

June 12, 2003

**Advice 2388-E**

(Pacific Gas and Electric Company ID U 39 E)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

**Subject: Notice of Transmission Rate Change for Retail Electric Customers (T06)**

This advice letter notifies the Commission of pending Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) electric retail transmission rate changes that have been accepted by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), and are scheduled to become effective on August 13, 2003, subject to refund.<sup>1</sup>

**Purpose**

The purpose of this letter is to provide the Commission with notice of an upcoming transmission rate increase for its retail electric customers. The purpose of the transmission rate change is to reflect PG&E's most current estimates of the cost of providing transmission service.

**Background**

PG&E's currently pending transmission revenue requirement request (TO6) was filed with the FERC on January 13, 2003, and assigned to FERC Docket No. ER03-409-000. By order issued March 12, 2003, the filing was accepted by FERC and set for hearing, with the requested rates to become effective on August 13, 2003, subject to refund. The transmission rates accepted by FERC subject to refund are set forth in Attachment 1 in the same format as filed with FERC (Appendix III).

During the current electric rate freeze, total electric rates do not change when functional rate components are revised, added or deleted. To retain total rates at their current level, PG&E will offset the resulting transmission rate increase with an offsetting decrease to the corresponding generation rate. PG&E expects the DWR Bond charge to electric customers to change this summer, and this rate

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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.

change would also affect the residual generation component. Therefore, PG&E is not filing tariff sheets at this time, but will supplement this advice letter prior to August 13, 2003, in order to incorporate the most current rate component adjustments into its electric generation rates.

### **Protests**

Anyone wishing to protest this filing may do so by sending a letter by **July 2, 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 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**

In accordance with the FERC order in ER03-409-000, PG&E requests that this advice filing become effective on **August 13, 2003**, which is the date that these FERC-jurisdictional rate changes will become effective, subject to refund.

This filing will not increase any rate or charge, cause the withdrawal of service, or conflict with any rate schedule or rule.

**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 Rose de la Torre at (415) 973-4716. 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