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RESOLUTION NO. G-2337

UTILITIES DIVISION

BRANCH/SECTION: Gas

DATE: January 29, 1980

R E S O L U T I O N

**SUBJECT:** Order Authorizing Gas Priority 2A (temporary) Classification

**WHEREAS:** RICH OF CALIFORNIA, (RICH), by letter dated December 14, 1979, has requested Commission approval to be classified in natural gas Priority 2A (temporary) under the following conditions:

1. Until December 5, 1979, RICH was classified in accordance with Decision No. 85189 as a Priority 1 gas customer.
2. RICH is also classified as an "Essential Agricultural User" of natural gas in accordance with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Order No. 29.
3. If RICH had used over 100 Mcf on a peak day at the time of classification under Decision No. 85189, RICH would have been classified as a Priority 2A (temporary) gas customer.
4. Decision No. 90794 exempts all Priority 2A (temporary) "Essential Agricultural Users" of natural gas from transferring to a lower priority on October 1, 1979.
5. No provision was made for growth in gas Priority 2A (temporary), and therefore RICH, an "Essential Agricultural User," has been transferred to Priority 3, and

**WHEREAS:** We find that this is contrary to our intent in Decision No. 90794; therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Authority is granted for Pacific Gas and Electric Company to deviate from the provisions of Decision No. 85189 by classifying Rich of California as a Priority 2A (temporary) gas customer.
2. The above letter is to be marked to show that it was approved by Resolution No. G-2337 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 29th day of January, 1980, the following Commissioners voting favorably thereon:

JOHN W. GIBSON  
 President  
 VERNON L. STURGEON  
 RICHARD D. GRAVELLE  
 CLARET T. DEDRICK  
 LEONARD M. SIMES, JR.  
 Commissioner

*Joseph E. Dobson*  
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 Executive Director

# Memorandum

Date : January 29, 1980  
(Conference)

RETURN TO GAS BRANCH

To : THE COMMISSION

From : Public Utilities Commission — San Francisco -- G. L. Way  
Chief Gas Engineer *glw*

Phone: 7-3310

File No.: C-9642

Subject: Order Authorizing Gas Priority 2A (temporary) Classification  
(Resolution No. G-2337)

RECOMMENDATION: The staff recommends that the Commission approve the attached resolution which will confer a gas Priority 2A (temporary) classification on Rich of California (Rich), a processor of turkey meat in Modesto, California.

BACKGROUND: On December 5, 1979, PG&E informed Rich that it was reclassified from Priority 1 to Priority 3 since its peak day boiler fuel use now exceeded 100 Mcf. Rich is an "Essential Agricultural User" of gas under FERC Order No. 29. On September 17, 1979, in Decision No. 90794, the Commission exempted all Priority 2A (temporary) "Essential Agricultural Users" from transferring to Priority 3.

ANALYSIS: Decision No. 85189 makes no provision for growth in Priority 2A (temporary), and consequently Rich, under the present circumstances, was transferred to Priority 3. Had Rich used over 100 Mcf/d when it was originally classified under Decision No. 85189, it would be in Priority 2A (temporary) today along with similarly situated "Essential Agricultural Users." The staff feels a deviation from Decision No. 85189 to permit PG&E to classify Rich as Priority 2A (temporary) rather than Priority 3 is justified.

RGP:lo

Attachment