

May 5, 2003

Advice 2378-E

(Pacific Gas and Electric Company ID U 39 E)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: Limited Optional Remote Metering Service

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

Purpose

The purpose of this filing is to implement a limited remote metering option for eligible commercial poultry industry customers to support the need for increased bio-security measures by reducing the need for the monthly ingress and egress of PG&E personnel to obtain electric consumption information needed for billing.

Background

Newcastle disease is a contagious and fatal virus disease affecting all species of birds and is a potential threat to California's \$3 billion commercial poultry industry. In 1971, a major outbreak occurred in commercial poultry flocks in southern California resulting in the destruction of almost 12 million birds at the then-cost of \$56 million.

Recently, a new Newcastle disease outbreak occurred in southern California resulting in the destruction of one million birds. Prompted by this outbreak, on January 8, 2003, Governor Davis declared a state of emergency and put into place a quarantine restricting the movement of poultry, poultry products, and eggs in San Diego, Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino, Ventura and Orange Counties. Commercial poultry industry customers in PG&E's service

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.

territory are increasing their bio-security measures and have requested PG&E's cooperation in establishing an option for remote meter reading.

In recognition of the importance of the commercial poultry industry to California's economy, PG&E is seeking to establish this proposed optional metering service. Under new Schedule E-LORMS, PG&E seeks to recover its incremental costs for remote metering, meter reading and billing, which are based upon comparable charges under current electric Rule 2, and electric Schedules E-ESP—*Service to Energy Service Providers*, and E-EUS—*End-User Services*. By offering this remote metering option, PG&E is not waiving its rights to enter and leave customer's premises for any purpose connected with the furnishing of electric service (meter reading, inspection, testing, routine repairs, replacement, maintenance, emergency work, etc.) as described in electric Rule 16.

Tariff Revisions

Proposed Schedule E-LORMS—*Limited Optional Remote Metering Service*, is available on a voluntary basis to any bundled service electric customer primarily engaged in the commercial breeding, hatching, and raising of poultry for meat or egg production as defined by the 2002 North American Industry Standard Classification Code No. 1123. The rates on the customer's otherwise-applicable rate schedule will apply. The customer also must execute Form 79-999—Agreement for Limited Optional Remote Metering Service.

Protests

Anyone wishing to protest this filing may do so by sending a letter by May **27, 2003**, which is 22 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: 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

Effective Date

PG&E requests that this advice filing become effective on regular notice, **June 14, 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 be accessed electronically at:

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

Vice President - Regulatory Relations

Attachments



SCHEDULE E-LORMS — LIMITED OPTIONAL REMOTE METERING SERVICE
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APPLICABILITY: This limited schedule is available on a voluntary basis to any bundled service electric customer primarily engaged in the commercial breeding, hatching, and raising poultry for meat or egg production as defined by the 2002 North American Industry Standard Classification Code No. 1123.

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TERRITORY: The entire PG&E service territory.

ELIGIBILITY: Customers must submit a signed Agreement for Limited Optional Remote Metering Service (Form 79-999), and have installed appropriate metering to establish service.

RATES: In addition to all other charges for service under the customer's otherwise-applicable rate schedule(s), the following charges will apply:

1. METERING SERVICES

a. Meter Installation. If appropriate metering is not available, it will be installed at customer's expense as "special facilities" in accordance with Section I of electric Rule 2.

2. METER READING SERVICES

a. Meter Reading Set-up charge, Per Meter.....\$16.00

Customers pay this charge when PG&E performs routine system maintenance for remotely read meters to ensure that all systems are updated so an interval meter can be read.

b. Meter services, including data retrieval, validation, editing, and estimating to billing quality form.

Per meter per month \$7.00

c. Monthly charges for the maintenance and operation of the telecommunication line required for meter reading.

Per meter per monthCost

3. BILLING

a. Billing set up per Service Account..... \$20.00

b. Billing fee, per Service Account per billing cycle..... \$0.70

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Pacific Gas and Electric Company
San Francisco, California

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PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY
AGREEMENT FOR LIMITED OPTIONAL REMOTE METERING SERVICE
FORM NO. 79-999 (05/03)
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Karen A. Tomcala
Vice President
Regulatory Relations

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