PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION NO. G-2290

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RESOLUTION

UTILITIES DIVISION BRANCH/SECTION: Gas DATE: July 3, 1979 **U-15**

_____Director _____Numerical File _____Alphabetical File _____Accounting Officer

SUBJECT: Order Authorizing PGA Rate Increase

WHEREAS: SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION (SoWest), by Advice Letters Nos. 205, filed November 24, 1978, and 205- Supplement, filed June 21, 1979, 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. 1754-G through 1759-G, inclusive, under the following conditions:

1. The proposed rate increase of 2.708 cents per therm applicable to all sales, is to offset the cost of gas from PG&E as granted by Commission Decision No. 90424 on June 19, 1979 and as filed by PG&E on that date by Advice Letter No. 1046-G.

2. The results of this rate revision is an annual revenue increase of \$1,273,787 for SoWest.

3. Solvest is proposing no balancing adjustment factor change at this time due to its inclusion in Advice Letter 213, submitted on June 4, 1979.

4. For a typical residential or commercial customer on lifeline and nonlifeline 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.	<u>%</u>	Present Rate	New Rate	Diff.	a/o
Residential Barstow Victorville	\$14.64	\$15.62 (Same	\$0 .9 8	6.7%	\$46.63 \$44.60	\$50.48 \$48.17	\$3.85 \$3.57	8.3%
Big Bear Commercial	\$16.7 6	(Same \$18.02	1	7.5%	\$41.75 \$53.21	\$44.94 \$54.47	\$3.19 \$1.26	7.6% 2.4%

5. Sowest requests authorization as soon as possible because the PG&E rate increase is already in effect since June 19, 1979, 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-2290 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 <u>3rd</u> day of <u>July</u>, 19 <u>79</u>, the following Commissioners voting favorably thereon:

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Executive Director