

August 31, 2000

**Advice 2261-G/2031-E**

(Pacific Gas and Electric Company ID U 39 M)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

**Subject: Authorization to transfer funds from the consultant costs memorandum account to the Transition Revenue Account (TRA), Core Fixed Cost Account (CFCA) and Noncore Customer Class Charge Account (NCA)**

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (the Company) hereby seeks authorization to transfer a total of \$2,071,324.47 recorded in the consultant costs memorandum account to the Transition Revenue Account (TRA) and Core Fixed Cost Account (CFCA) and Noncore Customer Class Charge Account (NCA) and close the consultant costs memorandum account. This amount is the total billed to the Company by the Commission for reimbursement of the costs of consultants retained to assist the Office of Ratepayer Advocates (ORA) in its analysis of and presentation in the Company's 1999 General Rate Case (GRC). This filing is made in compliance with Ordering Paragraph 19 of Decision (D.) 00-02-046 and the Administrative Law Judge's (ALJ) Ruling of June 20, 2000.

**Background**

Pursuant to Ordering Paragraph 19 of D. 00-02-046, the Company is authorized to file an advice letter for the purpose of transferring costs recorded in the consultant costs memorandum account to the respective electric and gas balancing accounts, and closing the memorandum account.

Attachment I reflects the total costs associated with the consultant costs memorandum account and the applicable interest amounts. As required in the ALJ's Ruling, Attachment I shows that the Company has fully complied with the interest requirements or Ordering Paragraph 19 of D. 00-02-046.

Upon approval of this advice letter, the Company will debit \$2,071,324.47 to the appropriate accounts. Based on the allocation between the electric and gas departments recommended by ORA in its April 17, 2000, report and the base

revenue amounts applicable to Core and Noncore gas service, the amounts to be debited to each account are:

TRA	\$1,636,346.33
CFCA	\$416,129.09
NCA	\$18,849.05

The Commission's internal audit staff is auditing the invoices from consultants retained by ORA for the 1999 GRC. If, as a result of this audit, the amounts previously billed to the Company are adjusted, the Company will file another advice letter to incorporate the adjustment in the TRA, CFCA and NCA accounts.

### **Protests**

Anyone wishing to protest this filing may do so by sending a letter within 20 days of the date of this filing. The protest must state the grounds upon which it is based, including such items as financial and service impact, and should be submitted expeditiously. Protests should be sent by U.S. mail and via facsimile 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 the Director, Energy Division, Room 4005 and Jerry Royer, at the address shown above. It is also requested that a copy of the protest be sent via postal mail and facsimile to Pacific Gas and Electric Company on the same date it is mailed or delivered to the Commission (at the address shown below).

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

### **Effective Date**

The Company requests that this advice filing become effective on regular notice, **October 11, 2000**, which is 40 days after the date of filing.

**Notice**

In accordance with Section III, Paragraph G, of General Order 96-A, a copy of this advice letter is being sent electronically and via U.S. Mail to parties shown on the attached list. Address changes should be directed to Nelia Avendano at (415) 973-3529.

Vice President - Regulatory Relations

Attachments