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RESOLUTION NO. G-2317

R E S O L U T I O N

UTILITIES DIVISION  
 BRANCH/SECTION: Gas  
 DATE: November 6, 1979

SUBJECT: Southwest Gas Corporation. Order Authorizing PGA Rate Increase Resulting in Annual Revenue Increase of \$281,018 or 6.0%

WHEREAS: SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION (SoWest), by Advice Letter No. 219, filed October 16, 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. 1790-G to 1795-G, inclusive, under the following conditions:

1. The proposed rate increase of 2.99 cents per therm for lifeline rates and 4.33¢ per therm for non-lifeline rates, will result in an annual revenue increase of \$281,018, which will offset the increased cost of gas from the utility's supplier, Northwest Pipeline Corporation (NoWest) in its filing in Docket No. RP 72-154 with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

2. The requested change in rates by NoWest results from an increase in the Canadian export border price from \$2.80 per MMBTU to \$3.45 per MMBTU effective November 3, 1979.

3. Public notification of this rate increase will be made by the utility through the local news media.

4. 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 \$2.68 from \$42.09 to \$44.77 in the summer and by \$6.43 from \$107.95 to \$114.38 in the winter.

5. For a commercial customer, under non-lifeline rate schedules, using the same volumes, the bill will increase \$3.03 from \$43.34 to \$46.37 in the summer and by \$8.66 from \$115.93 to \$124.59 in the winter.

6. The utility requests that a waiver be granted to its PGA provision as necessary so as to permit an effective date of November 15, 1979, which allows for statutory thirty-days notice, and which coincides with the effective date requested by NoWest.

7. In the event that FERC rejects or amends any part of NoWest's filing, SoWest will file substitute tariff sheets to reflect approved rate levels, and

WHEREAS: This requested rate revision is found to be reasonable and in keeping with the utility's filed PGA procedure with the exception of the requested effective date; therefore, good cause appearing,

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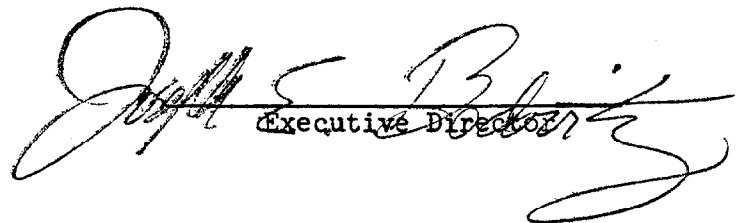
IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Authority is granted under Sections 454, 491 and 701 of the Public Utilities Code and under the provisions of the utility's filed PGA procedure to place the above tariff sheets or subsequent substitute tariff sheets into effect on November 15, 1979 or on any subsequent date that the FERC might require NoWest'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-2317 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 6th day of November, 1979, the following Commissioners voting favorably thereon.

JOHN E. BRYSON  
President  
VERNON L. STURGEON  
RICHARD D. GRAVERLE  
CLAIRE T. DEDECK  
LEONARD M. GRUBBS, JR.  
Commissioners

  
Executive Director