BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - COUNTY OF MARIPOSA

RESOLUTION NO. 70-78

WHEREAS: On September 28, 1970 there was a complete cut-off of electrical service in a major portion of Mariposa County and Yosemite National Park for eight hours, and

WHEREAS: This "blackout" was caused by a brush-land fire in Hunters Valley during an extremely high fire index period, and

WHEREAS: The water supply of most residents of Mariposa County are individual pressure systems which are dependent on an electrical supply, and

WHEREAS: The lack of water supply compounds the danger dramatically during high fire hazard periods, and

WHEREAS: Most businesses are dependent on electricity to carry on thru normal activities and a loss of power is a tremendous loss of productivity, services, and time, and

WHEREAS: The high tension line through Hunters Valley and the Merced River canyon is the only supply of electricity for a substantial portion of Mariposa County and Yosemite Park and is in an area that is highly susceptible to both wild fires and serious snow conditions, and

WHEREAS: Electrical service was established only after heroic efforts by both fire fighters and Pacific Gas and Electric Co. Employees,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: In order to avert a future disaster to Mariposa County, that an alternate supply of electricity be provided by the Pacific Gas and Electric Co. for Mariposa County,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: Such Alternate supply should come from the South or West to be truly effective;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: This alternate supply should be constructed as soon as physically possible,

ALSO, BE IT RESOLVED: The Board of Supervisors of the
County of Mariposa do congratulate the men of the State Division of Forestry and the Pacific Gas and Electric Co. and volunteers for a job well done under difficult conditions, and

ALSO, BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be sent to the local Pacific Gas and Electric Office; Pacific Gas and Electric Division Headquarters, Merced; Pacific Gas and Electric Corporate Offices, San Francisco; and the California Public Utilities Commissioner, San Francisco.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 29th day of September, 1970 by the following vote:

AYES: Hurlbert, Long, Moffitt, Richardson

NOES: None

ABSENT: Davis

NOT VOTING: None

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Clerk, Board of Supervisors