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RESOLUTION NO. G-2411

RESOLUTION

UTILITIES DIVISION

BRANCH/SECTION: Gas

DATE: February 18, 1981

RETURN TO GAS BRANCH

SUBJECT: Southwest Gas Corporation. Order Authorizing PGA Rate Increase, Applicable to San Bernardino County Rate Area, Resulting in Annual Revenue Increase of \$371,000 or 1.6%.

WHEREAS: SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION (SoWest), by Advice Letter No. 252, Supplemental, filed February 10, 1981, has requested authority to file revised tariff schedules, applicable to its San Bernardino County Rate Area, in order to track increased cost of gas from its supplier, Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E), as set forth on Cal. P.U.C. Sheets Nos. 2031-G to 2041-G, inclusive, under the following conditions:

1. The proposed rate increases of 0.66 cents per therm for Tier I rates (lifeline), 0.73 cents per therm for Tier II rates and 1.05 cents per therm for Tier III rates, are to offset the cost of gas from PG&E as filed by Advice Letter No. 1139-G in accordance with the provisions of Decision No. 92656, dated February 4, 1981, in Application No. 59902.
2. The results of the rate revisions will be an annual revenue increase of \$371,000, or an average of 0.72 cents per therm for all sales.
3. This proposed rate structure sets the Tier II rates at the average increase per therm sold, with the Tier I rates set at 90% of Tier II and the balance of the increase spread across the Tier III rates.
4. A comparison of the present and proposed rates for metered gas service is set below:

	Present Rates	Proposed Rates	Percent Increase
<u>Residential Service- Schedule No. G-1</u>			
<u>Summer (Lifeline - 26th)</u>			
Customer Charge, per month	\$3.50	\$3.50	----
First 26 therms, per therm	0.4171	0.4237	1.6%
Next 52 therms, per therm	0.5271	0.5344	1.4
Over 78 therms, per therm	0.6462	0.6567	1.6
<u>Winter (Lifeline - 81, 106 &amp; 141th)</u>			
Customer Charge, per month	\$3.50	\$3.50	----
	<u>Barstow</u>	<u>Victorville</u>	<u>Big Bear</u>
First 81	106	141th, per therm	0.4171 0.4237 1.6%
Next 81	106	141th, per therm	0.5271 0.5344 1.4
Over 162	212	282th, per therm	0.6462 0.6567 1.6
<u>General Service - Schedule No. G-7</u>			
Customer Charge, per month	\$3.50	\$3.50	----
All usage, per therm	0.5271	0.5344	1.4%

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5. The following Table shows typical bills at various levels of present and proposed rates:

Monthly Usage (in therms)	Present Rates	Proposed Rates	Increase	
			Amount	Percent
<u>Residential Summer</u>				
26 (Lifeline)	\$ 14.34	\$ 14.52	\$ 0.18	1.3%
40 (Average)	21.65	22.00	0.35	1.6
100	55.69	56.74	1.05	1.9
<u>Residential Winter</u>				
(Barstow)				
40	\$ 20.18	\$ 20.45	\$ 0.27	1.3%
81 (Lifeline)	37.29	37.82	0.53	1.4
150 (Average)	73.66	74.69	1.03	1.4
500	298.40	303.07	4.67	1.6
(Victorville)				
40	\$ 20.18	\$ 20.45	\$ 0.27	1.3%
106 (Lifeline)	47.71	48.41	0.70	1.5
150 (Average)	70.91	71.93	1.02	1.4
500	289.69	294.19	4.50	1.6
(Big Bear)				
100	\$ 45.21	\$ 45.87	\$ 0.66	1.5%
141 (Lifeline)	62.30	63.24	0.94	1.5
200 (Average)	93.41	94.77	1.36	1.5
500	277.50	281.64	4.14	1.5
<u>Commercial Service</u>				
100	\$ 56.21	\$ 56.94	\$ 0.73	1.3%
500	267.05	270.70	3.65	1.4
1,000	530.60	537.90	7.30	1.4

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

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

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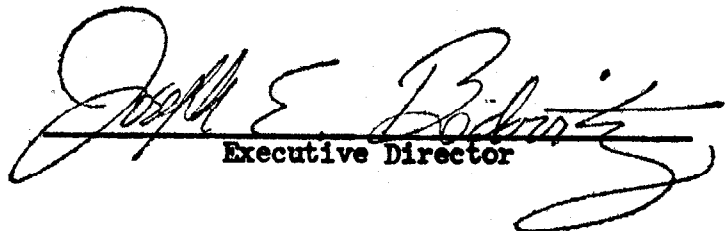
IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Authority is granted under Sections 454 and 491 of the Public Utilities Code, and under the provisions of the utility's PGA procedure in its filed tariff schedules for Southwest Gas Corporation to place the above tariff sheets into effect on this date.

2. The above advice letter and tariff sheets shall be marked to show that they were authorized by Resolution No. G-2411 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 February 18, 1981, the following Commissioners voting favorably thereon:

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

  
Executive Director