

July 24, 2002

**Advice 2260-E-A**

(Pacific Gas and Electric Company ID U 39 E)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

**Subject: Revisions to Electric Rule 20 – Replacement of Overhead with Underground Electric Facilities - Supplemental Filing to Correct Tariff Sheet Numbers**

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.<sup>1</sup> The tariffs in this filing supersede and replace those filed in Advice 2260-E dated July 19, 2002.

**Purpose**

Advice 2260-E revises PG&E's electric Rule 20 – *Replacement of Overhead with Underground Electric Facilities* in compliance with Resolutions E-3757, E-3767, and Decision 02-06-027.

However, the tariff sheets were incorrectly numbered in Advice 2260-E. This supplemental filing assigns new sheet numbers to the tariffs. In addition, one tariff sheet from Rule 20 was inadvertently filed in 2260-E, even though no changes were made to that sheet. The immaterial sheet was eliminated from this supplemental filing. No other changes are made to the tariffs as filed in the original filing.

Since there are no substantive changes to the tariffs as filed in Advice 2260-E, PG&E does not propose to extend the original protest period or requested effective date, as shown below.

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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 no later than **August 8, 2002**, which is 20 days from the date of filing Advice 2260-E. 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**

PG&E requests that this advice filing become effective on **July 19, 2002**.

**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 list for Rulemaking (R.) 00-01-005. Address changes should be directed to Rose Abao at (415) 973-2218. 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

cc: Service list – R. 00-01-055



**RULE 20—REPLACEMENT OF OVERHEAD WITH UNDERGROUND ELECTRIC FACILITIES**

- A. PG&E will, at its expense, replace its existing overhead electric facilities with underground electric facilities along public streets and roads, and on public lands and private property across which rights-of-ways satisfactory to PG&E have been obtained by PG&E, provided that:
  - 1. The governing body of the city or county in which such electric facilities are and will be located has:
    - a. Determined, after consultation with PG&E and after holding public hearings on the subject, that such undergrounding is in the general public interest for one or more of the following reasons:
      - 1) Such undergrounding will avoid or eliminate an unusually heavy concentration of overhead electric facilities;
      - 2) The street or road or right-of-way is extensively used by the general public and carries a heavy volume of pedestrian or vehicular traffic;
      - 3) The street or road or right-of-way adjoins or passes through a civic area or public recreation area or an area of unusual scenic interest to the general public; and (T)
      - 4) The street or road or right-of-way is considered an arterial street or major collector as defined in the Governor's Office of Planning and Research General Plan Guidelines. (N)  
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(N)
    - b. Adopted an ordinance creating an underground district in the area in which both the existing and new facilities are and will be located requiring, among other things, (1) that all existing overhead communication and electric distribution facilities in such district shall be removed, (2) that each property served from such electric overhead facilities shall have installed in accordance with PG&E's rules for underground service, all electrical facility changes on the premises necessary to receive service from the underground facilities of PG&E as soon as it is available, and (3) authorizing PG&E to discontinue its overhead service.

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A. (Cont'd.)

2. (Cont'd.)

d. However, Section 2 a, b, and c shall not apply to PG&E where the total amount available for allocation under Rule 20-A is equal to or greater than 1.5 times the previous year's statewide average on a per customer basis. In such cases, PG&E's total annual budgeted amount for undergrounding within any city or the unincorporated area of any county shall be allocated in the same ratio that the number of overhead meters in the city or unincorporated area of any county bears to the total system overhead meters.

e. Upon request by a city or county, the amounts allocated may be exceeded (N)  
for each city or county by an amount up to a maximum of five years'  
allocation at then-current levels where PG&E establishes participation on a  
project is warranted and resources are available. Such allocated amounts (N)  
may be carried over for a reasonable period of time in communities with  
active undergrounding programs. In order to qualify as a community with an  
active undergrounding program the governing body must have adopted an  
ordinance or ordinances creating an underground district and/or districts as  
set forth in Section A.1.b. of this Rule. Where there is a carry-over or (T)  
additional requested participation, as discussed above, PG&E has the right (T)  
to set, as determined by its capability, reasonable limits on the rate of  
performance of the work to be financed by the funds carried over. When  
amounts are not expended or carried over for the community to which they  
are initially allocated they shall be assigned when additional participation on  
a project is warranted or be reallocated to communities with active  
undergrounding programs.

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B. (Cont'd.)

4. PG&E may, when requested by the city or county and mutually agreed upon by such government entity and PG&E, initially fund any required engineering/design costs for conversion projects under this section. In the event such a project proceeds, the requesting city or county shall reimburse PG&E for such engineering/design costs before PG&E shall be required to commence further work on the project. In the event the project is not approved to proceed within two and one-half years of PG&E's delivery of such engineering/design study, the requesting city or county shall reimburse PG&E for its costs of such engineering/design study within 90 days of a demand by PG&E. In the event payment is not received PG&E shall expense such costs as an operational cost and shall reduce the city or county's allocations provided under Section A of this Schedule by the like amount.

(N)

5. The costs of removal of the overhead poles, lines, and facilities are the responsibility of PG&E and will be paid by PG&E. Such payments shall not operate to reduce Rule 20-A allocations.

(N)

C. In circumstances other than those covered by A or B above, when mutually agreed upon by PG&E and an applicant, overhead electric facilities may be replaced with underground electric facilities, provided the applicant requesting the change pays, in advance, a nonrefundable sum equal to the estimated cost of the underground facilities less the estimated net salvage value and depreciation of the replaced overhead facilities. Underground services will be installed and maintained as provided in PG&E's rules applicable thereto.

D. The term "underground electric system" means an electric system with all wires installed underground, except those wires in surface mounted equipment enclosures.



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