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Advice Letter 4037-E

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**Subject: Revise Eligibility for Schedule E-FERA to Include Direct Access,
Community Choice Aggregation, and Transitional Bundled Service
Customers**

Dear Mr. Cherry:

Advice Letter 4037-E is effective July 1, 2012.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edward F. Randolph".

Edward F. Randolph, Director
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May 1, 2012

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(Pacific Gas and Electric Company ID U 39 E)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: Revise Eligibility for Schedule E-FERA to Include Direct Access, Community Choice Aggregation, and Transitional Bundled Service Customers

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) hereby submits for filing proposed revisions to its electric tariff sheets. The affected tariff sheets are listed on the enclosed Attachment 1.

Purpose

PG&E is filing a Tier 2 advice letter to revise residential electric Schedule E-FERA, for the Family Electric Rate Assistance (FERA) program, to make Direct Access (DA), Community Choice Aggregation (CCA), and Transitional Bundled Service (TBS) customers eligible for the FERA Program.

Although this FERA issue was never separately identified in the residential portion of PG&E's 2011 GRC Phase 2 Decision (D.) 11-05-047 adopting PG&E's proposal to implement a new Conservation Incentive Adjustment (CIA) rate component to unbundle the tier structure of residential total electric rates, PG&E believes this proposed expansion of FERA eligibility comports with Conclusion of Law No. 17 in D.11-05-047, which states as follows:

“17. PG&E's proposal for a CIA should be implemented in a manner that promotes a fair competitive and cooperative environment among community choice aggregators and the utility and in accordance with the ordering paragraphs below.”

Background

PG&E is concurrently filing a second or separate Advice 4035-E to revise all residential electric tariffs in compliance with Ordering Paragraphs 5, 6, and 7 of D.11-05-047 in A.10-03-014, PG&E's 2011 General Rate Case (GRC) Phase 2 proceeding, to address the July 1, 2012 implementation of residential electric distribution and generation rate component flattening in conjunction with the

initiation of a tiered conservation incentive adjustment rate component to maintain the current four-tiered structure of PG&E's total residential electric rates.

While that separate Advice 4035-E is being filed as a Tier 1 advice letter to implement all changes expressly authorized by the Commission in D.11-05-047, PG&E is separately filing the FERA advice letter herein as a Tier 2 advice letter to address a related FERA issue which was not directly raised during the 2011 GRC Phase 2 proceedings.

More specifically, Schedule E-FERA currently states that DA, CCA, and TBS customers, among others, are ineligible for FERA. This is because the FERA discount is provided by charging Tier 2 rates for Tier 3 usage, for families of three or more that meet FERA income qualifications. This FERA discount originally related to a Tier 3 versus Tier 2 rate differential that was construed to be composed of generation, and later of both generation and distribution, unbundled rate components that were not paid, either in whole or in part, by DA, CCA, and TBS customers.

Now that generation and distribution rates are being flattened, effective July 1, 2012, PG&E believes it is no longer appropriate to exclude DA, CCA, and TBS customers from FERA eligibility. These customers will all be subject to the Conservation Incentive Adjustment, and hence should be eligible for FERA. The FERA revisions proposed herein will make a customer otherwise eligible for the FERA program indifferent between PG&E, DA, CCA, or TBS service in a manner consistent with the spirit and intent of Conclusion of Law No. 17 above.

Tariff Revisions Effective July 1, 2012

PG&E's proposed revisions to Schedule E-FERA are included in Attachment 1, and are limited to the "Eligibility" clause.

PG&E will make all appropriate modifications necessary to its billing system and to the processing of customer applications for FERA and CARE (California Alternate Rates for Energy) service to implement this FERA tariff eligibility revision.

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 **May 21, 2012**, which is 20 after 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:

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

Facsimile: (415) 703-2200
E-mail: EDTariffUnit@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:

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San Francisco, California 94177

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E-mail: PGETariffs@pge.com

Effective Date

PG&E requests that this Tier 2 advice filing become effective on **July 1, 2012**.

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 parties on the service list for A.10-03-014. Address changes to the General Order 96-B service list and all electronic approvals should be directed to 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. Advice letter filings can also be accessed electronically at: <http://www.pge.com/tariffs>



Vice President, Regulation and Rates

Attachments

cc: Service List A.10-03-014

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 E)**

Utility type:

ELC GAS
 PLC HEAT WATER

Contact Person: Kimberly Chang

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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) #: **4037-E**

Tier: **2**

Subject of AL: **Revise Eligibility for Schedule E-FERA to Include Direct Access, Community Choice Aggregation, and Transitional Bundled Service Customers**

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Compliance, Agreements, Direct Access,

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

If AL filed in compliance with a Commission order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution #: D. 11-05-047

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: _____

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: **July 1, 2012**

No. of tariff sheets: 3

Estimated system annual revenue effect (%): Expands FERA eligibility to DA/CCA/TBS customers.

Estimated system average rate effect (%): See line above.

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: Electronic Rate Schedule E-FERA

Service affected and changes proposed: Revise eligibility of Rate Schedule E-FERA to include Direct Access, Community Choice Aggregation, and Transitional Bundled Service Customers

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:

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Tariff Files, Room 4005
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**ATTACHMENT 1
Advice 4037-E**

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

Title of Sheet

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

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Issued by
Brian K. Cherry
 Vice President
 Regulation and Rates

Date Filed May 1, 2012
 Effective July 1, 2012
 Resolution No. _____



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