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Advice Letter 2637-E

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Subject: Revised streetlight Schedule LS-1 for wood pole replacement

Dear Ms de la Torre:

Advice Letter 2637-E is effective April 18, 2005. A copy of the advice letter is returned herewith for your records.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. H. Gallagher".

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**ADVICE 2637-E**  
(Pacific Gas and Electric Company ID U39E)

**Subject:     Revise Electric Streetlight Schedule LS-1 for  
Wood Pole Replacement**

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

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.

**Purpose**

PG&E has determined that certain PG&E-owned centerbore wood poles installed within its service territory must be replaced because of deterioration. "In kind" replacement of these centerbore wood poles is not feasible because this product is no longer available.

Currently, electric Schedule LS-1--*PG&E-Owned Street and Highway Lighting, Special Conditions, Class F*, refers to ownership and maintenance of a standard luminaire, control facility, support arm and service connection on its "wood pole or post". However, as explained below, identifying the specific pole material within Class F limits PG&E's ability to replace deteriorated, damaged or rotten poles.

**Proposed Pole Replacement Process**

PG&E proposes to replace -- in accordance with its normal pole replacement process -- the existing PG&E-owned centerbore wood poles with standard post top pole. The customer will continue to pay the appropriate rate for a PG&E-contributed installation under Class F. Any customer requests for new installations, or for rearrangement of poles that do not require replacement, would be installed under the applicable provisions Schedule LS-1 for Class D installations, and would be billed at the post top lamp rate specified for Class D.

**Revision to Schedule LS-1**

PG&E is in the process of updating its product catalogue to include current acceptable streetlight fixture and pole styles. The proposed revision to Schedule LS-1 to eliminate the reference to a "wood" pole or post in Class F, and replace it with a reference to a "standard" pole or post will allow PG&E the flexibility to replace poles with the most contemporary and cost-effective products available.

In its 2003 General Rate Case, PG&E has requested similar tariff revisions for Schedule LS-1 Classes D, E, and F to eliminate references to specific pole type. PG&E proposes to begin Class F replacements upon the effective date of this advice letter.

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

**Protests**

Anyone wishing to protest this filing may do so by sending a letter by **March 29, 2005**, 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  
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San Francisco, California 94102  
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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  
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**Effective Date**

PG&E requests that this advice filing become effective on regular notice, **April 18, 2005**, 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 Rose de la Torre at (415) 973-4716. Advice letter filings can also be accessed electronically at:

<http://www.pge.com/tariffs>

*Brian K. Cherry /sr*

Director, Regulatory Relations

Attachments

**ATTACHMENT I  
ADVICE 2637-E**

<u>Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.</u>	<u>Title of Sheet</u>	<u>Canceling Cal P.U.C. Sheet No.</u>
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SCHEDULE LS-1—PG&E-OWNED STREET AND HIGHWAY LIGHTING  
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**MORE THAN ONE LIGHT ON A POLE:**

Where more than one light is installed on a pole, all lights other than the first will be billed on the Class C rate. Not applicable to installations made prior to September 11, 1978.

**SPECIAL CONDITIONS:**

1. **TYPE OF SERVICE:** PG&E reserves the right to supply either "multiple" or "series" service. Series service to new lights will only be made where it is practical from PG&E's engineering standpoint to supply them from existing series systems.
2. **ANNUAL OPERATING SCHEDULE:** The above rates for All-Night service assume an average of approximately 11 hours operation per night and apply to lamps which will be turned on and off once each night in accordance with a regular operating schedule agreeable to the customer but not exceeding 4,100 hours per year.
3. **OPERATING SCHEDULES OTHER THAN ALL-NIGHT:** Rates for regular operating schedules other than full All-Night will be the All-Night rate plus or minus, respectively, the half-hour adjustment for each half-hour more or less than an average of approximately 11 hours per night. This adjustment will apply only to lamps on regular operating schedules of not less than 1,095 hours per year, or three hours per night, nor more than 4,500 hours per year.
4. **DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE PROVIDED:**

**Class A:** PG&E owns and maintains luminaire, control facilities, support arm, and service wiring on its existing distribution pole, and all lights formerly served under Schedule LS-1, Class A, as of September 11, 1978.

**Class B:** PG&E owns and maintains luminaire, control facilities, support arm, pole or post, foundation and service connection and where customer has paid the estimated installed cost of the luminaire, support arm and control facilities (applicable only to installations in service as of September 11, 1978).

**Class C:** PG&E owns and maintains its standard luminaire, control facility, internal pole wiring as required (ownership of pole or post, support arm and foundation by customer). Available only where customer-owned poles comply with PG&E's engineering and operating requirements.

**Class D:** PG&E owns and maintains its standard post top luminaire, control facility, internal post wiring, standard galvanized steel post (20-foot mounting height or less) and foundation where customer pays for the estimated and installed cost of the post, support arm (if any) and foundation.

**Class E:** PG&E owns and maintains its standard luminaire, control facility, internal pole wiring, service connection, galvanized steel pole and foundation where the customer has paid to PG&E the estimated installed cost of the pole, support arm and foundation.

**Class F:** PG&E owns and maintains a standard luminaire, control facility, support arm, and service connection on its standard pole or post, installed solely for the luminaire. (T)

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