

May 24, 2001

ADVICE 2318-G/2120-E

(Pacific Gas and Electric Company ID U 39 M)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: Revised Income Requirements for PG&E's CARE 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.

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.

Purpose

The purpose of this filing is to increase the household income requirements for PG&E's gas and electric California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) Program. This filing complies with Resolution E-3524, dated February 19, 1998, in which the Commission ordered the Energy Division Director to notify California utilities by letter each May 1st of annual revisions to CARE income levels effective June 1st.

Additionally, the erroneous reference to categorical eligibility for CARE, described as a valid means of determining eligibility in Rule 19.2 – California Alternate Rates for Energy for Nonprofit Group Living Facilities, has been eliminated. This change is in conformance with D. 99-07-016, which concluded that customers should not be admitted into the CARE program by showing proof of participation in another social program.

Background

In accordance with the Energy Division's letter dated May 2, 2001, PG&E hereby submits tariff sheets with revised income levels for gas and electric Rules 19.1—California Alternate Rates for Energy for Individual Customers and Submetered Tenants of Master-Metered Customers, Rules 19.2—California Alternate Rates for

Energy for Nonprofit Group Living Facilities, and Rules 19.3—California Alternate Rates for Energy for Qualified Agricultural Employee Housing Facilities.

This filing will not affect any other rates or charges, cause the withdrawal of service, or conflict with any other rate schedule or rule.

Effective Date

In accordance with Resolution E-3524, this filing will become effective June 1, 2001.

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.

http://www.pge.com/customer_services/business/tariffs/

Vice President - Regulatory Relations

Attachments



**RULE 19.1—CALIFORNIA ALTERNATE RATES FOR ENERGY FOR INDIVIDUAL CUSTOMERS
AND SUBMETERED TENANTS OF MASTER-METERED CUSTOMERS**

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B. ELIGIBILITY (Cont'd.)

Total gross annual income for all persons in the applicants household may not exceed the following:

<u>Number of Persons in Household</u>	<u>Maximum Annual Household Income</u>
1-2	\$18,800 (I)
3	\$22,200
4	\$26,700
Each additional member, add:	\$ 4,500 (I)

C. CERTIFICATION

1. Individually metered PG&E Customers, submetered tenants of master-metered PG&E Customers, and other qualifying applicants in individually metered residential dwelling units:

All applicants for certification must fill out and provide to PG&E Application Form No. 01-9077.

2. Submetered tenants of master-metered PG&E Customers:

Submetered tenants of master-metered Customers will submit Application Form No. 01-9285 to PG&E, including their apartment/unit number and PG&E master metered account number. PG&E will notify the master-metered Customer of the tenant's certification. The master-metered Customer, not PG&E, is responsible for extending CARE discounts to tenants certified to receive them.

3. Self-certification:

Self-certification will be used to determine income eligibility for the CARE program. Customers must sign a statement upon application indicating that PG&E may verify the Customer's eligibility at any time. If verification establishes that the Customer is ineligible, the Customer will be removed from the program and PG&E may render corrective billings.

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**RULE 19.2—CALIFORNIA ALTERNATE RATES FOR ENERGY
FOR NONPROFIT GROUP-LIVING FACILITIES**

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B. ELIGIBILITY (Cont'd.)

3. The facility must also be licensed, or otherwise prove to PG&E's satisfaction, by the appropriate state agency. A homeless shelter is required to provide a copy of its municipal or county conditional use permit.

4. The total gross income for all persons residing in each household at a Facility may not exceed the following: (N) (D)

<u>Number of Persons in Household</u>	<u>Maximum Annual Household Income</u>	
1-2	\$18,800	
3	\$22,200	
4	\$26,700	
Each additional member, add:	\$ 4,500	

(N)

(D)

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**RULE 19.3-CALIFORNIA ALTERNATE RATES FOR ENERGY
FOR QUALIFIED AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYEE HOUSING FACILITIES**

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B. ELIGIBILITY (Cont'd.)

2. PRIVATE-OWNED EMPLOYEE HOUSING FACILITIES

- a. Privately-Owned Employee Housing Facilities must provide proof of current compliance with Part 1 of Division 13 of the Health and Safety Code. Compliance must take the form of having a permit issued by the State Department of Housing and Community Development pursuant to Health and Safety Code §17030.
- b. For Privately-Owned Employee Housing Facilities, 100 percent of the energy supplied to the facility's premises must be used for residential purposes.

3. AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYEE HOUSING FACILITIES

- a. Agricultural Employee Housing Facilities must provide a letter of determination by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that the corporation is tax-exempt due to its non-profit status under IRS Code §501(c)(3) or proof that it is tax-exempt due to its non-profit status from the State of California. Additionally, the Facility must provide a copy of letter from the Assessor in the county where the Facility is located stating that the housing is exempt from local property taxes.
- b. For Agricultural Employee Housing Facilities, 100 percent of the energy supplied to the facility's premises must be used for residential purposes, if each of the dwelling areas in the facility is individually metered. If a master meter serves the facility, not less than 70 percent of the energy supplied to the facility's premises must be used for residential purposes.

4. The total gross income for all persons residing in each household at a Facility may not exceed the following:

<u>Number of Persons in Household</u>	<u>Maximum Annual Household Income</u>
1-2	\$18,800 (I)
3	\$22,200
4	\$26,700
Each additional member, add:	\$ 4,500 (I)

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