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Mr. Sean Gallagher
Director, Energy Division
California Public Utilities Commission
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San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Withdrawal of PG&E Advice 2413-G/2288-E

Dear Mr. Gallagher:

In accordance with the provisions of General Order 96-A, Section III.K, PG&E hereby withdraws Advice 2413-G/2288-E dated October 1, 2002.

Pursuant to Decision (D.) 02-07-033, Ordering Paragraph 14, PG&E filed Advice 2413-G/2288-E. The purpose of this filing was to update California Alternate Rates for Energy Account (CARE) Preliminary Statements Part M (electric) and Preliminary Statement Part V (gas) to include language indicating the tracking of costs related to CARE automatic enrollment. Due to unexpected delays, CARE automatic enrollment did not begin on a reduced scale until October 2004. In the interim, Advice 2413-G/2288-E was never approved as the initiation of the automatic enrollment program was on hold.

Since the filing of Advice 2413-G/2288-E, PG&E has been tracking automatic enrollment costs as a line item in the CARE program budget. This is reflected in PG&E's Low Income budget filings, most recently A.05-06-005 filed on June 1, 2005 and approved in D.05-12-026 on December 15, 2005. As per Ordering Paragraph 9 of D.02-07-033, automatic enrollment costs have been and continue to be reported separately on table 6, line 10 of PG&E's Monthly Status Report of LIEE and CARE Program Efforts (formerly known as the Monthly Rapid Deployment Report). These compliance actions make Advice 2413-G/2288-E redundant and unnecessary. Hence, PG&E withdraws Advice 2413-G/2288-E.

PG&E will continue to debit the CARE automatic enrollment program costs into the CAREA balancing account along with all of the other monthly administrative costs allocated to electric or gas CARE activities, while continuing the program-based line item tracking, budget review, and monthly reporting.

Sincerely,

Brian K. Cheng /BJ

Director, Regulatory Relations

cc: Jerry Royer, Energy Division

October 1, 2002

Advice 2413-G/2288-E

(Pacific Gas and Electric Company ID U 39 M)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: Revisions to the California Alternate Rates for Energy Balancing Account to Record Automatic Enrollment Costs

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) hereby submits for filing revisions to its gas and electric tariff sheets. The affected tariff sheets are listed on the enclosed Attachment I.¹

Purpose

This filing proposes revisions to electric Preliminary Statement Part M – *California Alternate Rates for Energy Account* (CAREA – Prelim. M) and gas Preliminary Statement Part V – *California Alternate Rates for Energy Account* (CAREA – Prelim V.). These revisions are necessary in order to comply with Ordering Paragraph (OP) 14 of Decision (D.) 02-07-033.

PG&E proposes tariff language changes to the appropriate balancing accounts to implement the Commission's directives to track all costs associated with the automatic enrollment program in a memorandum account or in an existing CARE balancing account.

Background

On July 17, 2002, the Commission issued D. 02-07-033 in Rulemaking (R.) 01-08-027 adopting the CARE automatic enrollment program. As set forth in the decision, customers participating in the following partner agency programs will be automatically enrolled in the CARE program: Medi-Cal and Women, Infants and Children administered through the California Department of Health Services, Healthy Families administered by the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board, or the Energy Assistance Programs administered by the Department of Community

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.

Services and Development.

PG&E submits the proposed revisions to its gas and electric CAREA preliminary statements to record all costs associated with the CARE automatic enrollment program in the CARE Balancing Account pursuant to OP 14 of D. 02-07-033.

In addition to the tariff changes required to comply with D. 02-07-033, PG&E made the following minor modifications to the CAREA preliminary statements:

The purpose section of the electric and gas CAREA preliminary statements were modified by moving the second to the last sentence that reads "The LIRA program was revised in Decision 94-12-049 and the name changed to CARE," to right after the first sentence in the purpose section.

The language in the applicability section of the electric CAREA preliminary statement was changed from "The CARE shortfall..." to "The CAREA balance..." This change is consistent with the language used in the gas CARE preliminary statement.

The gas CAREA preliminary statement includes language which refers to Section C.8 for the CARE shortfall computation. This filing adds clarifying language to gas Preliminary Statement Part C.8 to more accurately describe the CARE revenue shortfall computation.

Protests

Anyone wishing to protest this filing may do so by sending a letter by **October 21, 2002**, which is 20 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, 4th Floor
San Francisco, California 94102

Facsimile: (415) 703-2200
E-mail: jjr@cpuc.ca.gov

Protests also should be sent by e-mail and facsimile to Mr. Jerry Royer, Energy Division, as shown above, and by U.S. mail to Mr. Royer at the above address.

The protest should be sent via both e-mail and facsimile to PG&E on the same date it is mailed or delivered to the Commission at the address shown below.

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Effective Date

Pacific Gas and Electric Company requests that this filing become effective on **July 17, 2002**, which is the date D. 02-07-033 was adopted.

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. 01-08-027. address change requests 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/

Vice President - Regulatory Relations

Attachments

cc: Service List – R. 01-08-027



PRELIMINARY STATEMENT
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C. GAS ACCOUNTING TERMS AND DEFINITIONS (Cont'd.)

- 8. CALIFORNIA ALTERNATE RATES FOR ENERGY (CARE) REVENUE SHORTFALL: This shall be computed by subtracting CARE customers' monthly revenues from the revenues that would have been recovered from CARE customers had they been paying standard transportation and procurement rates, less the CARE rate component. (T)
- 9. MEMORANDUM ACCOUNT: In the context of this tariff, a memorandum account operates similar to a balancing account except that interest may be excluded and the under- or overcollection may or may not be amortized in future rates.
- 10. REVENUE REQUIREMENT: The revenue requirement consists of the sum of the Transmission and Storage Revenue Requirement which is set in PG&E's Gas Accord Decision 97-08-055, and the Transportation and Procurement Revenue Requirements which are allocated in the Cost Allocation Proceeding, and are defined below. Rates will be established to recover all items in the revenue requirement.
 - a. The Transmission System Revenue Requirement includes the Transmission base revenue amount,* load balancing storage costs, certain forecast amounts and F&U. Amounts to be included in the Customer Class Charge paid by Transmission Service customers are allocated in the Cost Allocation Proceeding and described under Transportation Cost, below.
 - b. The Unbundled Storage Revenue Requirement includes the Unbundled Storage base revenue amount,* carrying costs on noncycled gas in storage, and F&U.

* See Section C.2 for details.

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PRELIMINARY STATEMENT
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V. CALIFORNIA ALTERNATE RATES FOR ENERGY ACCOUNT (CAREA)

- 1. PURPOSE: The purpose of the CARE balancing account is to record the California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) revenue shortfall associated with the Low-Income Ratepayer Assistance (LIRA) Program established by Decisions 89-07-062 and 89-09-044, as well as the expansion of the LIRA Program authorized by Decision 92-04-024. The program was revised in Decision 94-12-049 and the name changed to CARE. This account also records the CARE Program administrative costs, pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 739.1 (b), and all costs related to the automatic enrollment program including the clearinghouse costs in accordance with Decision 02-07-033. The balance in this account will be amortized into transportation rates in the next Cost Allocation Proceeding. (L) (L) (N) | (N)

Descriptions of the terms and definitions used in this section are found in Preliminary Statement, Part C, or in Rule 1. Refer to Section C.8 for the CARE shortfall computation.

- 2. APPLICABILITY: The CAREA balance applies to all non-CARE rate schedules and contracts subject to the jurisdiction of the CPUC, except for those schedules and contracts specifically excluded by the CPUC.
- 3. REVISION DATE: The revision date applicable to the CAREA rate shall coincide with the revision date of the Cost Allocation Proceeding or at other times, as ordered by the CPUC.
- 4. FORECAST PERIOD: The forecast test period will be as specified in the current Cost Allocation Proceeding or other proceeding expressly authorized by the Commission. (N)
- 5. CAREA RATES: CAREA Rates are included in the effective rates set forth in each rate schedule (see Preliminary Statement, Part B), as applicable.
- 6. ACCOUNTING PROCEDURE: PG&E shall make the following entries to the CAREA at the end of each month:
 - a. A debit entry equal to the CARE revenue shortfall resulting from core deliveries during the current month less the allowance for Franchise Fees and Uncollectibles Accounts Expense (FF&U); (T)
 - b. A debit entry equal to all monthly administrative costs allocated to the gas CARE Program that include, but are not limited to, outreach, marketing, regulatory compliance, certification and verification, billing, measurement and evaluation, and capital improvements and upgrades to communications and processing equipment;
 - c. A debit entry equal to all monthly CARE automatic enrollment costs allocated to the gas CARE Program. (N) (N)
 - d. A credit entry equal to the CAREA revenue, net of FF&U; and (T)
 - e. An entry equal to the interest on the average balance in the account at the beginning of the month and the balance in the account after entries V.6.a through V.6.d, above, at a rate equal to one-twelfth the interest rate on three-month Commercial Paper for the previous month, as reported in the Federal Reserve Statistical Release, H.15, or its successor. (T) (T)

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V. CALIFORNIA ALTERNATE RATES FOR ENERGY ACCOUNT (Cont'd.)

- 7. REASONABLENESS REVIEW: In conjunction with the appropriate proceeding, the utility shall file with the Commission an annual report on the CARE Program, reporting on the reasonableness of recorded program administrative costs included in the CARE balancing account during the previous year. CARE administrative costs shall include, but are not limited to, the costs specified in Section 739.1 (b) of the Public Utilities Code. (L)



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