

May 6, 2002

**Advice 2234-E-A**

(Pacific Gas and Electric Company ID U 39 E)

**Subject: Interruptible Load Program OIR—Phase 2**

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) hereby submits for filing revisions to its electric tariffs. The tariff sheets in this filing replace and supersede the equivalent sheets filed in Advice 2234-E dated April 29, 2002. There are no changes to any other tariff sheets filed Advice 2234-E. The affected tariff sheets are listed on the enclosed Attachment I.<sup>1</sup>

**Purpose**

The purpose of Advice 2234-E was to revise PG&E's electric tariffs in accordance with Decision (D.) 02-04-060 dated April 22, 2002, which gives further consideration to the status of: 1) interruptible programs, 2) curtailment priorities, 3) priority for residential use in areas of extreme temperature, and 4) disposition of certain memorandum account balances. This supplemental filing makes certain revisions to Advice 2234-E.

**Tariff Revisions**

PG&E is adding language to Schedules E-19—*Medium General Demand-Metered Time of Use Service*, and E-20—*Service to Customers with Maximum Demands of 1,000 Kilowatts or More*, to clarify that the Non-Firm Service Program is available for qualifying customers until modified or terminated in the rate design of the next general rate case or similar proceeding as ordered in D. 02-04-060. PG&E is also adding the same language in a new Section 7 of Form 79-724—Supplemental Agreement for Optional Non-Firm Electric Service.

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

**Protests**

Anyone wishing to protest this filing may do so by sending a letter by **May 28, 2002**, which is 22 days from the date of this filing. The protest must state the grounds upon which it is based, including such items as financial and service impact, and should be submitted expeditiously. 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, Room 4005 and Jerry Royer, Energy Division, at the address shown above. It is also requested that a copy of the protest 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

**Effective Date**

The Commission's Energy Division suspended Advice 2234-E until March 15, 2002, allowing for filing of this supplemental filing. PG&E therefore requests that this supplemental advice filing become effective on **May 15, 2002**, unless suspended by the Commission's Energy Division Director.

**Notice**

In accordance with General Order 96-A, Section III, Paragraph G, a copy of this advice letter is being sent electronically and via U.S. mail to parties shown on the attached list, and the parties on the service list for R. 00-10-002, Phase 2. Address changes should be directed to Rose Abao at (415) 973-2218. Advice letters 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

cc: Service List – R. 00-10-002 – Phase 2



COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL/GENERAL  
SCHEDULE E-19—MEDIUM GENERAL DEMAND-METERED TIME-OF-USE SERVICE  
(Continued)

11. NON-FIRM  
SERVICE  
PROGRAM:  
(Cont'd.)

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This program is available for qualifying customers until modified or terminated in the rate design phase of the next general rate case or similar proceeding as ordered in Decision 02-04-060.

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A customer who elects to receive non-firm service under Schedule E-19 must participate in PG&E's Emergency Curtailment Program. A non-firm service customer may also elect to participate in PG&E's Underfrequency Relay (UFR) program.

EMERGENCY CURTAILMENT PROGRAM: Under the Emergency Curtailment Program, a non-firm service customer may be requested to reduce demand to a designated number of kilowatts, referred to as the customer's contractual "firm service level." PG&E will make requests for such curtailments from its non-firm service customers upon notification from the California Independent System Operator (ISO) that a system-wide or local operating condition exists which will impair the ability of the ISO to meet the demands of PG&E's other customers. The ISO is expected to issue load curtailment directives to PG&E in those instances where load reductions are necessary in order to maintain system-wide operating reserves above the 5 percent level throughout the next operating hour, or if such load reductions are the sole remaining measure available in order to mitigate transmission overloads in the PG&E area.

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COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL/GENERAL  
SCHEDULE E-19—MEDIUM GENERAL DEMAND-METERED TIME-OF-USE SERVICE  
(Continued)

11. NON-FIRM  
SERVICE  
PROGRAM:  
(Cont'd.)

e. EMERGENCY CURTAILMENT PROCEDURE: When it becomes necessary for PG&E to request a curtailment, PG&E will notify the customer by telephone, electronic mail, or other reliable means of communication. This notification will designate the time by which the customer's kW demand is requested to be reduced to the customer's contractual firm service level.

The customer is requested to not resume the use of curtailed power until notified by PG&E that it may do so or until the customer has curtailed its service for six hours.

f. LIMIT ON EMERGENCY CURTAILMENTS: A customer will be requested to curtail demand, under the emergency curtailment program, no more than one time per day, four times per week, 40 hours per month, and 30 times per year. The customer will be given at least 30 minutes notice before each curtailment. Curtailments will not exceed six hours for any individual interruption or 100 hours for the entire year.

g. EMERGENCY-NOTICE PROVISION: If there is an emergency on the PG&E system, PG&E may ask the customer to curtail the use of electricity on less than the 30 minutes notice allowed for the Non-firm Service Option. The customer will be asked to make its best effort to comply. The customer will not be assessed the noncompliance penalty for failing to comply within the shorter notice period.

The customer will be assessed a noncompliance penalty if the regular notice period for the operation passes and the customer still has not curtailed use.

(D)

Noncompliance penalties for the period October 1, 2000, to January 25, 2001, that were held in the interruptible Load Curtailment Penalty Memorandum Account (ILCPMA) in accordance with CPUC Decision 01-01-056 will be collected in accordance with Decision 02-04-060. Customers will have a one-time opportunity to elect to increase their firm service level in whole or part from November 1, 2000, through April 30, 2001, and pay the appropriate firm service level during this period. For customers adjusting their firm service level during this period, penalties based on non-compliance with the adjusted firm service level shall be collected. The election to opt-out in part or whole will not affect the service the customer received, and the bills due, on and after May 1, 2001, nor does it change the customer's decision in November 2001 to have remained in or opted-out of the interruptible program.

(N)

Curtailment events during the memorandum account period (October 1, 2000, through January 25, 2001) do not count toward the tolling of compliance for determining the level of non-compliance penalties during the subsequent year.

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COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL/GENERAL  
SCHEDULE E-20—SERVICE TO CUSTOMERS WITH MAXIMUM DEMANDS OF 1,000 KILOWATTS OR MORE  
(Continued)

11. NON-FIRM SERVICE PROGRAM: As noted, the rates in the chart in Section 3 of this rate schedule apply to firm service only. ("Firm" means service where PG&E provides a "continuous and sufficient supply of electricity," as described in Rule 14.) A customer may also elect to receive non-firm service under Schedule E-20. Customers participating in the Nonfirm Pilot Bidding Program should refer to Section 17. Customers participating in the Local Nonfirm Pilot Bidding Program should refer to Section 18.

The Non-firm Service Program is closed to existing customers. The customer's total load must meet the eligibility criteria in 11.a in order to participate in the Non-firm Service Program. Customers being served, as of December 31, 1992, under the Non-firm Service Program may continue to participate in the Non-firm Service Program.

This program is available for qualifying customers until modified or terminated in the rate design phase of the next general rate case or similar proceeding as ordered in Decision 02-04-060.

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COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL/GENERAL  
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**Pacific Gas and Electric Company**  
San Francisco, California

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Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.  
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14444-E

PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY  
SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR OPTIONAL  
NON-FIRM ELECTRIC SERVICE  
FORM NO. 79-724 (REV 5/02)  
(ATTACHED)

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Decision No. 02-04-060

Issued by  
**Karen A. Tomcala**  
Vice President  
Regulatory Relations

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