

November 18, 2002

ADVICE 2422-G/2304-E

(Pacific Gas and Electric Company ID U39 M)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: Authorization for Bridge Funding of PG&E's Existing Low Emission Vehicle (LEV) Program

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is hereby seeking authorization to continue, on a day-for-day basis, the currently authorized annual funding of \$7.087 million for bridge funding (equivalent to \$19,416.44 per day) of its current Low Emission Vehicle (LEV) program, starting January 1, 2003, and continuing through the effective date of the rates resulting from a Commission decision issued in PG&E's 2003 Test Year General Rate Case (Application (A.) 02-11-017, filed November 8, 2002) and LEV A. 02-03-049 (filed March 25, 2002, with revised testimony dated July 15, 2002).¹ Attachment I to this filing summarizes the annual program expenses requested for continuation of the bridge funding period.

Funding for PG&E's Low Emission Vehicle (LEV) program authorized under Resolution (R.) G-3322 is set to end December 31, 2002.² In order to avoid a lapse in approved funding and the resulting disruption in PG&E's LEV program to ratepayers, PG&E seeks an extension of the funding authorized in R. G-3322 until a decision in A. 02-03-049 takes effect. This request is in accordance with testimony filed in the LEV proceeding, which was not contested by any party throughout the proceeding.

PG&E's testimony in the LEV proceeding requests that if the Commission has not reached a decision on PG&E's LEV application by December 31, 2002, and if the CPUC has not acted on PG&E's request that the revenue requirement adopted in

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.

² The Commission authorized extended funding for 2002 in Advice 2340-G, approved by R. G-3322.

the 2003 GRC Application become effective January 1, 2003³, that the CPUC extend the bridge funding, as necessary, beyond the current December 31, 2002, sunset date, on a day-for-day basis to allow the bridge approval to remain in place until the Commission issued its decisions in the LEV and 2003 GRC decisions. (A. 02-03-049, PG&E Exhibit 200, p.1-8)

This advice letter is being filed to request that the Commission extend the LEV funding currently in place for 2002, in case these decisions are not rendered by the end of the year. In the event that the Commission decides A. 02-03-049 prior to December 31, 2002, the issues in this advice letter should become moot and PG&E will withdraw the advice letter.

Protests

Anyone wishing to protest this filing may do so by sending a letter by **December 8, 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.

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
E-mail: RxDd@pge.com

³ On August 27, 2002, PG&E filed the "Motion of Pacific Gas and Electric Company Requesting Order Making New Revenue Requirements For Gas and Electric Service Effective January 1, 2002" in Application 97-12-020.

Effective Date

PG&E requests that this advice filing become effective on **December 31, 2002**, which is more than regular notice of 40 days after the date of this filing.⁴

Notice

In accordance with G.O. 96-A, Section III, Paragraph G, PG&E is electronically and postal mailing copies of this advice letter to the utilities and interested parties shown on the attached list and to the parties listed in A. 02-03-047. 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

Service Lists – A. 02-03-047

⁴ Resolution G-3322 granted funding through December 31, 2002.