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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION NO. G-2361

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_____to Executive Director

R E S O L U T I O N

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

_____Director
_____Numerical File
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_____Accounting Officer

SUBJECT: Pacific Gas & Electric Company. Order Authorizing Test Program
for Budget Billing Plan

WHEREAS: PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY (PG&E), by Advice Letters Nos. 1087-G and 799-E, both filed June 12, 1980, requests authorization under Sections 491 and 532 of the Public Utilities Code and under Section X.A. of General Order No. 96-A, to implement a test program, applicable to both gas and electric service, of budget billing, under the following conditions:

1. The test program will be titled Equal Payment Plan (EPP) and will be offered for 12 consecutive billing cycles to the customers in the area served by PG&E's Livermore office.
2. The plan deviates from Rules 9 and 12 of the utility's filed tariffs by establishing a fixed amount that the customer will pay each month rather than billing on actual meter readings.
3. Participation in EPP is voluntary by all residential customers in the test area. A customer may join at anytime.
4. Meters will continue to be read and bills computed in accordance with regular tariff rules, but the customer will make 11 monthly payments equal to 1/12 of the estimated total annual bill. On the twelfth month, the customer will either pay or receive a refund for the difference between the total amount billed and the total amount paid.
5. All EPP accounts will be reviewed. Monthly payments will be adjusted, if necessary, in order to avoid exceptionally large unpaid balances in the settlement month.
6. The utility requests approval of this filing on less than statutory notice in order to commence the test plan with the July, 1980 billing cycle. The settlement month will take place during the June, 1981 billing cycle.
7. Commencing October 1, 1980 and quarterly thereafter, PG&E will evaluate the impact of this test program and report to the Commission.

8. This filing will not, on an annual basis, increase any rate or charge, cause a withdrawal of service or discriminate between customers of the same class.

9. This request is an emergency requiring action at the July 2 conference because, in order to commence the plan with this July billing cycle, the utility already has announced the plan and advertised it to the Livermore area public, and

WHEREAS: We find that this request for an experimental test plan is reasonable; therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that:

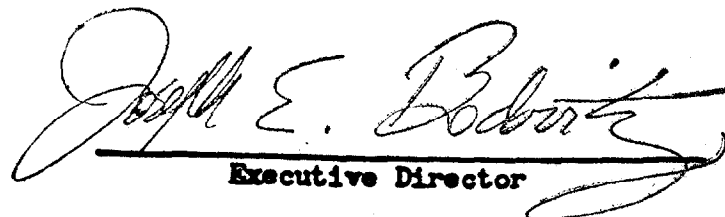
1. Authority be granted Pacific Gas & Electric Company under Section X.A. of General Order No. 96-A and under Sections 491 and 532 of the Public Utilities Code to place the test domestic Equal Payment Plan into effect for the Livermore-Pleasanton Service Area for a twelve month period commencing with the July, 1980 Billing Cycle, applicable to both gas and electric service.

2. The utility shall prepare and submit, commencing October 1, 1980 and quarterly thereafter, a report on the status and results of the study evaluating the impact of this test program.

3. Advice Letters Nos. 1087-G and 799-E shall both be marked to show that they were accepted for filing by Resolution No. G-2361 of the Public Utilities Code 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 July 2, 1980, the following Commissioners voting favorably thereon:

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


Executive Director