

March 14, 2003

**Advice 2356-E**

(Pacific Gas and Electric Company ID U 39 E)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

**Subject: Clarification to Base Interruptible Program (Schedule E-BIP)**

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

**Purpose**

The purpose of this filing is to remove language in Schedule E-BIP that restricts customers from participating in PG&E's Optional Binding Mandatory Curtailment (OBMC) program. In accordance with Attachment A, Section 2.4.9 of Decision (D.) 01-06-087 issued June 28, 2001, Schedule E-BIP customers may in fact participate in the OBMC program.

2.4.9 OBMC participants who are the only customers on their circuit may participate in a utility operated capacity interruptible program as long as that program requires the reduction of load to a pre-established firm service level (FSL).

**Background**

In D. 01-06-087, the Commission instructed California utilities to allow OBMC participants who are the only customers on their circuit, to participate in a utility operated capacity interruptible program as long as that program requires the reduction of load to a pre-established firm service level (FSL). Schedule E-BIP, as filed in supplemental Advice 2099-E-A on April 17, 2001, and approved by the Commission effective April 19, 2001, inadvertently restricted Schedule E-BIP customers from participating in the OBMC program.

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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.

**Tariff Revisions**

To remove the restriction to customers on Schedule E-BIP from participating in the OBMC program, the language in the Schedule E-BIP section entitled, "Interaction with Customer's Other Applicable Programs and Charges" is modified as follows:

Load can only be committed to one program, and customers will be paid for performance under only one program for a given load reduction. Customers currently enrolled in a PG&E interruptible program, or the CAISO's Demand Response Program (DRP), must complete all annual obligations to that program before being eligible for E-BIP. In addition, E-BIP customers shall not participate in the CAISO's Ancillary Services Load Program. ~~or PG&E's Optional Binding Mandatory Curtailment program).~~

**Protests**

Anyone wishing to protest this filing may do so by sending a letter by **April 3, 2003**, 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, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
San Francisco, California 94102

Facsimile: (415) 703-2200  
E-mail: [jjr@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto: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: Brian K. Cherry  
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](mailto:RxDd@pge.com)

**Effective Date**

PG&E requests that this advice filing become effective on regular notice, **April 23, 2003**, which is 40 days after the date of filing.

**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. Address changes should be directed to Sandra Ciach at (415) 973-7572. 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



SCHEDULE E-BIP—BASE INTERRUPTIBLE PROGRAM  
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**INCENTIVE  
PAYMENTS:**

PG&E will evaluate and credit customers and/or apply non-compliance penalties for the customer load reductions realized under Schedule E-BIP within a period no longer than ninety (90) days after each curtailment event, depending on where the curtailment event falls within the customer's actual billing cycle. The incentive payments will be reflected in the customer's regular monthly bill as an adjustment.

During the Summer Season (May 1 through October 31) payments will be paid based on the difference of the customer's average monthly on-peak period demand and its designated firm service level. During the Winter Season (November 1 through April 30) payments will be paid based on the difference of the customer's average monthly partial-peak period demand and its designated firm service level. This difference will be multiplied by the price of \$7.00 per kW-month to determine the incentive payment.

**FAILURE TO  
REDUCE LOAD**

Customers will be penalized \$6.00 per kWh for energy usage over its firm service level during a curtailment. PG&E may elect to evaluate and assess the non-compliance penalties associated with several curtailment events as a single adjustment.

**INTERACTION  
WITH  
CUSTOMER'S  
OTHER  
APPLICABLE  
CHARGES:**

Participating customers' regular electric service bills will continue to be calculated each month based on their actual recorded monthly demands and energy usage.

Customers who participate in a CAISO or a third party sponsored interruptible load program must immediately notify PG&E of such activity.

Load can only be committed to one program, and customers will be paid for performance under only one program for a given load reduction. Customers currently enrolled in a PG&E interruptible program, or the CAISO's Demand Response Program (DRP), must complete all annual obligations to that program before being eligible for E-BIP. In addition, E-BIP customers shall not participate in the CAISO's Ancillary Services Load Program.

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