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RESOLUTION NO. G-2325
 UTILITIES DIVISION
 BRANCH/SECTION: Gas
 DATE: November 20, 1979

R E S O L U T I O N

Withdrawn

SUBJECT: Del Norte Gas Company. Order Authorizing Fuel Cost Rate Increase for LPG Utility Company Resulting in Annual Revenue Increase of \$26,565 or 15.4%

WHEREAS: DEL NORTE GAS COMPANY (Del Norte), by Advice Letter No. 22, filed November 1, 1979, having requested authority under the fuel escalation clauses of the utility's filed tariff schedules and under Sections 454 and 491 of the Public Utilities Code to increase its LPG tariff rates in order to offset an LPG purchased price increase set as set forth on Cal. P.U.C. Sheets Nos. 118-G to 123-G, inclusive, under the following conditions:

1. The proposed rate increases are 14.5 cents per 100 cf, which is the equivalent of 5.7 cents per therm for all lifeline rates in excess of the minimum usage and 23.0 cents per 100 cf, which is the equivalent of 9.0 cents per therm for all non-lifeline rates, will produce an annual revenue increase of \$26,565 which will offset the increase in annual fuel costs, effective October 1, 1979 produced by an increase of 6.9 cents per gallon from 38.0 to 44.9 cents per gallon.

2. Part of this rate increase is spread over lifeline rates because the system average rate has increased more than 25% and the increase to lifeline represents that portion in excess of 25%.

3. A comparison of the present and proposed rates for metered gas service is set below:

Schedule G-80 - General Service

	Present Rates	Proposed Rates	Percent Increase
First 100 cf, or less	\$1.35	\$1.35	0
Next 500 cf, per 100 cf	1.69	1.92	13.6
Next 500 cf, per 100 cf	1.58	1.81	14.6
Next 3,900 cf, per 100 cf	1.47	1.70	15.6
Next 5,000 cf, per 100 cf	1.32	1.55	17.4
Over 10,000 cf, per 100 cf	1.29	1.52	17.8

Schedule G-81 - Residential Service
 Multiple Use

Summer (Lifeline 600 cf/mo.)

First 100 cf, or less	\$1.35	\$1.35	0
Next 500 cf, per 100 cf	1.415	1.56	10.2
Next 500 cf, per 100 cf	1.58	1.81	14.6
Next 3,900 cf, per 100 cf	1.47	1.70	15.6
Next 5,000 cf, per 100 cf	1.32	1.55	17.4
Over 10,000 cf, per 100 cf	1.29	1.52	17.8

Schedule G-81 - Residential Service
Multiple Use

	Present Rates	Proposed Rates	Percent Increase
<u>Winter (Lifeline 1,800 cf/mo.)</u>			
First 100 cf, or less	\$1.35	\$1.35	0
Next 500 cf, per 100 cf	1.415	1.56	10.2
Next 500 cf, per 100 cf	1.305	1.45	11.1
Next 700 cf, per 100 cf	1.195	1.34	12.1
Next 3,200 cf, per 100 cf	1.47	1.70	15.6
Next 5,000 cf, per 100 cf	1.32	1.55	17.4
Over 10,000 cf, per 100 cf	1.29	1.52	17.8

Schedule G-83 - Residential Service
Heating Only

Summer (No Lifeline)

First 100 cf, or less	\$1.35	\$1.35	0
Next 500 cf, per 100 cf	1.69	1.92	13.6
Next 500 cf, per 100 cf	1.59	1.81	14.6
Next 3,900 cf, per 100 cf	1.47	1.70	15.6
Next 5,000 cf, per 100 cf	1.32	1.55	17.4
Over 10,000 cf, per 100 cf	1.29	1.52	17.8

Winter (Lifeline 1,200 cf/mo.)

First 100 cf, or less	\$1.35	\$1.35	0
Next 500 cf, per 100 cf	1.415	1.56	10.2
Next 500 cf, per 100 cf	1.305	1.45	11.1
Next 100 cf, per 100 cf	1.195	1.34	12.1
Next 3,800 cf, per 100 cf	1.47	1.70	15.6
Next 5,000 cf, per 100 cf	1.32	1.55	17.4
Over 10,000 cf, per 100 cf	1.29	1.52	17.8

Schedule G-82 - Residential Service
Cooking & Water Heating Only

Summer & Winter (Lifeline 600 cf/mo.)

First 100 cf, or less	\$1.35	\$1.35	0
Next 500 cf, per 100 cf	1.415	1.56	10.2
Next 500 cf, per 100 cf	1.58	1.81	14.6
Next 3,900 cf, per 100 cf	1.47	1.70	15.6
Next 5,000 cf, per 100 cf	1.32	1.55	17.4
Over 10,000 cf, per 100 cf	1.29	1.52	17.8

Schedule G-85 - Industrial Service

	Present Rates	Proposed Rates	Percent Increase
First 100 cf, or less	\$1.35	\$1.35	0
Next 500 cf, per 100 cf	1.607	1.837	14.3
Next 500 cf, per 100 cf	1.497	1.727	15.4
Next 3,900 cf, per 100 cf	1.387	1.617	16.6
Next 5,000 cf, per 100 cf	1.237	1.467	18.6
Next 10,000 cf, per 100 cf	1.207	1.437	19.1
Over 20,000 cf, per 100 cf	1.167	1.397	19.7

4. The following table shows typical bills at various levels at present and proposed rates:

Monthly Usage	Present Rates	Proposed Rates	Percent Increase
<u>Residential Summer</u>			
100 cf	\$1.35	\$1.35	0
300 cf	4.18	4.47	6.9
500 cf	7.01	7.59	8.3
1,000 cf	14.75	16.39	11.1
1,100 cf (Average)	16.33	18.20	11.5
1,500 cf	22.21	25.00	12.6
2,000 cf	29.56	33.50	13.3
<u>Residential Winter</u>			
100 cf	\$1.35	\$1.35	0
500 cf	7.01	7.59	8.3
1,000 cf	13.65	14.95	9.5
1,500 cf	19.73	21.76	10.3
2,000 cf	26.26	29.18	11.1
2,500 cf	33.61	37.68	12.1
2,900 cf (Average)	39.49	44.48	12.6
3,500 cf	48.31	54.68	13.2
4,000 cf	55.66	63.18	13.5
5,000 cf	70.36	80.18	14.0
<u>Commercial Usage</u>			
100 cf	\$1.35	\$1.35	0
500 cf	7.78	8.70	11.8
1,000 cf	15.37	17.44	13.5
2,000 cf	22.42	25.64	14.4
3,000 cf	36.29	41.81	15.2
4,000 cf	50.16	57.98	15.6
5,000 cf	64.03	74.15	15.8
10,000 cf	125.88	147.50	17.2
20,000 cf	246.58	291.20	18.1
50,000 cf	596.68	710.30	19.0

5. Public notification of this rate increase will be made to the utility's customers through the local news media, and

WHEREAS: We find this rate increase to be reasonable and in accordance with the fuel escalation clause formula of the utility's filed tariff schedules and with Section 739 of the Public Utilities Code; therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Authority is granted under Sections 454, 491 and 739 of the Public Utilities Code for Del Norte Gas Company to place the above tariff sheets into effect for meter readings taken on or after this date.

2. The above tariff sheets shall be marked to show that they were accepted for filing by Resolution No. G-2325 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 20th day of November, 1979, the following Commissioners voting favorably thereon:

Executive Director