## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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**RESOLUTION NO.** G-2358

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UTILITIES DIVISION BRANCH/SECTION: Gas DATE: July 2, 1980

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Southwest Gas Corporation. Order Authorizing Acceptance of Gas SUBJECT: Refund Plans Nos. 13 & 14

WHEREAS: SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION (SoWest), by letters dated May 23 and May 30, 1980, request authority to place Gas Refund Plans Nos. 13 and 14, respectively, into effect under the following conditions:

1. The proposed plans reflect funds received from the utility's suppliers, Northwest Pipeline Corporation (NPC) and Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E).

2. The total amounts to be refunded are approximately \$155,000 in the Placer County Rate Area and \$411,200 in the San Bernardino County Rate Area, including interest in both cases.

3. Both refunds will be allocated to current customers as credits to their bills, although checks will be issued if requested.

4. The Placer County Refund (Refund Plan No. 13) will be allocated to all customers during the July, 1980 billing period and will be based on total sales during the period of April 1979 through March 1980.

5. The San Bernardino County Refund (Refund Plan No. 14) will be allocated to all customers during the October, 1980 billing period and will be based on total non-lifeline sales during the period of July 1979 through June 1980.

6. The refund amount for Placer County will be 2.02 cents per therm, and while the exact amount for San Bernardino County has not yet been determined, it is estimated to be approximately 1.67 cents per therm.

7. The results of these two refund plans will affect average customers as shown below:

	Residential	Commercial
Placer County	\$19.15	\$79.26
San Bernardino County	5.40	74.16

8. No effort will be made to seek out former residential customers in either case, but the utility will investigate all requests by former customers and refunds will be made whereever one is found to be due.

9. Any unrefunded amounts or uncashed checks will become subject to future refund plans, and

WHEREAS: We find these refund plans to be acceptable and in the best interest of the customers; therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Authority is granted under Section 453.5 of the Public Utilities Code for Southwest Gas Corporation to place Gas Refund Plan No. 13 into effect during the month of July, 1980 and to place Gas Refund Plan No. 14 into effect, subject to final review by the Commission staff, during the month of October, 1980.

2. Southwest Gas Corporation shall keep records of the refunds made and shall submit reports on the disposition of any amounts unrefunded by no later than January 1, 1981.

3. The above refund plans shall both be marked to show that they were approved for filing by Resolution No. G-2358 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 <u>July 2, 1980</u>, the following Commissioners voting favorably thereon:

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

Director ecutive.

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