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Advice Letters 4205-E

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SUBJECT: 2013 Energy Resource Recovery Account Trigger Amount

Dear Mr. Cherry:

Advice Letter 4205-E is effective as of April 1, 2013.

Sincerely,

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

Edward F. Randolph, Director
Energy Division

March 29, 2013

Advice 4205-E
(Pacific Gas and Electric Company ID U 39E)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: 2013 Energy Resource Recovery Account Trigger Amount

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) hereby submits its annual advice letter calculating the Energy Resource Recovery Account (ERRA) trigger amount for 2013, pursuant to Decisions 02-10-062, 04-01-050, and 04-12-048.

In Decision (D.) 02-10-062 (see pages 64-66), the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) established an ERRA “trigger” mechanism to comply with the Public Utilities (PU) Code §454.5(d)(3) requirement that “any overcollection or undercollection in the power procurement balancing account does not exceed 5 percent of the electrical corporation’s actual recorded generation revenues for the prior calendar year excluding revenues collected for the Department of Water Resources.”¹

In D.04-01-050 the Commission ordered that the “ERRA trigger amount Advice Letter should be filed April 1 of each year.”²

Purpose

The purpose of this advice letter is to establish PG&E’s 2013 ERRA trigger amount in compliance with PU Code §454.5(d)(3), D.04-01-050, and D.04-12-048.

¹ In pages 213-214 of D.04-12-048, the Commission directed the investor-owned utilities to “keep the trigger mechanism in effect during the term of the long-term contracts, or ten years, whichever is longer.”

² See D.04-01-050, Ordering Paragraph 5 and pages 175-176, ERRA Schedule Tables, Table Footnote 1.

ERRA Trigger Calculation

PG&E's 2013 ERRA trigger amount is \$293.6 million. Consistent with PG&E's previous advice letter filings, this year's calculation is based on revenue streams from the balancing accounts that record PG&E's generation revenues, excluding DWR revenues. These revenue streams include the Utility Generation Balancing Account (UGBA), ERRA, the Modified Transitional Cost Balancing Account (MTCBA), and the New System Generation Balancing Account (NSGBA). These balancing accounts include the capital and non-fuel operating costs in PG&E's existing generation asset base, fuel and electric procurement costs, ongoing competition transition costs, and cost allocation mechanism costs, respectively. The 2013 revenues from the four accounts and the corresponding trigger amount are shown in the table below.

2013 UGBA Revenues	\$1,929.5M
2013 ERRA Revenues	\$3,644.6M
2013 MTCBA Revenues	\$212.0M
2013 NSGBA Revenues	\$85.2 M
Total 2013 Generation Revenues, excluding DWR	\$5,871.3M
2013 ERRA Trigger (5% of total \$5,871.3M)	\$293.6M

Conclusion

PG&E requests that the Commission approve \$293.6 million as PG&E's 2013 ERRA trigger amount. PG&E also requests that this 2013 trigger amount remain in effect until the Commission adopts the 2014 trigger amount, to be submitted by advice letter no later than April 1, 2014.

Protest

Anyone wishing to protest this filing may do so by letter sent via U.S. mail, facsimile or E-mail, no later than **April 18, 2013**, which is 20 days after the date of this filing. Protests must be submitted to:

CPUC Energy Division
 ED Tariff Unit
 505 Van Ness Avenue, 4th Floor
 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 shall also be sent to PG&E either via E-mail or U.S. mail (and by facsimile, if possible) at the address shown below on the same date it is mailed or delivered to the Commission:

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Pacific Gas and Electric Company
77 Beale Street, Mail Code B10C
P.O. Box 770000
San Francisco, California 94177

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

Any person (including individuals, groups, or organizations) may protest or respond to an advice letter (General Order 96-B, Section 7.4). The protest shall contain the following information: specification of the advice letter protested; grounds for the protest; supporting factual information or legal argument; name, telephone number, postal address, and (where appropriate) e-mail address of the protestant; and statement that the protest was sent to the utility no later than the day on which the protest was submitted to the reviewing Industry Division (General Order 96-B, Section 3.11).

Effective Date

PG&E is filing this as a Tier One advice letter and, provided no protests are received, requests that this filing be effective on **April 1, 2013**.

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. Address changes to the General Order 96-B service list should be directed to PG&E at email address 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. Send all electronic approvals to PGETariffs@pge.com. Advice letter filings can also be accessed electronically at: <http://www.pge.com/tariffs>



Vice President – Regulatory Relations

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

Phone #: (415) 972-5472

E-mail: kwcc@pge.com and PGETariffs@pge.com

EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE

(Date Filed/ Received Stamp by CPUC)

ELC = Electric

GAS = Gas

PLC = Pipeline

HEAT = Heat

WATER = Water

Advice Letter (AL) #: **4205-E**

Tier: **1**

Subject of AL: **2013 Energy Resource Recovery Account Trigger Amount – Compliance Filing with Decisions 02-10-062, 04-01-050, and 04-12-048**

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Compliance

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

If AL filed in compliance with a Commission order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution #: D. 02-10-062, 04-01-050, and 04-12-048

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: April 1, 2013

No. of tariff sheets: N/A

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: N/A

Service affected and changes proposed: 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:

California Public Utilities Commission

Energy Division

EDTariffUnit

505 Van Ness Ave., 4th Flr.

San Francisco, CA 94102

E-mail: EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov

Pacific Gas and Electric Company

Attn: Brian Cherry

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Center for Biological Diversity	Los Angeles Dept of Water & Power	Sunshine Design
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City of San Jose	MRW & Associates	Tiger Natural Gas, Inc.
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Dept of General Services	Nexant, Inc.	