

April 11, 2001

**ADVICE 2101-E**

(Pacific Gas and Electric Company ID U 39 E)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

**Subject: Billing Methodology for California Department of Water Resources**

Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E) hereby submits for filing revisions to its electric tariffs. The affected tariff sheets are listed on the enclosed Attachment 1.

**Purpose**

In compliance with Ordering Paragraph 5 of Decision (D.) 01-03-081, PG&E hereby submits new electric rate Schedule E-GEN – *Generation Component Unbundling*. This filing is made in compliance with Decision (D.) 01-03-081, which orders PG&E to file the necessary changes to implement a more precise billing methodology for California Department of Water Resources (CDWR).

PG&E reserves all legal rights to challenge the decisions or statutes under which it has been required to make this advice filing, and nothing in this advice filing constitutes a waiver of such rights. Also, PG&E reserves any additional legal rights to challenge the requirement to make this advice filing by reason of its status as a debtor under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code, and nothing in this advice filing constitutes a waiver of such rights.

**Background**

On March 27, 2001, the Commission issued D. 01-03-081 requiring PG&E to file an advice letter within 15 days (April 11, 2001) describing tariff changes necessary to implement the billing methodology set forth in the decision.

PG&E proposes in Schedule E-GEN that total generation charges shall be comprised of two parts: Charges for power provided by CDWR, and other generation charges. CDWR charges will be determined by multiplying the percentage of sales served by CDWR by generation charges based on the generation rates, terms and conditions in each electric rate schedule. The percentage of sales served by CDWR will be determined each day by dividing the total sales served by CDWR by PG&E's total bundled service sales. The total bundled service sales is equal to the portion served by CDWR, plus sales served by all other sources. The percentage

of sales served by CDWR applied to each customer's bill will then be calculated by summing the daily percentages for each day in the billing period divided by the number of days in the customer's billing period. PG&E will use information made available by CDWR on the sales it provided to PG&E's retail end-use customers adjusted for losses and PG&E's forecast of total bundled service sales to calculate the percentage. Remittances to CDWR may be further adjusted based on changes provided by CDWR on all sales it actually provided to PG&E's retail customers and final settlement data, however, customer bills will not be revised.

Other non-CDWR generation consists of Qualifying Facilities (QFs) and Purchased Power Agreements (PPAs) and PG&E's remaining fossil plants, hydroelectric facilities and Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant (also known as PG&E's utility retained generation). In addition, other generation includes any charges received from the Independent System Operator relating to real time energy purchase costs. Other generation charges will be determined by multiplying sales associated with other generation by a system-average rate for other generation each month. The sales for other generation will be determined for each customer by multiplying the total sales for the billing period by a percentage determined as 100 percent minus the CDWR percentage as described above. The system average rate for other generation will be determined by the Commission in A. 00-11-056, including Advice 2085-E and related filings.

### **Effective Date**

In accordance with D. 01-03-081, PG&E requests that this advice filing become effective on **May 21, 2001**. PG&E will implement billing under this methodology within 30 days following Commission approval.

PG&E notes, however, that PG&E's ability to implement this directive will depend on the timetable for other initiatives ordered by the Commission, the state legislature or the Governor. As PG&E stated in its April 5, 2001, Report on Billing System Capability for the Rate Design Phase (A.00-11-056), rate and billing changes as significant as those anticipated in the next few months must be separated by 30 to 45 days to provide adequate time to revise and test the system. PG&E has requested guidance from the Commission in that proceeding with regard to the sequence of upcoming billing system changes.

### **Protests**

Anyone wishing to protest this advice letter may do so by sending a letter within twenty (20) days after the date of this filing. Protests should be sent by facsimile and by U.S. mail to:

IMC Branch Chief  
Energy Division

California Public Utilities Commission  
505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 4002  
San Francisco, California 94102  
Facsimile: (415) 703-2200

Copies should also be mailed to the attention of the Director, Energy Division, and to Jerry Royer of the Energy Division at the address above. It is also requested that a copy of the protest should be sent via postal mail and facsimile to Pacific Gas and Electric Company on the same date it is mailed or delivered to the Commission at the address shown below.

Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
Attention: Les Guliasi  
Director, Regulatory Relations  
77 Beale Street, Mail Code B10C  
P.O. Box 770000  
San Francisco, California 94177  
Facsimile: (415) 973-7226

The protest shall set forth the grounds upon which it is based, and shall be submitted expeditiously. There is no restriction on who may file a protest.

### **Notice**

In accordance with Section III, Paragraph G, of General Order 96-A, a copy of this advice letter is being sent electronically and via U.S. mail to parties shown on the attached list. Address changes should be directed to Nelia Avendano at (415) 973-3529. Advice letter filings can also be accessed electronically at:

[http://www.pge.com/customer\\_services/business/tariffs/](http://www.pge.com/customer_services/business/tariffs/)

Vice President - Regulatory Relations

Attachments



SCHEDULE E-GEN -- GENERATION COMPONENT UNBUNDLING

APPLICABILITY: This schedule applies to all customers taking electric service from PG&E. (N)

TERRITORY: The entire territory served.

RATES: In accordance with Decision 01-03-081, total generation charges shall be equal to the sum of charges for generation procured on behalf of PG&E's customers by California Department of Water Resources (CDWR) and charges for other generation costs. CDWR generation charges and other generation costs shall be shown separately on each customer's bill.

CDWR generation charges will be determined by multiplying the percentage of sales served by CDWR by the generation charges determined for each customer, in accordance with the generation rates, terms and conditions shown in each rate schedule. The percentage of sales served by CDWR will be determined each day as the total sales served by CDWR divided by PG&E's total bundled service sales, including sales served by CDWR. The percentage applied to each customer's bill will then be calculated by summing the percentages for each day in the billing period, divided by the number of days in the customer's billing period.

PG&E will use information available from CDWR and PG&E's forecast of bundled service sales to calculate the percentage. Remittances to CDWR may be further adjusted based on changes in information provided by CDWR or on final settlement data from the Independent System Operator. Customer bills will not be revised as a result of this final adjustment.

Charges for other generation costs will be determined by multiplying an authorized system-average rate for such costs by the sales associated with other generation costs. The sales associated with other generation costs will be determined by multiplying total customer sales in the billing period by the percentage of other generation sales, where the percentage of other generation sales is equal to 100 percent minus the percentage of load served by CDWR, as determined above. The system-average rate for other generation costs will be determined monthly as authorized by the Commission. (N)



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