

March 10, 2000

ADVICE 2218-G-A

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) hereby submits for filing revisions to its gas tariffs. The affected tariff sheets are listed on the enclosed Attachment I.

The purpose of this supplemental filing is to revise Section 5 of the Gas Refund Plan submitted in Advice 2218-G dated March 1, 2000, to further clarify how PG&E proposes to return monies to eligible gas core customers. Advice 2218-G proposes to refund overcollected revenues in the Core Fixed Cost Account (CFCA) in the amount of \$318.6 million through a one-time bill credit to eligible customers. This Refund Plan was filed in conjunction with Advice 2217-G, which implements authorized gas transportation rate changes effective March 1, 2000, in compliance with Decision (D.) 00-02-046, dated February 17, 2000, in PG&E's 1999 General Rate Case (GRC).

PG&E is revising Refund Plan Section 5—Methodology for Distribution of Refunds to Eligible Customers, to clarify that eligible residential and commercial customers will receive a refund based on a pro rata share of distribution marginal cost revenues that each customer class paid into the CFCA overcollection. Revised Refund Plan page 2 is enclosed as Attachment I.

The final refund amount will be updated to reflect actual interest rates through the month prior to the date the refund is implemented. The refund will be made to eligible customers during the billing cycle beginning in May 2000, following approval of the Refund Plan by the Commission. In the event the Commission does not approve the Refund Plan at least 30 days before the May 2000 billing cycle, the refund plan will be implemented during the first billing cycle beginning 30 days following Commission approval of the Refund Plan.

This filing will not affect any other rate or charge, cause the withdrawal of service, or conflict with any other rate schedule or rule.

Pursuant to General Order 96-A, PG&E requests that this filing be approved in less than 40 days' regular notice, which is **March 31, 2000**, so that PG&E may implement this refund during the May 2000 billing cycle.

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Anyone wishing to protest this filing may do so by sending a letter within 20 days of the date of this filing. Protests should be mailed to:

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

Copies should also be mailed to the attention of Director, Energy Division, and to Jerry Royer, Energy Division, at the address shown above. A copy of the protest should 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 are no restrictions on who may file a protest.

In accordance with Section III, Paragraph G, of General Order 96-A, PG&E is mailing copies of this advice letter to the utilities and interested parties shown on the attached list and the parties of record in GRC Application 97-12-020. For mailing list changes, please telephone Nelia Avendano at (415) 973-3529.

Vice President – Regulatory Relations

Attachments

cc: Service List – A. 97-12-020

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