

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION NO. G-2345
UTILITIES DIVISION
BRANCH/SECTION: Gas
DATE: April 2, 1980

RESOLUTION

SUBJECT: C. P. National. Order Authorizing PGA Rate Increase Resulting in Annual Revenue Increase of \$2,137,184 or 24.8%

WHEREAS: C. P. NATIONAL (CPN), by Advice Letter No. 144-G, filed March 5, 1980, having requested authority under Sections 454 and 491 of the Public Utilities Code and under the PGA provisions of the utility's filed tariff schedules, to file revised tariff sheets applicable to its South Tahoe rate area in order to track rate increases by its supplier, Southwest Gas Corporation (SoWest), as set forth on Cal. P.U.C. Sheets Nos. 726-G to 732-G, inclusive, under the following conditions:

1. The proposed rate increases of 12.030 cents per therm for all lifeline rates and 13.367 cents per therm for non-lifeline rates, will result in: an annual revenue increase of \$1,613,648, which will offset a SoWest rate increase as filed February 2, 1980 in Docket No. TA80-2-41 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC); and an additional revenue increase of \$523,536 to amortize the current Energy Rate Balancing Account balance.

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

Table with 5 columns: Service Type, Present Rates, Proposed Rates, Increase Amount, Increase Percent. Rows include Residential Service-Schedule GT-211 (Lifeline Summer/Winter, Customer Charge, All Lifeline Therms, First Non-Lifeline Therms, All Excess Therms), Commercial Service - Schedule GT-221 (Customer Charge, All Usage), and Multi-Family Service - Schedule GST-223.

Note: This schedule is the same as Schedule GT-211 except the increase to lifeline rates is 90% or 0.9 x 0.12030 = 0.10827. (Present Lifeline rate = 0.37541, proposed lifeline rate = 0.48368)

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

Monthly Usage (in therms)	Present Rates	Proposed Rates	Increase	
			Amount	Percent
<u>Residential - Summer</u>				
26 (Lifeline)	\$ 13.05	\$ 16.17	\$ 3.12	23.9%
70 (Average)	33.63	42.63	9.00	26.8
200	96.72	123.11	26.39	27.3
<u>Residential - Winter</u>				
166 (Lifeline)	\$ 71.44	\$ 91.41	\$ 19.97	28.0%
300 (Average)	134.12	172.00	37.88	28.2
500	232.86	297.48	64.62	27.8
<u>Commercial</u>				
100	\$ 48.97	\$ 62.34	\$ 13.37	27.3%
500	236.07	302.90	66.83	28.3
1,500	703.80	904.30	200.50	28.5

4. The rate design generally follows the basic criteria set forth in Commission Decision No. 91107, dated December 19, 1979, in PG&E Application No. 58546, with the exception that the basic price is tied to the price of propane, which is the alternative fuel in the South Tahoe rate area.

5. For large users, the cost of Tier III rates approaches the price of propane of approximately 60 to 70 cents per therm.

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

7. In the event that the FERC rejects or amends SoWest's filing or requires a different effective date, CPN will file appropriate substitute tariff sheets to reflect approved rate levels, and

WHEREAS: This rate increase is found to be reasonable and necessary for the utility to track the rate increase of its supplier; therefore, good cause appearing,

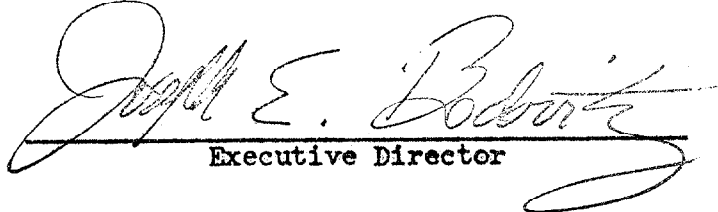
IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Authority is granted under Sections 454 and 491 of the Public Utilities Code for C. P. National to place the above tariff sheets and/or any subsequent substitute tariff sheets into effect on this date.

2. The above tariff sheets and/or subsequent substitute tariff sheets shall be marked to show that they were issued under Resolution No. G-2345 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 April 2, 1980, the following Commissioners voting favorably thereon:

JOHN E. BRYSON
President
VERNON L. STURGEON
RICHARD D. GRAVELLE
LEONARD M. GRIMES, JR.


Executive Director

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