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RESOLUTION NO. G-2405

UTILITIES DIVISION

BRANCH/SECTION: Gas

DATE: January 6, 1981

RESOLUTION

RETURN TO GAS BRANCH

SUBJECT: Southwest Gas Corporation. Order Authorizing Exemption from Economic Regulatory Administration (ERA) Prohibition of Natural Gas Use for Outdoor Lighting.

WHEREAS: Southwest Gas Corporation (Southwest), by letter dated October 20, 1980, has submitted the application of one of its commercial customers for exemption from the Federal prohibition of outdoor lighting with natural gas. The exemption comes under Section 516.44 of the Economic Regulatory Administration's Final Rule, "Sale and Direct Industrial Use of Natural Gas for Outdoor Lighting" (10 CFR Part 516).

The Commission administers ERA's rule in this case under 10 CFR Section 516.11(g). In particular, administration of this rule includes the authority to grant exemptions from the rule under Section 416.40.

Apple Valley Country Club (Club) claims that the gas lights are needed for the safety of persons and property. However, Club is planning a major remodeling program in the near future, and at that time the gas lights would be changed to electric. The staff concludes that a one-year exemption would be appropriate.

The staff has reviewed the application and recommends granting the exemption because replacement would (1) entail substantial expense, and (2) that such expense would outweigh the benefits to be derived from compliance and the lighting is required for the safety of persons and property.

WHEREAS: We find the requested exemption reasonable; therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that:

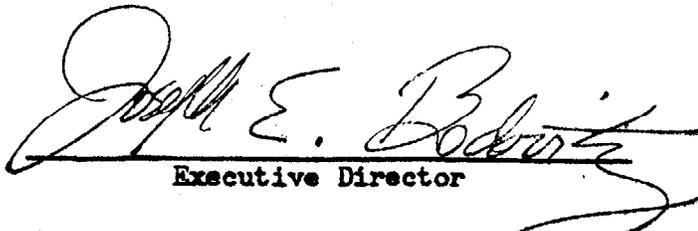
1. Apple Valley Country Club is granted an exemption from the provisions of Section 516.21 of the above-described rule, under Sections 516.11(g) and 516.30(b) of that rule, and under Section 701 of the Public Utilities Code, for the facilities described in these applications.

2. Southwest Gas Corporation is authorized to continue service to Apple Valley Country Club for a period of six months from the effective date of this resolution.

3. The effective date of this resolution is the date hereof.

I certify that this Resolution was introduced, approved and adopted at a regular conference of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California on January 6, 1981. The following Commissioners voted favorably:

JOHN E. BRYSON
President
RICHARD D. GRAVELLE
LEONARD M. GRIMES, JR.
Commissioners


Executive Director