

August 29, 2003

Advice 2414-E-A

(Pacific Gas and Electric Company ID U 39 E)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: Supplemental Filing - Direct Access Bottoms-Up Billing

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) hereby submits this supplemental filing for the purpose of revising “back of bill” language. The proposed revised language is included in Attachment III.¹

Background

Decision 03-08-061, Ordering Paragraph 2, required PG&E to file an advice letter with revised tariffs sheets to implement the authority granted for direct access bottoms-up billing (DA BUB). PG&E filed Advice 2414-E in compliance with that order, wherein distribution rate and text changes necessary to implement DA BUB were proposed. Since PG&E anticipates that other rates will also change on October 1, 2003, PG&E proposes to combine, in a consolidation advice letter, the tariff changes presented in Advice 2414-E, with the rate changes presented in Advice Nos. 2383-E and 2413-E.

Proposed distribution rate and text changes to implement DA BUB were provided in Advice 2414-E, Attachments I and II, respectively. Implementation of DA BUB also requires some modifications to the “back of bill” language, which is provided herein as Attachment III. Standard Form 01-6630 – *Energy Statement – Central Mailing*, which includes the “back of bill” language will be revised to incorporate the changes proposed in Attachment III in the consolidation filing for rates and text changes effective October 1, 2003.

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.

Revisions to “Back of Bill” Language

Specifically, PG&E had deleted the definition of Direct Access Credit, modified the definition of generation charge, and added the definition of the DWR Power Charge for DA customers. The revised language, which appears on the back of bill is included as Attachment III. The revised language is shown in “strike and bold” format as follows:

~~Direct Access (DA) Credit: Applies to customers who purchase electricity from non-PG&E sources. The credit is calculated in accordance with Schedule EG.~~

Generation Charges: For customers who purchase electric power from PG&E, this charge is established to pay for electricity **and is based on** ~~using~~ generation rates found in each rate schedule. ~~For customers who purchase electric power from a non-PG&E source (i.e., Direct Access customers), this charge consists of Direct Access Cost Responsibility Surcharge (DA-CRS) as set forth in Schedule EG.~~

DWR Power Charge: This charge, as it applies to Direct Access customers, recovers the cost of power provided by DWR that is not avoided by a customer’s choice to acquire power from a non-utility supplier. DWR Power Charges are collected on behalf of DWR and do not belong to PG&E.

Protests

Anyone wishing to protest this filing may do so by sending a letter by **September 18, 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, 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 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, **October, 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 and the parties on the service list for A. 98-07-003. 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/

Vice President - Regulatory Relations

Attachments

cc: A. 98-07-003 – 1998 RAP Proceeding