

May 30, 2003

**Advice 2465-G/2385-E**

(Pacific Gas and Electric Company ID U39M)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

**Subject: Revised Household Income Requirements for CARE Program**

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

**Purpose**

The purpose of this filing is to increase the household income requirements for PG&E's gas and electric California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) Program. This filing complies with Resolution (R.) E-3524, dated February 19, 1998, in which the Commission ordered the Energy Division Director to notify California utilities by letter each May 1<sup>st</sup> of annual revisions to CARE income levels effective June 1<sup>st</sup>. In accordance with the Energy Division's Notice to All Energy Utilities Providing Service Under CARE and LIEE (Notice) dated April 30, 2003, PG&E hereby submits tariffs with revised income limitations for the CARE program, **effective June 1, 2003.**

In addition to income limitation revisions to gas and electric Rules 19.1--*California Alternate Rates for Energy for Individual Customers and Submetered Tenants of Master-Metered Customers*, 19.2--*California Alternate Rates for Energy for Nonprofit Group-Living Facilities*, and 19.3--*California Alternate Rates for Energy for Qualified Agricultural Employee Housing Facilities*, proposed in this filing, PG&E is also updating the income levels shown on gas and electric Form No. 01-9077—*CARE Program Application for Residential Single-Family Customers*, Form

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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. PG&E reserves all rights to amend or revise its filings before the Commission and other agencies to implement the requirements of the order or orders of the Bankruptcy Court confirming PG&E's plan of reorganization as originally filed on September 20, 2001, and subsequently amended.

No. 01-9285—*CARE Program Application for Tenants of Sub-Metered Facilities*, and Form No. 62-1477—*CARE Program Income Guidelines*.

Spanish, Chinese, and Vietnamese translations of these forms are available. They are posted on PG&E's website at:

[http://www.pge.com/001\\_res\\_svc/financial\\_assistance/care.shtml](http://www.pge.com/001_res_svc/financial_assistance/care.shtml)

The revised income levels are as follows:

Number of Persons in Household	Total Combined Annual Income
1 or 2	\$23,000
3	\$27,000
4	\$32,500
5	\$38,000
6	\$43,500
Each Additional	\$5,500

PG&E is updating all pertinent printed or posted materials to reflect the revised income levels. This filing will not affect any other rates or charges, cause the withdrawal of service, or conflict with any other rate schedule or rule.

### **Protests**

Anyone wishing to protest this filing may do so by sending a letter by **June 19, 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

### **Effective Date**

In accordance with R. E-3524 and the Commission's letter dated April 30, 2003, PG&E requests that this advice filing become effective **June 1, 2003**.

### **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 Chris Harris 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

cc: Ivy Walker – Energy Division



**RULE 19.1—CALIFORNIA ALTERNATE RATES FOR ENERGY FOR INDIVIDUAL CUSTOMERS AND SUBMETERED TENANTS OF MASTER-METERED CUSTOMERS**

(Continued)

**B. ELIGIBILITY (Cont'd.)**

Total gross annual income for all persons in the applicants household may not exceed the following:

<u>Number of Persons in Household</u>	<u>Maximum Annual Household Income</u>
1-2	\$23,000 (I)
3	\$27,000
4	\$32,500
5	\$38,000
6	\$43,500
Each additional member, add:	\$ 5,500 (I)

**C. CERTIFICATION**

1. Individually metered PG&E Customers, submetered tenants of master-metered PG&E Customers, and other qualifying applicants in individually metered residential dwelling units:

All applicants for certification must fill out and provide to PG&E Application Form No. 01-9077.

2. Submetered tenants of master-metered PG&E Customers:

Submetered tenants of master-metered Customers will submit Application Form No. 01-9285 to PG&E, including their apartment/unit number and PG&E master metered account number. PG&E will notify the master-metered Customer of the tenant's certification. The master-metered Customer, not PG&E, is responsible for extending CARE discounts to tenants certified to receive them.

3. Self-certification:

Self-certification will be used to determine income eligibility for the CARE program. Customers must sign a statement upon application indicating that PG&E may verify the Customer's eligibility at any time. If verification establishes that the Customer is ineligible, the Customer will be removed from the program and PG&E may render corrective billings.

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**RULE 19.2—CALIFORNIA ALTERNATE RATES FOR ENERGY  
 FOR NONPROFIT GROUP-LIVING FACILITIES**

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B. ELIGIBILITY (Cont'd.)

3. The facility must also be licensed, or otherwise prove to PG&E's satisfaction, by the appropriate state agency. A homeless shelter is required to provide a copy of its municipal or county conditional use permit.
4. The total gross income for all persons residing in each household at a Facility may not exceed the following:

<u>Number of Persons in Household</u>	<u>Maximum Annual Household Income</u>
1-2	\$23,000 (I)
3	\$27,000
4	\$35,000
5	\$38,000
6	\$43,500
Each additional member, add:	\$ 5,500 (I)

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RULE 19.3-CALIFORNIA ALTERNATE RATES FOR ENERGY  
FOR QUALIFIED AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYEE HOUSING FACILITIES

(Continued)

B. ELIGIBILITY (Cont'd.)

2. PRIVATE-OWNED EMPLOYEE HOUSING FACILITIES

- a. Privately-Owned Employee Housing Facilities must provide proof of current compliance with Part 1 of Division 13 of the Health and Safety Code. Compliance must take the form of having a permit issued by the State Department of Housing and Community Development pursuant to Health and Safety Code §17030.
- b. For Privately-Owned Employee Housing Facilities, 100 percent of the energy supplied to the facility's premises must be used for residential purposes.

3. AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYEE HOUSING FACILITIES

- a. Agricultural Employee Housing Facilities must provide a letter of determination by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that the corporation is tax-exempt due to its non-profit status under IRS Code §501(c)(3) or proof that it is tax-exempt due to its non-profit status from the State of California. Additionally, the Facility must provide a copy of letter from the Assessor in the county where the Facility is located stating that the housing is exempt from local property taxes.
  - b. For Agricultural Employee Housing Facilities, 100 percent of the energy supplied to the facility's premises must be used for residential purposes, if each of the dwelling areas in the facility is individually metered. If a master meter serves the facility, not less than 70 percent of the energy supplied to the facility's premises must be used for residential purposes.
4. The total gross income for all persons residing in each household at a Facility may not exceed the following:

<u>Number of Persons in Household</u>	<u>Maximum Annual Household Income</u>
1-2	\$23,000 (I)
3	\$27,000
4	\$32,500
5	\$38,000
6	\$43,500
Each additional member, add:	\$ 5,500 (I)

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Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.  
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21137-G

PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY  
CALIFORNIA ALTERNATE RATES FOR ENERGY PROGRAM  
APPLICATION FOR RESIDENTIAL SINGLE-FAMILY CUSTOMERS  
FORM NO. 01-9077 (REV 6/03)  
(ATTACHED)

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Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.  
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21138-G

PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY  
CALIFORNIA ALTERNATE RATES FOR ENERGY PROGRAM  
APPLICATION FOR TENANTS OF SUB-METERED FACILITIES  
FORM NO. 01-9285 (REV 6/03)  
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Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.  
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21139-G

PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY  
CALIFORNIA ALTERNATE RATES FOR ENERGY PROGRAM  
INCOME GUIDELINES  
FORM NO. 62-1477 (REV 6/03)  
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