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ADVICE 2248-G

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (the Company) hereby submits for filing revisions to its gas tariffs. The purpose of this filing is to revise gas Rule 12—*Rates and Optional Rates*, Section E.3--Changes to Customer Classification, Core to Noncore Reclassification. Non-residential core customers are eligible for noncore service based on an average monthly usage greater than 20,800 therms during the last twelve months in which gas use exceeded 200 therms. The revised tariff sheets are listed on the enclosed Attachment I.

The Company proposes to add clarifying language to Rule 12 specifying that core customers will have a twelve-month “eligibility period,” based on their qualifying average monthly use during the previous 12 months, to request to switch to noncore status. The 12-month eligibility period re-starts whenever the Customer’s average monthly use over a subsequent 12-month period again exceeds 20,800 therms.

This provision will give qualified core customers a specific, yet flexible, time frame during which they can elect to switch from core to noncore service. In addition, quarterly bill inserts are sent to non-residential core customers as a reminder to contact the Company if they believe they are eligible to switch to noncore service based on their usage during the previous twelve months. The new language clarifies that eligible core customers may request to switch to noncore service any time during the first twelve-month period following eligibility, even if their average monthly usage falls below 20,800 therms during that time.

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, **August 9, 2000**, which is 40 days after the date of this filing.

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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

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

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RULE 12—RATES AND OPTIONAL RATES
(Continued)

E. CHANGES TO CUSTOMER CLASSIFICATION (Cont'd.)

3. Core to Noncore Reclassification

A nonresidential Core Customer will become eligible for reclassification to noncore status after their recorded average monthly use has exceeded 20,800 therms during a twelve (12) month period, excluding months where the usage does not exceed 200 therms. The Customer remains eligible for noncore service for 12 months thereafter (the eligibility period). The 12-month eligibility period re-starts whenever the Customer's average monthly use over a subsequent 12-month period again exceeds 20,800 therms.

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Prior to reclassification, the Customer must sign a Natural Gas Service Agreement (NGSA) (Form 79-756). Core Customers may be reclassified to noncore status prior to the end of a twelve (12) month period if they are able to document to PG&E's satisfaction permanent changes in equipment or operations that will result in an average monthly use exceeding 20,800 therms over a twelve (12) month period. Reclassification under this provision will not take effect until Customer's recorded monthly use has exceeded 20,800 therms for three consecutive months.

4. Priority P-2B Noncore Status

Noncore customers who were previously reclassified from Priority P-1 to Priority P-2B under the provisions of an Agreement for Reclassification to Priority P-2B (Form No. 79-737) will retain noncore status unless they request to be reclassified to core status.

F. NOTIFYING CUSTOMERS OF NEW RATE SCHEDULES

Where PG&E establishes new rate schedules, PG&E shall take such measures as may be practical to advise affected Customers of the availability of the new rate schedules.



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