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RESOLUTION NO. G-2340

R E S O L U T I O N

UTILITIES DIVISION
 BRANCH/SECTION: Gas
 DATE: March 18, 1980

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SUBJECT: C. P. National. Order Authorizing Rate Increase Applicable to Needles Rate Area to Track Pacific Gas & Electric Company Resulting in Total Annual Revenue Increase of \$46,176 or 8.2%

WHEREAS: C.P. NATIONAL (CPN), by Advice Letter No. 142-G, filed February 21, 1980, requests authority to file revised tariff schedules, applicable to its Needles Rate Area in order to track a rate increase from its supplier, Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E), as set forth on Cal. P.U.C. Sheets Nos. 720-G to 725-G, inclusive, under the following conditions:

1. The proposed rate increases of 4.44 cents per therm for all rates, will result in an annual revenue increase of \$46,176, which will offset a PG&E rate increase as filed by Advice Letter No. 1067 in accordance with Decision No. 91336, dated February 13, 1980.

2. The rate design for C.P. National is due to the following facts:

- (a) The uniform cents per therm increase tracks the uniform cents per therm increase authorized for PG&E by Decision No. 91336.
- (b) This is an interim increase and fairly balances the interests of the ratepayers while awaiting a final decision in PG&E Application Nos. 59249 and 59406.
- (c) The Tier III rates are maintained at approximately the price of propane which is the alternative fuel in the Needles Rate Area.

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

Residential Service - Schedule GN-210	Present Rates	Proposed Rates	Increase	
			Amount	Percent
<u>Lifeline- Summer- 26 th/month</u> <u>Winter- 81 th/month</u>				
Customer Charge, per month	\$1.50	\$1.50	----	----
All Lifeline Therms, per therm	0.40644	0.45084	0.0444	10.9%
First- (Summer-30) Non-Lifeline therms, (Winter-39) per therm	0.53354	0.57794	0.0444	8.3
All Excess Therms, per therm	0.62112	0.66552	0.0444	7.1

Commercial Service - Schedule GN-220	Present Rates	Proposed Rates	Increase	
			Amount	Percent
Customer Charge, per month	\$2.00	\$2.00	----	----
All Usage, per therm	0.62112	0.66552	0.0444	7.1%

Multi-Family Gas Service - GN-221	Present Rates	Proposed Rates	Increase	
			Amount	Percent
<u>Lifeline- Summer- 26 th/month</u> <u>Winter- 81 th/month</u>				
Customer Charge, per month	\$2.00	\$2.00	----	----
All Lifeline Therms, per therm	0.36580	0.40576*	0.03996	10.9%
First- (Summer-30) Non-Lifeline therms, 0.53354 (Winter-39) per therm		0.57794	0.0444	8.3
All Excess Therms, per therm	0.62112	0.66552	0.0444	7.1

*Increase of 3.996¢/th= 10% discount on lifeline rates

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

Monthly Usage	Present Rates	Proposed Rates	Increase	
			Amount	Percent
<u>Residential Summer</u>				
26 therms (Lifeline)	\$ 12.07	\$ 13.22	\$1.15	9.5%
70 therms (Average)	36.74	39.88	3.14	8.5
150 therms	86.43	93.12	6.69	7.7
<u>Residential Winter</u>				
81 therms (Lifeline)	\$ 34.92	\$ 38.02	\$3.10	8.9%
200 therms (Average)	105.42	113.80	8.38	7.9
400 therms	229.64	246.90	17.26	7.5
<u>Commercial Usage</u>				
100 therms	64.11	\$ 68.55	\$ 4.44	6.9%
1,000 therms	623.12	667.52	44.40	7.1
3,000 therms	1,865.36	1,998.56	133.20	7.1

5. Public notification of this rate increase has been made by the utility through the local news media, and

WHEREAS: We find this rate increase to be reasonable and in accordance with the PGA provisions of the utility's filed tariff schedules; therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that:

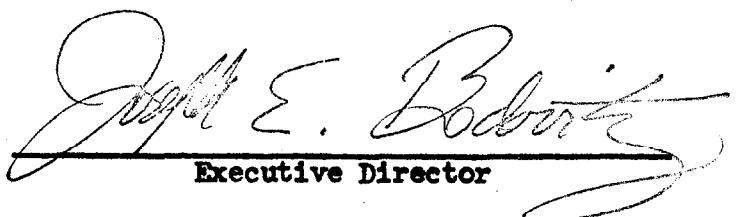
1. Authority is granted under Section 454 of the Public Utilities Code for C.P. National to place the above tariff sheets into effect on March 22, 1980, which constitutes regular statutory notice.

2. The above tariff sheets shall be marked to show that they were issued under Resolution No. G-2340 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 March 18, 1980, the following Commissioners voting favorably thereon:

JOHN E. BRYSON
President

VERNON L. STURGEON
RICHARD D. GRAVELLE
LÉONARD M. GRIMES, JR.


Executive Director

Commissioner Claire T. Dedrick, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.