

April 24, 2001

**ADVICE 2106-E**

(Pacific Gas and Electric Company ID U 39 E)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

**Subject: Corrective Filing -- Electric Interruptible Load Program (E-OBMC)**

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (the Company) hereby submits for filing revisions to its electric tariffs. The affected tariff sheets are listed on the enclosed Attachment I.

**Purpose**

Advice 2099-E was filed on April 9, 2001, in compliance with D. 01-04-006 issued April 3, 2001, and the Assigned Commissioner's Ruling (ACR) on Filing and Service of draft Advice Letters and Tariffs in Rulemaking (R.) 00-10-002 for Operation of Interruptible Load Programs. In Advice 2099-E, PG&E filed Schedules E-BIP, E-VDRP and E-OBMC for the Summer 2001 new voluntary interruptible programs. On April 17, 2001, PG&E filed supplemental Advice 2099-E-A, which superseded Advice 2099-E, and included certain tariff revisions discussed by PG&E and Energy Division to ensure full compliance with D. 01-04-006. The Commission approved supplemental Advice 2099-E-A by letter effective April 19, 2001.

This corrective filing reinserts tariff language that was included in Schedule E-OBMC as filed in Advice 2099-E, but inadvertently was omitted from supplemental Advice 2099-E-A. (See: last sentence on sheet 18065-E). Also, typographical errors are corrected on sheet 18065-E in the second paragraph--last line, and sixth paragraph--first, fifth, and last lines. The E-OBMC sheet filed herein cancels and replaces sheet 18055-E as filed in supplemental Advice 2099-E-A.

**Effective Date**

PG&E requests that this advice filing become effective **April 19, 2001**, which is the date that the Commission approved supplemental Advice 2099-E-A.

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.

**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:

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Attachments

cc: Service List – Rulemaking 01-10-002



SCHEDULE E-OBMC—OPTIONAL BINDING MANDATORY CURTAILMENT PLAN

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**APPLICABILITY:** An Optional Binding Mandatory Curtailment (OBMC) Plan may be an alternative to a rotating outage (RO) for certain customers. Under an OBMC Plan, PG&E may authorize a customer to reduce their demand to an agreed upon level in lieu of being included in PG&E's rotating outage (RO) block progression. This schedule is open to all PG&E customers who can meet the eligibility requirements. An eligible customer should submit its OBMC Plan to PG&E for review and acceptance. If the plan is approved by PG&E, PG&E will send such approval to the customer in writing. The written approval letter will specify the effective start date of the plan.

**PROGRAM OPERATIONS:** PG&E shall require a customer to operate its OBMC Plan upon each and every notice from the California Independent System Operator (CAISO) that a firm load curtailment is required within the PG&E service territory. Additionally, PG&E reserves the right to require a customer to operate its OBMC Plan when PG&E or the ISO has initiated or is planning to initiate firm load curtailments in a local geographic area within the PG&E service territory. OBMC Plan curtailments shall be required concurrent with each and every firm load curtailment.

Upon notification from PG&E of an OBMC curtailment, OBMC customers must immediately commence implementation of the load curtailment measures contained in their load reduction plan. Upon notice from PG&E, OBMC customers are required to reduce their load such that the load on their circuit or dedicated substation is at or below the Maximum Load Level (MLL) corresponding to the percent load reduction communicated in the notice.

The MLLs correspond to a reduction in a circuit's loading of between five (5) and fifteen (15) percent in five (5) percent increments. The CAISO may call for load reductions on a required MW level, but PG&E will require the OBMC customers to reduce their load to the next highest five (5) percent increment. For each operation, PG&E will notify the customer of the required percent reduction, along with the start and end times for the OBMC operation. PG&E may extend the end time or increase the percentage reduction of any ongoing OBMC operation as necessary to correspond with CAISO directives.

Maximum Load Levels (MLLs) shall be established by PG&E for the circuit or dedicated substation, which correspond to each of the 5, 10, and 15 percent load reduction levels. The MLL for the 5 percent load reduction is equal to the product of the baseline times 0.95. The MLL for the 10 percent load reduction is equal to the product of the baseline times 0.90. The MLL for the 15 percent load reduction is equal to the product of the baseline times 0.85.

The baseline for determining MLLs is equal to the average recorded hourly usage amount (if available) for the same hours as the OBMC operation hours on the immediate past 10 similar days, excluding days when the customer was paid to reduce load and days when the OBMC program operated. For establishing similar days, if the OBMC event is called on a business day, then 10 prior business days are used; if the OBMC event is called on a weekend or holiday, then 10 prior weekend and holidays are used. The baseline shall be adjusted to account for any load on the circuit that is participating in a PG&E or a CAISO load reduction program. The load measurements for the circuit shall be taken at PG&E's distribution substation.

Required load reductions must be achieved as quickly as possible but no later than 15 minutes after the primary customer receives notification from PG&E. OBMC customers who fail to curtail to or below the required MLL of their circuit within the specific amount of time or who fail to maintain the MLL for the entire duration of the OBMC operation shall be subject to the non-compliance penalties specified below.

An OBMC Plan is not a guarantee against a customer being subject to a RO, because daily and emergency circuit switching may cause the circuit to become subject to ROs.

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