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Advice Letter 3418-E

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**Subject: Revisions to Preliminary Statement EN – British Columbia
Renewable Study Balancing Account**

Dear Mr. Cherry:

Advice Letter 3418-E is effective March 13, 2009.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie A. Fitch".

Julie A. Fitch, Director
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Advice 3418-E

(Pacific Gas and Electric Company ID U 39 E)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

**Subject: Revisions to Preliminary Statement EN – British Columbia
Renewable Study Balancing Account**

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) hereby submits for filing revisions to its electric tariffs.

Purpose

The purpose of this advice filing is to submit revisions to Preliminary Statement Part EN – *British Columbia Renewable Study Balancing Account (BCRSBA)*. The revisions are made in order to credit the BCRSBA to reflect contributions from Project Sponsors of the Canada/ Pacific Northwest to Northern California Transmission Project. PG&E hereby requests permission to amend Section 4, “Accounting Procedures.”

Background

Decision 07-03-013, Ordering Paragraph 1, authorized PG&E to spend up to \$14 million for external consultants to prepare a renewable study to evaluate the feasibility of obtaining wind generated and other renewable electric power from various regions in British Columbia, Canada. As a result, PG&E filed Advice 3003-E on March 12, 2007 requesting approval to create the BCRSBA. Advice 3003-E was approved on May 3, 2007.

On October 31, 2007, PG&E initiated Phase 1 of the WECC Project Rating Review Process for a potential Canada – Northern California transmission project. PG&E and other Project Sponsors subsequently agreed that a portion of the work previously-performed by a PG&E external consultant was beneficial for the development of an electric transmission project and they agreed to fund that previously-performed work. The cost of the work previously-performed was recorded as a debit to the BCRSBA. Approval of this advice letter will allow one-time credit entries to the BCRSBA to recognize the contributions of the Project Sponsors to the development of the transmission project.

Protests

Anyone wishing to protest this filing may do so by letter sent via U.S. mail, by facsimile or electronically, any of which must be received no later than March 3, 2009, which is 20 days after the date of this filing. Protests should be mailed to:

CPUC Energy Division
Tariff Files, Room 4005
DMS Branch
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, California 94102

Facsimile: (415) 703-2200
E-mail: ijnj@cpuc.ca.gov and mas@cpuc.ca.gov

Copies of protests also should be mailed to the attention of the Director, Energy Division, Room 4004, at the address shown above.

The protest also should be sent via U.S. mail (and by facsimile and electronically, if possible) to PG&E at the address shown below on the same date it is mailed or delivered to the Commission:

Brian K. Cherry
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San Francisco, California 94177

Facsimile: (415) 973-7226
E-mail: PGETariffs@pge.com

Effective Date

PG&E requests that this advice filing become effective on regular notice, **March 13, 2009**, which is 30 days after the date of this filing. PG&E submits this as a tier 2 filing.

Notice

In accordance with General Order 96-B, Section IV, a copy of this advice letter is being sent electronically and via U.S. mail to parties shown on the attached list and on the service list for Address changes to the General Order 96-B service list 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>

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brent K. Anglin". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.

Vice President - Regulatory Relations

Attachments: Attachment 1 – BCRSBA Preliminary Statement EN

CC: Service List A.06-08-011¹

¹ This proceeding is closed. However, PG&E is sending the Advice Letter to the former parties of the proceeding for informational purposes.

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

ADVICE LETTER FILING SUMMARY

ENERGY UTILITY

MUST BE COMPLETED BY UTILITY (Attach additional pages as needed)

Company name/CPUC Utility No. Pacific Gas and Electric Company U39M

Utility type:

ELC GAS
 PLC HEAT WATER

Contact Person: David Poster

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EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE

ELC = Electric GAS = Gas
 PLC = Pipeline HEAT = Heat WATER = Water

(Date Filed/ Received Stamp by CPUC)

Advice Letter (AL) #: **3418-E**

Tier 2

Subject of AL: Revisions to Preliminary Statement EN – British Columbia Renewable Study Balancing Account

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Balancing Account

AL filing type: Monthly Quarterly Annual One-Time Other _____

Resolution Required? Yes No

Requested effective date: **March 13, 2009**

No. of tariff sheets: 3

Estimated system annual revenue effect: (%)

Estimated system average rate effect (%):

When rates are affected by AL, include attachment in AL showing average rate effects on customer classes (residential, small commercial, large C/I, agricultural, lighting).

Tariff schedules affected: Electric Preliminary Statement EN

Service affected and changes proposed:

Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets: N/A

Protests and all other correspondence regarding this AL are due no later than 20 days after the date of this filing, unless otherwise authorized by the Commission, and shall be sent to:

CPUC, Energy Division

Attention: Tariff Unit

505 Van Ness Ave.,

San Francisco, CA 94102

inj@cpuc.ca.gov and mas@cpuc.ca.gov

Utility Info (including e-mail)

Attn: Brian K. Cherry

Vice President, Regulatory Relations

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San Francisco, CA 94177

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**ATTACHMENT 1
Advice 3418-E**

**Cal P.U.C.
Sheet No.**

Title of Sheet

**Cancelling Cal
P.U.C. Sheet No.**

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ELECTRIC PRELIMINARY STATEMENT PART EN
BRITISH COLUMBIA RENEWABLE STUDY BALANCING ACCOUNT

Sheet 1

EN. BRITISH COLUMBIA RENEWABLE STUDY BALANCING ACCOUNT (BCRSBA)

1. PURPOSE:

The purpose of the British Columbia Renewable Study Balancing Account (BCRSBA) is to record up to \$14 million in costs for external consultants to prepare a study ("BC Renewable Study") to evaluate the feasibility of obtaining wind-generated and other renewable electric power from various regions in British Columbia, Canada, as authorized by D.07-03.13 in A.06-08-011. These costs will be recovered in the Utility Generation Balancing Account (UGBA) as part of the Annual Electric True-Up.

2. APPLICABILITY:

The BCRSBA shall apply to all customer classes, except for any classes that may be specifically excluded by the CPUC.

3. RATES:

The BCRSBA does not have a rate component.

4. ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES:

PG&E shall maintain the BCRSBA by making the following entries:

- a. A monthly debit entry for external consultants' study expenses.
- b. One-time credit entries to reflect contributions from the Project Sponsors of the Canada/
Pacific Northwest to Northern California Transmission Project. (N)
(N)
- c. A monthly debit entry equal to the interest on the average of the balance at the beginning of the month and the balance after the entries above, at a rate equal to one-twelfth the interest rate on three-month Commercial Paper for the previous month, as reported in the Federal Reserve Statistical Release, H. 15 or its successor.
- d. An annual credit entry to transfer the balance to the UGBA for recovery in rates.



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City of San Jose	MRW & Associates	Turlock Irrigation District
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Commercial Energy	Meek, Daniel W.	Utility Resource Network
Constellation	Merced Irrigation District	Utility Specialists
Constellation New Energy	Mirant	Vandenberg Air Force
Consumer Federation of California	Modesto Irrigation District	Verizon
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