

July 31, 2002

**Advice 2260-E-B
(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, Compliance Filing – Second Supplemental Filing

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) hereby submits a second supplemental filing for revisions to its electric Rule 20 - *Replacement of Overhead with Underground Electric Facilities*. The affected tariff sheets are listed on the enclosed Attachment I.¹ The tariff sheets supersede and replace the same tariff sheets filed in Advice 2260-E-A, dated July 24, 2002, and the advice letter is an addendum to correct typographical errors 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 sheet attached corrects an omission of the word “additional” to Rule 20, Section A.2.e. This word and explanation was described in the advice letter for Advice 2260-E, but was accidentally, not carried into the tariffs.

In addition, this advice letter corrects four typographical errors in the original advice letter. On Page 1, under “Background,” PG&E omitted the word “not” in the last sentence of the first paragraph. The sentence should now read: “However, the Commission also required that electric Rule 20 be modified to

¹ 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.

indicate that PG&E is responsible for payment of the removal of the overhead facilities and that the payment for removal will not be made from the underground conversion allocation.” This is consistent with the Commission’s resolutions on Rule 20 allocation.

Under “Background,” in the fourth paragraph, PG&E states: “Advice 2188-E was compliance filing to D. 01-12-009 and also dealt with allocation of Rule 20A funds and its implication for Rule 20B projects. This sentence is corrected to read: “Advice 2188-E was a compliance filing to D. 01-12-009 and also dealt with the allocation of Rule 20A funds and allows their use in combination with Rule 20B funds for engineering/design costs.” This is, again, consistent with the Commission’s resolutions on Rule 20 allocation.

On Page 2, under “Tariff Modification – Allocation of Overhead Removal Costs,” the electric Rule identified should be electric Rule 20, not electric Rule 21.

Finally, in the second paragraph under the “Tariff Modification” section, PG&E is removing the last fragmented phrase. This phrase “Given the nature of the allocation of funds for a city or county and its impact on PG&E’s availability to provide the undergrounding/overhead facilities work,” was inadvertently included.

Since there are no substantive changes to the tariffs as filed in Advice 2260-E, but merely, to make the tariffs consist with the advice letter and the decision, and to correct typographical errors, PG&E does not propose to extend the original protest period or requested effective date, as shown below.

Protests

Anyone wishing to protest this filing should do so by sending a letter via postal mail and facsimile by, **August 8, 2002**, which is 20 days after 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

This filing is in compliance with Resolutions E-3757 and E-3767 and with Decision 02-06027. PG&E is requests that this advice filing be 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 service list parties for Rulemaking 00-01-005. Address changes should be directed to Rose Abao (415) 973-2218. Advice letter filings can also be accessed electronically at:

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

Vice President - Regulatory Relations

Attachments

cc: Service List R. 00-01-005



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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RULE 20—REPLACEMENT OF OVERHEAD WITH UNDERGROUND ELECTRIC FACILITIES
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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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