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RESOLUTION NO. G-2330

R E S O L U T I O N

UTILITIES DIVISION
 BRANCH/SECTION: Gas
 DATE: November 20, 1979

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SUBJECT: Rolling Green Utilities, Inc. Order Authorizing Revision of
 Tariff Structures for a Fuel Cost Rate Increase for LPG Util-
 ity Company Resulting in Annual Revenue Increase of \$5,000
 or 10.1%

WHEREAS: ROLLING GREEN UTILITIES, INC. (Rolling Green), by Advice Letter
 No. 22, filed October 9, 1979, has requested authority under the fuel escalation
 clauses of the utility's filed tariff schedules to increase its LPG tariff rates
 to offset a fuel cost increase as set forth on Cal. P.U.C. Sheets Nos. 94-G and
 95-G, under the following conditions:

1. Lifeline rates for residential usage was established at 25 therms in
 the summer and 85 therms in the winter by Resolution No. G-1893 on June 9, 1976.
2. With no commercial and industrial customers and with current customer
 usage patterns such that the major portion of all sales fall within lifeline usage,
 there is no place left in which to spread this last rate increase.
3. In order to evenly spread the rate increase to all customers and to
 strike an even balance between revenue requirements and customer usage, the Commis-
 sion staff has submitted a revised rate design which lowers lifeline quantities to
 16 therms in the summer and 48 therms in the winter months.
4. A comparison of the present and proposed rates for metered gas service
 is set below:

Present Rates:

<u>Summer (Lifeline 25th/mo.)</u>		<u>Winter (Lifeline 85th/mo.)</u>	
First 8 therms, or less	\$2.60	First 8 therms, or less	\$2.60
Next 17 therms, per therm	0.455	Next 32 therms, per therm	0.455
Over 25 therms, per therm	0.855	Next 45 therms, per therm	0.445
		Over 85 therms, per therm	0.855

Proposed Rates:

<u>Summer (Lifeline 16th/mo.)</u>		<u>Winter (Lifeline 48th/mo.)</u>	
Customer Charge, per mo.	\$2.00	Customer Charge, per mo.	\$2.00
First 16 therms, per therm	0.455	First 48 therms, per therm	0.455
Next 16 therms, per therm	0.585	Next 48 therms, per therm	0.585
Over 32 therms, per therm	0.685	Over 96 therms, per therm	0.685

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5. The following table shows typical bills at various usage levels at the present & proposed rates:

Monthly Usage	Present Rates	Proposed Rates	Percent Increase
<u>Summer</u>	(Lifeline 25 th/mo.)	(Lifeline 16th/mo.)	
5 therms	\$2.60	\$4.28	64.6
8 therms	2.60	5.64	116.9
10 therms	3.51	6.55	86.6
25 therms	10.34	14.55	40.7
32 therms (Average)	16.32	18.64	14.2
50 therms	31.71	30.97	<2.4>
70 therms	48.81	44.67	<9.3>
100 therms	74.46	65.22	<14.2>
<u>Winter</u>	(Lifeline 85th/mo.)	(Lifeline 48th/mo.)	
5 therms	\$2.60	\$4.28	64.6
10 therms	3.51	6.55	86.6
25 therms	10.34	14.55	40.7
50 therms	21.53	26.19	21.6
70 therms	30.43	37.89	24.5
96 therms (Average)	46.51	53.10	14.2
100 therms	49.93	55.84	11.8
150 therms	92.68	90.09	<2.9>
200 therms	135.43	124.34	<8.9>
250 therms	178.18	158.59	<12.4>

< > = Negative Number

6. For large-usage customers, this new rate design will actually result in a minor rate reduction, and

WHEREAS: We find this rate revision to be reasonable and the only practical solution to the existing problem caused by large lifeline allowances and small customer usages; therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Authority is granted under Sections 454, 491 and 739 of the Public Utilities Code to instruct Rolling Green Utilities, Inc. to file substitute tariff sheets to reflect the revised rate design submitted by the Commission staff, and such revised substitute sheets shall become effective upon receipt.

2. Rolling Green is further instructed to notify all customers of the new revised rates by means of a bill stuffer.

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3. The above advice letter and revised substitute tariff sheets shall be marked to show that they were accepted for filing by Resolution No. G-2330 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, 19 79, the following Commissioners voting favorably thereon:

Executive Director