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March 21, 2011

**Advice Letter 3796-E**

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San Francisco, CA 94177

**Subject: Revision to Renewables Portfolio Standard Cost  
Memorandum Account**

Dear Ms. Yura:

Advice Letter 3796-E is effective March 7, 2011.

Sincerely,

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

Julie A. Fitch, Director  
Energy Division



February 4, 2011

**Advice 3796-E**

(Pacific Gas and Electric Company ID U 39 E)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

**Subject: Revision to Renewables Portfolio Standard Cost Memorandum Account**

**Purpose**

In compliance with Decision (“D.”) 11-01-016, Pacific Gas and Electric (“PG&E”) hereby submits an advice letter to revise electric Preliminary Statement Part EL – *Renewables Portfolio Standard Cost Memorandum Account (RPSCMA)*, to extend authorization to record Renewables Portfolio Standard (“RPS”) third-party technical support costs into the RPSCMA until December 31, 2011. The affected tariff sheets are listed on the enclosed Attachment 1.

**Background**

D.06-10-050 authorized the Executive Director to hire and manage technical contractors to support the Commission with the RPS program. The total amount allocated to technical contracts is limited to a cap of \$400,000 per year through 2010 (a total cap of \$1.6 million) that is prorated to the three IOUs. Ordering Paragraph 8 of D.06-10-050 directed PG&E to establish a memorandum account, entitled RPSCMA, to record the costs associated with RPS technical contractor activities invoiced through the Commission and paid until December 31, 2010. These costs are transferred to the Energy Resource Recovery Account (ERRA) when paid for later recovery via generation rates. In a letter dated December 21, 2007, the Executive Director of the CPUC clarified that any of the \$400,000 annual expenditure authorized in D.06-10-050 that remained unspent at the end of each year may be carried over and expended in subsequent years so long as the total costs incurred by the Commission did not exceed the total authorized cap of \$1.6 million and was paid by December 31, 2010.

On January 13, 2011, the Commission issued D.11-01-016, modifying D.06-10-050 and directing PG&E to file a compliance advice letter to extend authorization to record RPS third-party technical support costs into the RPSCMA until December 31, 2011. The total cap on expenditures remains \$1.6 million.

**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 **February 24, 2011**, which is 20 days from 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: [jjn@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:jjn@cpuc.ca.gov) and [mas@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:mas@cpuc.ca.gov)

Copies also should be mailed to the attention of the Director, Energy Division, Room 4005, 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:

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Vice President, Regulation and Rates  
Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
77 Beale Street, Mail Code B10B  
P.O. Box 770000  
San Francisco, California 94177

Facsimile: (415) 973-6520  
E-mail: [PGETariffs@pge.com](mailto:PGETariffs@pge.com)

**Effective Date**

PG&E has designated this as a Tier 2 filing pursuant to CPUC General Order 96-B, Industry Rule 5.2(7), and requests that Energy Division approve the requested change in tariff to become effective by **March 7, 2011**, which is 31 calendar days from the date of 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 the service list for R.06-05-027. Address changes to the General Order 96-B service list and all electronic approvals should be directed to e-mail [PGETariffs@pge.com](mailto:PGETariffs@pge.com). For changes to any other service list, please contact the Commission's Process Office at (415) 703-2021 or at [Process\\_Office@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:Process_Office@cpuc.ca.gov). Advice letter filings can also be accessed electronically at <http://www.pge.com/tariffs/>.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jane Yura" followed by a diagonal slash and the word "lmt" written in a cursive script.

Vice President – Regulation and Rates

cc: Service List for R.06-05-027

Attachments

# 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 (ID U39 M)**

Utility type:

- ELC       GAS  
 PLC       HEAT       WATER

Contact Person: Linda Tom-Martinez

Phone #: (415) 973-4612

E-mail: lmt1@pge.com

EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE

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

(Date Filed/ Received Stamp by CPUC)

Advice Letter (AL) #: **3796-E**

Tier: **2**

Subject of AL: **Revision to Renewables Portfolio Standard Cost Memorandum Account**

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Compliance, Memorandum Account

AL filing type:  Monthly  Quarterly  Annual  One-Time  Other \_\_\_\_\_

If AL filed in compliance with a Commission order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution #: D.11-01-016

Does AL replace a withdrawn or rejected AL? If so, identify the prior AL: No

Summarize differences between the AL and the prior withdrawn or rejected AL<sup>1</sup>: \_\_\_\_\_

Is AL requesting confidential treatment? If so, what information is the utility seeking confidential treatment for:

Confidential information will be made available to those who have executed a nondisclosure agreement:  Yes  No

Name(s) and contact information of the person(s) who will provide the nondisclosure agreement and access to the confidential information: \_\_\_\_\_

Resolution Required? Yes   No

Requested effective date: **March 7, 2011**

No. of tariff sheets: 3

Estimated system annual revenue effect (%): N/A

Estimated system average rate effect (%): N/A

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 Part EL

Service affected and changes proposed<sup>1</sup>: N/A

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

Protests, dispositions, 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**  
**Tariff Files, Room 4005**  
**DMS Branch**  
**505 Van Ness Ave.,**  
**San Francisco, CA 94102**  
**[jnj@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:jnj@cpuc.ca.gov) and [mas@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:mas@cpuc.ca.gov)**

**Pacific Gas and Electric Company**  
**Attn: Jane Yura**  
**Vice President, Regulation and Rates**  
**77 Beale Street, Mail Code B10B**  
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**San Francisco, CA 94177**  
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**ATTACHMENT 1  
Advice 3796-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 EL** Sheet 1  
**RENEWABLES PORTFOLIO STANDARD COST MEMORANDUM ACCOUNT**

EL. RENEWABLES PORTFOLIO STANDARD COST MEMORANDUM ACCOUNT (RPSCMA)

1. PURPOSE:

The purpose of the RPSCMA is to record costs associated with third party Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) technical contractor activities invoiced through the Commission until December 31, 2011, as requested in Decision 06-10-050 and as modified in Decision 11-01-016. The total maximum notional value of the costs incurred by the Commission through 2011 shall not exceed a total cap of \$1.6 million and shall be paid by each utility, (PG&E, SCE and SDG&E) on a proportional basis in relationship to retail sales reported each year in the March 1, RPS Compliance Report (or other report each year as directed by the Executive Director). All such costs shall be recorded by December 31, 2011. The RPSCMA was authorized by the Commission in Decision 06-10-050 and modified in Decision 11-01-016.

(T/N)  
(N)  
(T)  
  
(T)  
(N)

2. APPLICABILITY:

The RPSCMA shall apply to all customer classes, except for those specifically excluded by the Commission.

3. RPSCMA RATES:

The RPSCMA does not currently have a rate component.

4. ACCOUNTING PROCEDURE:

PG&E shall maintain the RPSCMA by making entries to this account at the end of each month as follows:

- a. A debit entry equal to the paid third-party costs for RPS technical contractor activities invoiced through the Commission;
- b. A credit entry to annually transfer the balance to another regulatory account as appropriate for rate recovery; and
- c. An entry equal to interest on the average balance in the account at the beginning of the month and the balance after entry 4.a, 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.

PG&E shall request the recovery of the balance in the RPSCMA through the Energy Resource Recovery Account (ERRA) application, or other proceeding as authorized by the Commission.



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