PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Director		DATE: December 16, 1980
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SUBJECT: Southwest Gas Corporation. Order Authorizing Revision in Lifeline Allowances for Disabled Persons.

WHEREAS: SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION (SoWest), by Advice Letter No. 248, filed November 19, 1980, requests authorization to revise the Lifeline Provisions of its residential tariff schedules applicable to both of its California Rate Areas, as set forth on Cal. P.U.C. Sheets Nos. 1986-G to 1991-G, inclusive, under the following conditions:

- 1. The lifeline provisions are revised to include multiple sclerosis (MS) patients with paraplegic/quadriplegic and other disabled persons receiving an additional winter lifeline allowance.
- 2. The additional allowances for MS patients is the same as for paraplegic/quadriplegic persons, namely 15, 25 and 35 therms per month for full time residents in SoWest's Barstow, Victorville, or Big Bear Lake service areas respectively.
- 3. This filing is a result of recent changes in Section 739 of the Public Utilities Code to include MS patients in the category of disabled persons requiring additional lifeline allowances, as prescribed by SB 1388, effective January 1, 1981.
- 4. Also included in this filing is Sample Form No. 913.3 which is an application for disabled persons seeking additional lifeline allowances and which has been revised to include MS patients.
- 5. Some revenue reduction will be felt by SoWest by allowing additional lifeline allowances to another type of customer but it is impossible at this time to determine the extent of the revenue loss, and

WHEREAS: We find that this filing is reasonable and in keeping with the intent of SB 1388; therefore, good cause appearing.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Authority is granted under Sections 701 and 739 of the Public Utilities Code for Southwest Gas Corporation to place the above tariff sheets into effect on January 1, 1981, which is the effective date of SB 1388.

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2. The above advice letter and tariff sheets shall be marked to show that they were approved for filing by Resolution No. G-2392 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>December 16. 1980</u>, the following Commissioners voting favorably thereon:

JOHN E. BRYSON

President
RICHARD D. GRAVELLE
CLAIRE T. DEDRICK
Commissioners

Executive Director