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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 filing is to revise Form No. 79-869—*Noncore Balancing Aggregation Agreement*, (NBAA) to make administrative updates and corrections, revise unclear or redundant language, and for consistency with other gas forms. PG&E proposes to revise the NBAA, including Exhibits A and B, as described below:

General-Numbers and headers have been assigned to certain sections for easier reference. Text has been revised to be clearer and more consistent with other gas forms. Language also has been revised or deleted to remove redundancies.

Sections 1 and 3--Revises text to reflect that an Exhibit A must be filled out for each Customer account under the NBAA. Exhibit A may no longer be used to list multiple accounts. This provides for greater administrative ease and efficiency in updating and maintaining accurate records.

Section 1—A sentence pertaining to changes to rules from time to time has been relocated from the fifth paragraph of the current NBAA to the third paragraph of the revised NBAA. Redundant language is deleted.

Section 3—Instructions are clarified for re-designating or terminating the services of an NBAA Balancing Agent under Exhibit B. Text is changed to reflect that a separate Exhibit B is necessary for each corresponding Customer account.

Section 4--The "ordinary mail" option is deleted, since Daily Nominations are sent and received either via facsimile or electronic data interchange.

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Section 5—Minor text changes.

Section 6--PG&E may adjust creditworthiness determinations when Customers begin or terminate services with the Balancing Agent.

Section 7--Revises and deletes language to provide that no assignment may be made by one Party without the written consent of the other Party. Removes language permitting assignments by PG&E to affiliate companies, in order to eliminate any possible conflict with current PG&E Affiliate Rules.

Section 8--Force majeure provisions have been relocated. (No text changes)

Section 9—Minor text changes.

NBAA--Exhibit A

General-- Shortened title and revised and deleted language for clarification or consistency purposes, to remove redundancies, and to be consistent with other gas forms.

Sections 2 and 3—Clarifies purpose and effective date of Exhibit A.

Section 6--Removes the “verbal” option for releasing current and historical usage information to a Balancing Agent. For verification purposes, such information must be conveyed in writing or by electronic transfer.

Section 7--Customer acknowledges that Balancing Agents may serve other Customers under separate NBAAs. Provides address space for only one Customer account, rather than multiple accounts.

Section 8—Clarifies termination of NBAA and Exhibit A.

Language requiring an original executed Exhibit A to follow facsimiles or photocopies has been deleted. Updated fax information has been added to Exhibit A.

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NBAA--Exhibit B

General--Shortened Exhibit B title and revised and removed language for clarification or consistency purposes, to remove redundancies, and to be consistent with other gas forms.

Section 2--Removes reference to "accounts listed" on Exhibit A, since a separate Exhibit A must be completed for each Customer account. Exhibit B correspondingly applies to only one Customer account. Clarifies effective date language.

Section 4—Clarifying revisions pertaining to responsibility of Customers and Balancing Agents for settling between themselves any outstanding disputes related to termination, or obligations under the NBAA and Exhibit A.

Section 5--Reflects address and ID information for one Customer account only.

Updated fax information has been added to Exhibit B.

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

PG&E requests that this filing be approved on regular notice, **May 30, 2000**, which is 40 days after the date of this filing.

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:

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

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Copies should also be mailed to the attention of Director, Energy Division, and Jerry Royer, 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.

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. For mailing list changes, please telephone Nelia Avendano at (415) 973-3529.

Vice President – Regulatory Relations

Attachments

Tariff Sheets
Are Not
Available