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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**Information and Management Services Division
Management Services Branch**

**Resolution No. M-4810
December 18, 2003**

R E S O L U T I O N

**RESOLUTION M-4810. ADOPTING LEVEL OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
COMMISSION UTILITIES REIMBURSEMENT ACCOUNT FEES FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2003-04**

Section 431 of the Public Utilities Code provides:

“The commission shall annually determine a fee to be paid by every electrical, gas, telephone, telegraph, water, sewer system, and heat corporation and every other public utility providing service directly to customers and subscribers and subject to the jurisdiction of the commission other than a railroad, except as provided in Article 2 (commencing with Section 421).”

The Commission finds that, effective January 1, 2004, for fiscal year 2003-04, the Public Utilities Commission Utilities Reimbursement Account fees should be fixed as follows:

Electrical Corporations	.012 ¢/kWh
Gas and Heat Corporations	.076 ¢/therm
	1.4 ¢/thousand lbs steam
Telephone and Telegraph Corporations	.11% of revenue
Water and Sewer System Corporations	1.4% of revenue (.014)

The rates for Electrical, Gas and Heat Corporations represent a return to the levels last set for fiscal year 2001-02. The rates for Telephone, Water and Sewer System Corporations are unchanged from the fiscal year 2002-03 rates.

For administrative efficiency, we will allow utilities that are subject to these reimbursement fees to file a revised tariff schedule in compliance with this resolution and in accordance with the provisions of G.O. 96-A within 10 days from the date of this Order. These advice letters shall become effective January 1, 2004.

The estimated fund reserve at June 30, 2004, will be \$23,459,000. See Appendix A.

In accordance with Public Utilities Code Section 311(g), the Information and Management Services Division commenced publication of a Daily Calendar notice on November 18, 2003, that apprised the public of the availability of its draft of this Resolution and solicited submission of comments by December 8, 2003.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. For the fiscal year 2003-04, effective January 1, 2004, the fees provided for in Section 431 of the Public Utilities Code are hereby fixed at the following levels:

Electrical Corporations	.012 ¢/kWh
Gas and Heat Corporations	.076 ¢/therm
	1.4 ¢/thousand lbs steam
Telephone and Telegraph Corporations	.11% of revenue
Water and Sewer System Corporations	1.4% of revenue (.014)

2. For fiscal year 2003-04, utility fees are due July 15, October 15, January 15 and April 15.
3. Within 10 days from the date of this Order, the utilities subject to this Resolution shall file an advice letter with the applicable Industry Division to make all necessary tariff changes required by this Order. The advice letter shall be effective January 1, 2004, subject to the applicable Industry Division determining that it is in compliance with this Order.

I hereby certify that the Public Utilities Commission adopted this Resolution at the meeting on December 18, 2003. The following Commissioners approved it:

WILLIAM R. AHERN
Executive Director

APPENDIX A

FUND CONDITION

**0462 – PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION UTILITIES REIMBURSEMENT
ACCOUNT**

Actual Reserve, June 30, 2003	\$14,961,000
Estimated 2003-04 Revenues:	
Quarterly Fees	\$67,634,000
Increased Quarterly Fees – 2 Quarters (Electric & Gas)	33,079,000
Sale of Documents	57,000
Income from Surplus Money Investment Fund	287,000
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Total, Revenues	\$101,057,000
Transfers From Other Funds:	
Propane Safety Fund	80,000
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Total Revenues and Transfers	101,137,000
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Total Resources	\$116,098,000
2003-04 Expenditures:	
Public Utilities Commission	\$74,774,000
Repayment of General Fund Loan	15,000,000
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Total, Public Utilities Commission	\$89,774,000
Electricity Oversight Board	3,017,000
Section 4.10 reduction – (EOB)	(152,000)
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Total, Expenditures	92,639,000
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Estimated Reserve, June 30, 2004	\$23,459,000