

March 30, 2000

ADVICE 2223-G

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

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

The purpose of this filing is to submit monthly changes to gas Schedules G-CSP and G-SUR rates effective **April 1, 2000**. Decision (D.) 97-08-055 dated August 1, 1997, approved new rules for gas procurement and transportation rates in PG&E's Gas Accord Settlement.

Schedule G-CSP--*Core Subscription Gas Procurement Service to Noncore End-Use Customers*, provides for combined natural gas procurement and transportation service by PG&E. In accordance with Resolution (R.) G-3211 and D. 97-08-055, the Schedule G-CSP Commodity Charge is based on the higher of PG&E's forecasted Core Portfolio Cost of Flowing Supply, plus applicable fees, or an index-based forecasted price based upon a 50/50 weighting of forecasted California border prices for Southwest and Canadian gas, plus applicable fees. The Commodity Charge is a citygate price which includes usage charges on PG&E's Backbone Transmission System.

In accordance with revisions approved by the Commission in Advice 2079-G, the Transportation Shrinkage Charge (TSC) is calculated based on the shrinkage percentage multiplied by the forecasted core portfolio cost of flowing supplies for the month. The per therm TSC is shown in the Rates section of Schedule G-CSP.

The prices used to determine the G-CSP Commodity Charge (non-wholesale) for, **February, March and April 2000**, are shown on the following table:

	February 2000 (\$/therm)	March 2000 (\$/therm)	April 2000 (\$/therm)
(A) Forecasted Core Portfolio Cost of Flowing Supply	0.2525	0.2562	0.2926
Forecasted Index Price for current month	0.2511	0.2569	0.2903
Index Price True-Up for prior month ¹	0.0000	0.0000	0.0006
(B) Adjusted Forecasted Index Price	0.2511	0.2569	0.2909
G-CSP Total Procurement Rate using higher of (A) or (B), including shrinkage			
Distribution	0.31169	0.31705	0.36204
Transmission	0.31113	0.31648	0.36138

The G-CSP rates effective **April 1, 2000**, include a charge of **\$0.00375** per therm for prior period forecast errors.

Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Sections 6350-6354, gas volumes procured by customers from third-party entities and transported by PG&E may be subject to a gas franchise fee surcharge under Schedule G-SUR--*Customer-Procured Gas Franchise Fee Surcharge*. The franchise fee surcharge is calculated based on PG&E's core subscription Weighted Average Cost of Gas (WACOG) for the previous month, exclusive of Franchise Fees and including Uncollectibles, and the franchise fee factor adopted in the latest General Rate Case.

Effective **April 1, 2000**, the G-SUR franchise fee surcharge is **\$0.00252** per therm.

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 mailed to:

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

¹ The forecasted index price for the current month is adjusted for differences in the forecast and actual (published) index price for the prior month, except when the G-CSP Commodity Charge for the prior month is based on the forecasted Core Portfolio Cost of Flowing Supply.

Copies should also be mailed to the attention of Director, Energy Division, and to Jerry Royer of the Energy Division at the address 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 is no restriction on who may file a protest.

The prices in this advice filing shall remain in effect until PG&E's next such filing with the CPUC. The current charges under Schedules GCSP and G-SUR may be obtained by calling PG&E's Gas Rate Hotline at (415) 973-0461, or the Gas Rate Hotline at 1-800-343-4743. Prices are posted on PG&E's internet site at:

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

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. Mailing address changes may be sent to PG&E in care of Nelia Avendano, 77 Beale Street, Mail Code B10B, P.O. Box 770000, San Francisco, CA 94177.

Vice President -- Regulatory Relations

Attachments



PRELIMINARY STATEMENT
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B. DEFAULT TARIFF RATE COMPONENTS (\$/THERM) (Cont'd.)

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G-CSP

	Non-Wholesale		Wholesale	
	Distribution	Transmission	Distribution	Transmission
NONCORE BROKERAGE FEE	0.00382	0.00382	0.00381	0.00381
CORE SUBSCRIPTION PHASE- OUT SURCHARGE	0.00700	0.00700	0.00698	0.00698
PGA SURCHARGE (4)*	0.00000 (R)	0.00000 (R)	0.00000 (R)	0.00000 (R)
PROCUREMENT AT RISK	0.35122 (I)	0.35056 (I)	0.35040 (I)	0.34975 (I)
TOTAL RATE	0.36204 (I)	0.36138 (I)	0.36119 (I)	0.36054 (I)
PG&E GT-NW/REDWOOD RATE DIFFERENTIAL (3)*	0.01026 (I)	0.01026 (I)	0.01024 (I)	0.01024 (I)

* Refer to footnotes at end of Noncore Default Tariff Rate Components.

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SCHEDULE G-CSP—CORE SUBSCRIPTION GAS PROCUREMENT SERVICE
TO NONCORE END-USE CUSTOMERS

APPLICABILITY: This rate schedule applies to natural gas procurement service for Noncore End-Use Customers. Transportation service under this schedule must be taken in conjunction with Schedules G-NT, G-COG, G-NGV4 or G-WSL and may be taken in conjunction with Schedule G-FS.

This schedule will be discontinued three (3) years after implementation of Gas Accord Decision 97-08-055.

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

RATES: Charges shown below are updated monthly and include all applicable fees and adjustments for forecast errors in prior periods.

The following charges are effective for the month of **April 2000:** (T)

	<u>\$ Per Therm</u>	
	<u>Non-Wholesale</u>	<u>Wholesale</u>
Commodity Charge	\$0.29621 (I)	\$0.29552 (I)
Brokerage Fee	\$0.00382	\$0.00381
Capacity Charge	\$0.03634 (I)	\$0.03626 (I)
Other Charges	\$0.01289 (I)	\$0.01286 (I)
Phase-Out Surcharge	\$0.00700	\$0.00698
Transportation Shrinkage Charge		
Distribution	\$0.00578 (I)	\$0.00576 (I)
Transmission	\$0.00512 (I)	\$0.00511 (I)
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Total Procurement Charge		
Distribution	\$0.36204 (I)	\$0.36119 (I)
Transmission	\$0.36138 (I)	\$0.36054 (I)

Transportation Shrinkage Charge

The Transportation Shrinkage Charge (TSC) for transmission applies to volumes transported under Schedules G-COG or G-WSL, or for transmission under Schedule G-NT or G-NGV4. The TSC for transmission is equal to .0173 times PG&E's forecasted core portfolio cost of flowing supplies for the month, as defined below. The TSC for distribution applies to all other volumes, and is equal to .0195 times the cost of flowing supplies.

The Commodity Charge is based on the forecasted average cost of core portfolio flowing supplies, defined for core subscription service as the higher of:

1. PG&E's forecasted core portfolio cost of flowing supplies for the month, plus applicable fees; or
2. an index-based forecasted price based upon a 50/50 weighting of forecasted California border prices for Southwest and Canadian gas, plus applicable fees; and an adjustment to true-up the forecasted index price to the actual index price for the prior month. No adjustment is made when the prior months' Commodity Charge is set at the forecasted core portfolio cost of flowing supplies.

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SCHEDULE G-SUR—CUSTOMER-PROCURED GAS FRANCHISE FEE SURCHARGE

APPLICABILITY: Pursuant to California State Senate Bill No. 278 (1993) this schedule applies to all gas volumes procured by Customers from third-party entities and transported by PG&E ("Customer-procured gas") with the following exceptions:

- a. the State of California or a political subdivision thereof;
- b. one gas utility transporting gas for end use in its Commission-designated service area through another utility's service area;
- c. a utility transporting its own gas through its own gas transmission and distribution system for purposes of generating electricity or for use in its own operations;
- d. cogeneration Customers, for that quantity of natural gas currently defined as the Cogeneration Gas Allowance (CGA).

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

RATES: The Customer-procured gas Franchise Fee Surcharge is comprised of the following components:

- a. the monthly core subscription Weighted Average Cost of Gas (WACOG) exclusive of Franchise Fees and including Uncollectibles for the prior month, which is multiplied by Per Therm \$0.25146 (I)
- b. the Franchise Fee factor* adopted in PG&E's most recent General Rate Case, which is 0.01003

The Schedule G-SUR Franchise Fee Surcharge for the month of April 2000 is: \$0.00252 (I) (T)

SURCHARGE RECOVERY: The surcharge will be shown on the Customer's monthly bill based on volumes procured by the Customer from a third party and transported by PG&E (metered usage).

DELINQUENT SURCHARGES: In the event that payment on a transportation Customer account becomes more than 90 days delinquent, PG&E shall, within 30 days, notify the municipality of the delinquency and provide information on the name and address of the delinquent transportation Customer and the surcharge amount owed. PG&E shall not be liable for delinquent surcharges.

* Does not include Uncollectibles factor of 0.00231.

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