

May 8, 2001

ADVICE 2114-E

(Pacific Gas and Electric Company ID U 39 E)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: Implementation of California 20/20 Rebate Program

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

Purpose

The purpose of this filing is to add new electric rate *Schedule 20/20 – California 20/20 Rebate Program* to PG&E's tariffs in compliance with Ordering Paragraph 1 of Resolution E-3733, issued May 3, 2001.

Background

On March 13, 2001, California Governor Gray Davis issued Executive Order (E.O.) D-30-01 directing that the state Department of Water Resources implement a limited term "rate reward program" for Summer 2001 conservation efforts undertaken by customers of the state's regulated electrical corporations. E.O. D-30-01 directs that the electric corporations provide rebates of up to 20 percent of customers' Summer 2001 bills for those customers who have reduced their electric consumption (as measured relative to their Summer 2000 usage) by at least 20 percent. The E.O. directs that the costs of this program be financed through "reduction[s] in the electric corporations' payments to the Department of Water Resources in subsequent months." These costs will include both the direct costs of the customer rebates and also all related implementation and administrative costs associated with the program. Finally, E.O. D-30-01 required that the Commission direct the regulated electric corporations to submit programs to carry out the E.O. and promote consistency in its implementation. The E.O. will expire on December 31, 2001, unless it is either extended or terminated earlier by some subsequent E.O.

The state Department of Water Resources provided formal program design recommendations to the Commission on April 24, 2001. The Commission complied with the E.O. D-30-01 requirement that it direct the utilities to file tariffs when it issued Resolution E-3733 on May 3, 2001. Resolution E-3733 ordered that

PG&E file an advice letter describing tariff changes necessary to implement the California 20/20 Rebate Program by May 8, 2001.

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.

Discussion

PG&E's proposed tariff, *Schedule 20/20 – California 20/20 Rebate Program*, is consistent with the design recommendations that were presented in Attachment A to the Department of Water Resource's letter dated April 24, 2001.

Ordering Paragraph 1 of Resolution E-3733, also ordered the utilities to provide a "red line" version of the tariff sheets as workpapers to show all additions and deletions. PG&E's proposed *Schedule E-20/20 – California 20/20 Rebate Program*, is a new tariff, as such, a "red line" version is not applicable in this filing.

Effective Date

In accordance with Resolution E-3733, this advice letter will become effective after the Energy Division has reviewed it for compliance with the Resolution.

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 mailed 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/

Vice President - Regulatory Relations

Attachments



SCHEDULE E-20/20—CALIFORNIA 20/20 REBATE PROGRAM

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APPLICABILITY: This Schedule is applicable to residential, commercial, industrial, and agricultural customers served by PG&E under time-of-use (TOU) or non-TOU rate schedules with the following exceptions: (1) direct access customers; (2) unmetered electric service customers; (3) commercial or industrial non-TOU customers who began service after February 1, 2001; (4) commercial or industrial TOU customers with less than one day of usage in the corresponding billing period in the previous year; (5) agricultural rate customers with less than one day of usage in the corresponding billing period in the previous year; and (6) electricity generators receiving service under the provisions of Schedules S, E-NEM, or E-DEPART.

Schedule 20/20 establishes a limited term "Rate Reward" energy conservation program funded by the Department of Water Resources with an approximate start date of June 1, 2001. The start date may vary slightly based on the customer's June billing cycle. Usage is classified using the customer's billing cycle rather than the calendar month. Customers participating in existing interruptible load or load curtailment programs (e.g. interruptible load, demand management, peak load reduction) will be eligible to participate in the California 20/20 Rebate Program and any benefits to such customers from such other programs shall be considered additive to the benefits of the California 20/20 Rebate Program.

TERRITORY: The entire territory served.

RATES: The rate reward (credit) will be based on a 20% reduction in the average daily usage amount (ADU) on a monthly basis for each of the four billing periods beginning in June, July, August, and September of 2001 compared to the corresponding billing periods from the Summer of 2000. The energy usage reduction and credit will be separately calculated on a stand-alone basis for each billing period. The customer's bill will be calculated according to the customer's otherwise applicable tariff or rate schedule, and PG&E will issue a credit to qualifying customers each month on the bill statement equal to 20% of the amount billed during the months of July, August, September, and October when the customer's energy or on peak period consumption during such months is reduced by 20% in accordance with the following Special Conditions.

- SPECIAL CONDITIONS:**
1. Residential and Non-TOU Commercial/Industrial Customers. All residential and Non-TOU commercial and industrial customers' conservation efforts will be evaluated based on total electricity consumption. If the ADU during the billing periods beginning in the months of June, July, August, and September in the current year is at least 20% less than in the same month the previous year, a credit of 20% of the amount billed, including (but not limited to) the Commission mandated Emergency Procurement Surcharge (effective January 4, 2001), the legislative 10% Bill Credit, public purpose charges and nuclear decommissioning charges will be applied to the bill excluding city taxes and state fees. The customer's ADU reduction will be rounded to the nearest whole number percentage point, for the purpose of determining eligibility for the rebate each month.
 2. Use of Baseline Quantities as Default for Residential Usage Comparison. New residential customers cannot use data from the previous household to measure conservation efforts. In some instances, the prior-year usage information may be missing for some other reason. For residential customers who do not have billing usage data available for the corresponding period of the previous year, PG&E will use the established baseline usage quantity defined for the customer's applicable residential baseline territory as the measure to compare usage.

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3. Non-TOU Rate Commercial and Industrial Customer Usage Comparison. For commercial and industrial non-TOU rate customers with no available historical usage information from the Summer of 2000, PG&E will utilize the average of the three ADU quantities determined for the customer's three ordinary billing cycles ending in March, April, and May of 2001 in the usage comparison. To be eligible for the rebate, such a customer must have started service at its current premises on or before February 1, 2001.
4. Commercial and Industrial TOU Rate Customers. Large commercial or industrial customers served on TOU rate schedules will be required to reduce usage during pre-defined on-peak time periods (peak-period electricity consumption) in order to qualify for the rebates. Such customers will qualify for the rebate according to whether or not they have reduced their on-peak ADU by at least 20%. The time periods used for this purpose will be the same as the summer on-peak TOU period that is defined in the customer's otherwise-applicable tariff. The credit for commercial and industrial TOU customers will be based only on that portion of their ordinarily applicable on-peak demand and energy charges that is attributable to usage during the on-peak TOU period, excluding customer charges, rate limiters, power factor adjustments, city taxes, and state fees. The customer's ADU reduction will be rounded to the nearest whole number percentage point for the purpose of determining eligibility for the rebate each month.
5. Commercial and Industrial TOU Customer Usage Comparison. To be eligible for the rebate, a commercial or industrial TOU rate customer must have been on TOU service at its current premises for at least one day during the corresponding billing period in the year 2000 in order to participate in the program for that month.
6. Agricultural Customers. All agricultural customers' conservation efforts will be measured in the same way as for residential and non-TOU commercial and industrial customers and the credit will be determined as described in Special Condition 1 for residential customers with the following exception. An agricultural customer must have been on an agricultural rate schedule at its current premises for at least one day during the corresponding billing period in the previous year. If the customer does not meet this requirement with respect to a given monthly billing period, the customer cannot participate in the program for that month.
7. Baseline Usage Amount Adjustments. PG&E is not required to develop an adjusted baseline usage amount for customers that might have experienced increased consumption due to production or occupancy increases during the current year, or for customers who have implemented efficiency and conservation measures during the previous year to allow these customers to qualify for the credits during the current year.
8. Weather Adjustments. No corrections or normalization of the baseline usage amounts will be made for weather differences that might occur during the Summer of 2001 relative to weather during the Summer of 2000.
9. Less Than or Greater Than 20% Energy and Demand Reductions. No provisions will be made for observed energy and demand reductions that fall short of meeting the 20% qualification standard. A minimum reduction of 20% is required to receive the 20% rebate. Similarly, customers exceeding 20% reductions will only be rewarded with a 20% credit.

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- 10. Multiple or Summary-Billed Accounts. For customers with multiple accounts, summary billings, or multiple meters at a premise, the 20% rebate will be calculated and applied, if applicable, to each of the customer's individual service accounts.
- 11. Dispute Resolution. Any disputes arising from the provision of service under this Schedule or other aspects of the California 20/20 Rebate Program will be deemed disputes over amounts billed for electricity and will be handled as provided for in PG&E's Rule 10, Disputed Bills.
- 12. Electric Generator Exclusion. The electric generator exclusion applies to any customer who is a Departing Load customer, a customer operating a generating facility or any customer served under Schedule S - Standby Service or Schedule E-NEM - Net Energy Metering.
- 13. Meter Reads. PG&E will normally read meters each month with minor exceptions. If, because of unusual conditions or for reasons beyond PG&E's control, the customer's meter cannot be read on the scheduled reading date, or if for any reason accurate meter data is not available, PG&E will make estimates according to its applicable tariff rules. In these instances, the estimated reads will form the basis of the large comparisons in determining whether customers qualify for the 20/20 credit.

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