

February 23, 2000

ADVICE 2213-G

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) hereby submits for filing revisions to its gas tariffs. The purpose of this filing is to submit changes to core procurement gas rates effective **March 1, 2000**. This filing is submitted in compliance with Decision (D.) 97-10-065, which approved monthly price changes for core gas procurement rates, and also incorporates changes to core rates pursuant to Gas Accord D. 97-08-055 and Biennial Cost Allocation Proceeding (BCAP) D. 98-06-073. The affected tariff sheets are listed on the enclosed Attachment I.

In accordance with D. 97-10-065, PG&E generally files core gas procurement rate changes on the last business day of the prior month for rates effective the 5th business day of the next month. However, D. 98-07-025 provides that if transportation rates change on the first day of the month, PG&E is allowed to change monthly procurement rates to coincide with transportation rate changes. On February 17, 2000, the CPUC issued D. 00-02-046 in PG&E's 1999 Test Year General Rate Case (GRC), authorizing transportation rate changes. PG&E has requested a three-day ~~delay extension~~ until March 1, 2000, for filing and implementing ~~the GRC~~ rate changes. In order to file gas procurement rates five business days prior to ~~March 1, 2000 the requested effective date~~, PG&E ~~is~~ herein submits Schedule G-CP--Gas Procurement Service to Core End-Use Customers.

Schedule G-CP procurement rates are for illustrative purposes only and are the same as procurement rates to be shown on end-use customer schedules in the GRC advice filing. Tariff sheets showing gas procurement, transportation, and total rate charges for end-use customers on core Schedules G-1, GM, GS, GT, GL-1, GML, GSL, GTL, G-NR1, G-NR2, G-NGV1 and G-NGV2 will be incorporated in the GRC advice letter filed and effective **March 1, 2000**.¹

¹ If ~~the Commission does not grant~~ PG&E's request for a three-day ~~extension~~ to March 1, 2000, ~~is not granted~~, PG&E proposes to ~~consolidate these~~ ~~implement~~ monthly ~~gas~~ core ~~procurement~~ rates with ~~GRC~~ ~~transportation~~ changes effective February 28, 2000, as ordered in ~~D.ecision~~ 00-02-046.

	Residential (All schedules)	Small Commercial (G-NR1)	Large Commercial (G-NR2)	Natural Gas Vehicles (G-NGV1 & G-NGV2)
Schedule G-CP Procurement Charge (\$/therm)	\$0.31622	\$0.31849	\$0.30556	\$0.31271

The Schedule GCP procurement rates effective **March 1, 2000**, reflect core de-averaging as authorized in BCAP D. 98-06-073. Procurement rates also include:

- a) A monthly core commodity charge of **\$0.25336** per therm, compared to last month's commodity charge of **\$0.24912** per therm. The commodity charge includes backbone transportation charges to the citygate.
- b) A Canadian Capacity Surcharge of **\$0.00065** per therm, as shown on Preliminary Statement, Part B. This rate amortizes the \$0.76 million balance in the core Canadian demand charge subaccount of the Purchased Gas Account (PGA) over six months, as authorized in D. 97-08-055.
- c) An adjustment of **(\$0.00421)** per therm, which amortizes a \$1.4 million overcollection in the core shrinkage subaccount of the PGA over one month.
- d) An adjustment to the interstate and backbone capacity charges to account for the monthly election of backbone and interstate capacity by Core Transport Agents.

The core procurement components in Preliminary Statement, Part B—*Default Tariff Rate Components*, will be changed along with GRC transportation rate components PG&E intends to file on March 1, 2000. Workpapers showing the derivation of procurement rates in this advice filing can be obtained by writing to the address shown below.

The prices in this filing shall remain in effect until PG&E's next such filing with the CPUC. The current core procurement rates may be obtained by calling PG&E's Gas Rate Hotline at (415) 973-0461, or toll-free at 1-800-343-4743. Prices are also posted at PG&E's World Wide Web site at:

http://www.pge.com/customer_services/business/tariffs/

Anyone wishing to protest this advice letter may do so by sending a letter within twenty (20) days after the date of this filing. Protests should be sent by U.S. mail and via facsimile to:

Chief, IMC Branch
Energy Division
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 4002
San Francisco, California 94102
Facsimile: (415) 703-2200

Copies should also be mailed to the attention of Director, Energy Division, and to Jerry Royer of the Energy Division at the address above. It is also requested that a copy of the protest be sent by U.S. mail and via facsimile to:

Pacific Gas and Electric Company
Attention: Les Guliasi
Manager, Regulatory Relations
77 Beale Street, Mail Code B10C
P.O. Box 770000
San Francisco, California 94177
Facsimile: (415) 973-7226

The protest shall set forth the grounds upon which it is based, and shall be submitted expeditiously. There is no restriction on who may file a protest.

In accordance with Section III, Paragraph G of General Order 96-A, PG&E is electronically or postal mailing a copy of this advice letter to the utilities and interested parties shown on the attached mailing list. Workpapers are available upon written request to PG&E, Attention: Nelia Avendano, 77 Beale Street, Mail Code B10B, P.O. Box 770000, San Francisco, CA 94177. Mailing address changes may be sent to the same address.

Vice President -- Regulatory Relations

Attachments



SCHEDULE G-CP—GAS PROCUREMENT SERVICE TO CORE END-USE CUSTOMERS

APPLICABILITY: This schedule is filed monthly as an informational tariff. The natural gas procurement charges shown on this schedule are equivalent to the Procurement Charges shown on the otherwise-applicable rate schedules for Core End-Use Customers.

TERRITORY: Schedule G-CP applies everywhere PG&E provides natural gas service.

RATES: The following charges apply to natural gas service for Core End-Use Customers. Procurement rates generally change on the fifth business day of the month.

<u>Procurement Charge:</u>	<u>Per Therm</u>
Residential: (G-1, GM, GS, GT, GL-1, GML, GSL, GTL)	\$0.31622 (I)
Small Commercial (G-NR1)	\$0.31849 (I)
Large Commercial (G-NR2)	\$0.30556 (I)
Natural Gas Vehicles: (G-NGV1, G-NGV2)	\$0.31271 (I)

The above charge includes: (1) Procurement Charge, (2) Capacity Charge, (3) Core Brokerage Fee, and (4) Shrinkage, as shown on Preliminary Statement, Part B, for the otherwise-applicable rate schedules for Core End-Use Customers.

The current applicable Procurement Charge for natural gas sales under Core End-User rate schedules may be obtained electronically on PG&E's internet site at <http://www.pge.com> or by calling PG&E's Gas Hotline at 1-800-343-4743.



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GTL	Mobilehome Park CARE Program Service	19731,19732,18608-G
G-MHPS	Master-Metered Mobilehome Park Safety Surcharge	19732,18904-G

NONRESIDENTIAL

G-NR1	Gas Service to Small Commercial Customers	19733,18980-G	
G-NR2	Gas Service to Large Commercial Customers	19734,18981-G	
G-CP	Gas Procurement Service to Core End-Use Customers	19774-G	(T)
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