate	New Rate	Diff.	%
Residential								
Barstow	\$14.64	\$16.78	\$2.14	14.6%	\$46.63	\$55.13	\$ 8.50	18.2%
Victorville		(Same)			\$44.60	\$52.35	\$ 7.75	17.4%
Big Bear		(Same)			\$41.75	\$48.51	\$ 6.76	16.2%
Commercial	\$16.76	\$19.67	\$2.91	17.4%	\$53.21	\$64.13	\$10.92	20.5%

5. In the event that the Commission rejects or amends PG&E's filing or requires a different effective date other than July 1, 1979, SoWest will file appropriate substitute tariff sheets to reflect approved rate levels, and

WHEREAS: This rate increase is found to be reasonable and necessary for the utility to track the rate increases of its supplier; therefore good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Authority is granted under Sections 454, 491 and 701 of the Public Utilities Code, and under the provisions of the utility's PGA procedure in its filed tariff Schedules for Southwest Gas Corporation to place the above tariff sheets and/or subsequent substitute tariff sheets into effect on July 3, 1979, or on any other date that the Commission might require PG&E's filing to become effective, whichever date is later.

2. The above advice letter and tariff sheets and/or any subsequent substitute tariff sheets shall be marked to show that they were issued under Resolution No. G-2284 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 3rd day of July, 19 79, the following Commissioners voting favorably thereon:

Executive Director