

November 4, 2002

**Advice 2298-E  
Pacific Gas and Electric Company (ID U39E)**

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

**Subject: Revisions to Electric Preliminary Statements to Comply with  
Decision 02-10-019**

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) hereby submits for revisions to its electric Preliminary Statement. The affected tariff sheets are listed on the enclosed Attachment I.<sup>1</sup>

**Purpose**

In accordance with Decision (D.) 97-10-057 and the Assigned Commissioner Ruling (ACR), dated September 16, 1998, the annual Revenue Adjustment Proceeding (RAP) considers, among other things, the elimination or modification of balancing accounts and memorandum accounts. The 2000/2001 RAP Decision 02-10-019, Ordering Paragraph 3, authorizes PG&E to eliminate certain balancing and memorandum accounts and subaccounts as follows:

- Preliminary Statement Part D – *Energy Efficiency California Energy Commission Memorandum Account (EECECMA)* - Eliminate entire account.
- Preliminary Statement Part O – *Demand Side Management (DSM) Tax Change Memorandum Account* - Eliminate entire account.

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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 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.

- Preliminary Statement Part AH – *Industry Restructuring Memorandum Account (IRMA)* - Eliminate the entire account including the following six subaccounts:
  - *Environmental Impact Report Costs Subaccount*
  - *Direct Access Implementation Costs Subaccount*
  - *ISO/PX and Other Wholesale Market Interface Costs Subaccount*
  - *Hourly-Interval Meter Installation and Reading Costs Subaccount*
  - *UDC Billing System Modification Costs Subaccount*
  - *Customer Information Release Systems Costs Subaccount*
- Preliminary Statement Part BA – *Divestiture Bonus Return on Equity Memorandum Account (DBROMA)* — Eliminate entire account.
- Preliminary Statement Part BL – *Electric Low-Income Direct Assistance Memorandum Account (ELIMA)* - Eliminate entire account.

PG&E is also eliminating the *Research, Development and Demonstration (RD&D) One-Way Balancing Account* and the *Workforce Reduction Revenue Mechanism (WRRM) Memorandum Account*, which are not part of the Preliminary Statement, as authorized by D. 87-07-021 and D. 93-03-025 respectively.

In addition, PG&E is revising the CARE surcharge rate shown in Electric Preliminary Statement Part I, to include the forecasted discounts adopted as part of the sales forecast in D. 02-10-019 and the 2002 Electric CARE Administrative Costs adopted in D. 02-09-021. PG&E will implement rate changes resulting from the change to the CARE surcharge rate as required for billing customers effective January 1, 2003.

Decision 02-10-019 ordered that within 30 days of the effective date of the decision, PG&E should file tariffs implementing the provisions authorized in the decision. Decision 02-10-019 accepts PG&E's 2001 and 2002 illustrative revenue requirements as reasonable, subject to the adjustments required to reflect the outcome of pending state and federal proceedings.

PG&E has not proposed changes to the functional rates shown in the electric rate schedules as part of this Advice Letter. No changes to the electric rate schedules are necessary at this time because authorized revenue requirements for 2001 are already incorporated in rates and revenue requirements for 2002 have not yet been approved. PG&E intends to update its rates for Attrition and

the Annual Earnings Assessment Proceeding, once revenue requirements in those proceedings are adopted.

### **Protest**

Anyone wishing to protest this filing should do so by sending a letter via postal mail and facsimile by, **November 24, 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  
E-mail: [jjr@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:jjr@cpuc.ca.gov)

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.

Les Guliasi, Director  
Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
Regulatory Relations  
P.O. Box 770000, Mail Code B10C  
San Francisco, California 94177  
Facsimile: (415) 973-7226  
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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.

### **Effective Date**

PG&E requests that this filing become effective on **October 3, 2002**, which is the effective date of D. 02-10-019.

### **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 99-08-022. 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/](http://www.pge.com/customer_services/business/tariffs/)

Vice President - Regulatory Relations

Attachments

cc: Service List R. 99-08-022



PRELIMINARY STATEMENT  
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I. Rate Schedule Summary (\$ per kWh)\*

	<u>CEE Incentive Rate</u>	<u>CAREA**</u>
All Schedules	.00021	.00124 (I)

\* The CEE Incentive and CAREA rates apply to all retail sales. Any Customer, Meter, Demand, or other Charges specified in the rate schedules shall be accounted for in the TRA.

\*\* The CARE rates apply only to NONCARE Schedules and nonqualifying use under ESL, ESRL, and ETL.



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