

November 22, 2000

**Advice 2279-G**

(Pacific Gas and Electric Company ID U 39 G)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

**Subject: Unbundled Storage Rate Component Adjustments**

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

**Purpose**

The purpose of this filing is to revise transportation rates in PG&E's gas rate Schedules G-NT, G-30, G-WSL, and G-NGV4 to make minor changes that result from the unbundling of core storage costs, as filed separately on this date in Advice 2278-G.

**Background**

The unbundling of core storage costs, authorized in Commission Decision (D.) 00-05-049, dated May 18, 2000, was part of the Joint Motion For Approval of Comprehensive PG&E Settlement Agreement filed on January 28, 2000, in connection with Commission Investigation (I) 99-07-003. On July 17, 2000, the Company filed Advice 2250-G to implement D. 00-05-049.

In accordance with Advice 2250-G, this filing implements noncore transportation rate changes that result from the unbundling of core storage costs from core transportation rates. As described in Advice 2278-G, effective December 1, 2000, the core storage rate component will be removed from core transportation rates and become a component of the core procurement rates. Unbundling the core storage costs from transportation to procurement rates has slightly increased certain costs allocated to all applicable customer classes, resulting in a slight increase in noncore transportation rates.

**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 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 the Director, Energy Division, Room 4005 and Jerry Royer, Energy Division, 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  
Attention: Les Guliasi  
Director, Regulatory Relations  
77 Beale Street, Mailcode B10C  
P.O. Box 770000  
San Francisco, CA 94177  
Facsimile: (415) 973-7226

### **Effective Date**

PG&E requests effective date of **December 1, 2000**, for the noncore transportation rates included in this 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 and the service list for the Gas OII I. 99-07-003. Address changes should be directed to Nelia Avendano at (415) 973-3529.

Vice President - Regulatory Relations

Attachments

cc: Service List - OII 99-07-003



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

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	G-NT					
	Transmission		Distribution			
			Summer		Winter	
NFCA SURCHARGE	0.00050		0.00050		0.00050	
NCA	0.00242	(I)	0.00661	(I)	0.00362	(I)
NONCORE INTERIM GRC BA	0.00000		0.00854	(I)	0.01153	(I)
ITCS	0.00217		0.00217		0.00217	
CARE	0.00211	(I)	0.00211	(I)	0.00211	(I)
CPUC Fee **	0.00077		0.00077		0.00077	
EOR	(0.00001)		(0.00003)		(0.00003)	
CEE	0.00000		(0.00001)		(0.00001)	
LOCAL TRANSMISSION (AT RISK)	0.01414		0.01414		0.01414	
DISTRIBUTION & BASE REVENUE CREDITS (AT RISK)	(0.00005)		0.05802		0.07836	
<b>TOTAL RATE</b>	<b>0.02205</b>	<b>(I)</b>	<b>0.09282</b>	<b>(I)</b>	<b>0.11316</b>	<b>(I)</b>

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

\*\* The CPUC Fee includes \$.00076 per therm as approved by the CPUC, plus an allowance for Franchise Fees and Uncollectible Expense (F&U).

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

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	<u>G-WSL</u>					
	<u>Palo Alto</u>		<u>Coalinga</u>	(L)	<u>Island Energy</u>	<u>Alpine</u>
NFCA SURCHARGE	(0.00017)		(0.00017)		(0.00017)	(0.00017)
NCA	0.00089	(I)	0.00089	(I)	0.00089	(I) 0.00089
NONCORE INTERIM GRC BA	0.00000		0.00000		0.00000	0.00000
ITCS	0.00216		0.00216		0.00216	0.00216
CARE	0.00000		0.00000		0.00000	0.00000
CPUC Fee **	0.00000		0.00000		0.00000	0.00000
EOR	(0.00001)		(0.00002)		(0.00002)	(0.00001)
CEE	0.00000		0.00000		0.00000	0.00000
LOCAL TRANSMISSION (AT RISK)	0.01414		0.01414		0.01414	0.01414
DISTRIBUTION & BASE REVENUE CREDITS (AT RISK)	(0.00005)		(0.00005)		(0.00005)	(0.00005)
<b>TOTAL RATE</b>	<u>0.01696</u>	(I)	<u>0.01695</u>	(I)	<u>0.01695</u>	(I) <u>0.01696</u>

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\*\* The CPUC Fee includes \$.00076 per therm as approved by the CPUC, plus an allowance for Franchise Fees and Uncollectible Expense (F&U).

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

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	<u>G-WSL</u>	
	<u>(L)-----(L)</u> West Coast Mather	<u>(N)-----</u> (N) West Coast Castle
NFCA SURCHARGE	(0.00017)	(0.00017)
NCA	0.00088	0.00088 (I)
NONCORE INTERIM GRC BA	0.00000	0.00000
ITCS	0.00216	0.00216
CARE	0.00000	0.00000
CPUC Fee **	0.00000	0.00000
EOR	(0.00001)	(0.00001)
CEE	0.00000	0.00000
LOCAL TRANSMISSION (AT RISK)	0.01414	0.01414
DISTRIBUTION & BASE REVENUE CREDITS (AT RISK)	(0.00005)	(0.00005)
<b>TOTAL RATE</b>	<b>0.01695</b>	<b>0.01695 (I)</b>

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

\*\* The CPUC Fee includes \$.00076 per therm as approved by the CPUC, plus an allowance for Franchise Fees and Uncollectible Expense (F&U).

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

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	<u>G-NGV4 (1)*</u>			<u>ENHANCED OIL RECOVERY (2)*</u>
	<u>Transmission</u>	<u>Distribution</u>		
		<u>Summer</u>	<u>Winter</u>	
NFCA SURCHARGE	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	
NCA	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	
NONCORE INTERIM GRC BA	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	
ITCS	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	
CARE	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	
CPUC Fee **	0.00077	0.00077	0.00077	
EOR	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	
CEE	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	
NGV BALANCING ACCOUNT	0.02128 (I)	0.09205 (I)	0.11239 (I)	
LOCAL TRANSMISSION (AT RISK)	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	
DISTRIBUTION & BASE REVENUE CREDITS (AT RISK)	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	
<b>TOTAL RATE</b>	<b>0.02205 (I)</b>	<b>0.09282 (I)</b>	<b>0.11316 (I)</b>	

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

\*\* The CPUC Fee includes \$.00076 per therm as approved by the CPUC, plus an allowance for Franchise Fees and Uncollectible Expense (F&U).

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SCHEDULE G-NT—GAS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE TO NONCORE END-USE CUSTOMERS  
(Continued)

RATES:  
(Cont'd.)

2. Transportation Charge:

A Customer will pay one of the following rates for gas delivered in the current billing month:

	<u>Per Therm</u>
<u>Transmission:</u>	\$0.02205 (I)
<u>Distribution:</u>	
Summer (April 1 - Oct. 31)	\$0.09282 (I)
Winter (Nov. 1 - March 31)	\$0.11316 (I)

Customer will pay a franchise fee surcharge for gas volumes purchased from suppliers other than PG&E and transported by PG&E. (See Schedule G-SUR for details.) The Customer will be responsible for any applicable costs, taxes, and/or fees incurred by PG&E in taking delivery of third-party gas from intra- or interstate sources.

See Preliminary Statement, Part B for the default tariff rate components.

CURTAILMENT OF SERVICE:

Service under this schedule may be curtailed. See Rule 14\* for details.

BALANCING SERVICE:

Service hereunder shall be subject to all the applicable terms, conditions and obligations of Schedule G-BAL.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY ADJUSTMENT:

A Customer who implements measures to improve energy efficiency on or after January 1, 1992, may be eligible to receive an energy efficiency adjustment and therefore qualify to take service under this schedule. The following qualifications must be met by the Customer: 1) Customer's service was established prior to January 1, 1992, and 2) the efficiency measures reduce the Customer's natural gas usage to the point that the Customer would no longer be eligible for service under this schedule. Qualifying Customers must execute an Agreement for Adjustment for Natural Gas Energy Efficiency Measures (Form No. 79-788) with PG&E prior to receiving an energy efficiency adjustment.

BACKBONE TRANSMISSION TRANSPORTATION SERVICE:

Transportation service on PG&E's Backbone Transmission System may be taken in conjunction with this schedule under Schedule G-AFT, G-SFT, G-AA, G-NFT, or G-NAA. A separate Gas Transmission Service Agreement (GTSA) (Form 79-866) must be executed for such service.

\* The rules referred to in this schedule are part of PG&E's gas tariffs. Copies are available at local offices.

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SCHEDULE G-30—PUBLIC OUTDOOR LIGHTING SERVICE

**APPLICABILITY:** This schedule is applicable to unmetered firm gas service available for continuous use by groups of customer-owned gas lights installed in a consecutive and contiguous arrangement along or adjacent to public thoroughfares and constituting a lighting system. Service under this schedule to be conditional upon arrangements mutually satisfactory to the Customer and PG&E for connection of Customers' gas lights to PG&E's facilities and is available only for groups of gas lights approved by PG&E. This schedule was closed to new installations as of June 20, 1973.

**TERRITORY:** Schedule G-30 applies everywhere PG&E provides natural gas service.

**RATES:**

	<u>Per Group of Lights Per Month</u>
First 10 lights or less.....	\$76.76 (I)
For each additional gas light .....	\$ 7.69 (I)
For each cubic foot per hour of total rated capacity for the group in excess of either 1.5 cubic foot per hour per light or 15.0 cubic feet per hour for the group, whichever is greater .....	\$ 4.36 (I)

See Preliminary Statement, Part B for the Default Tariff Rate Components, including the Interstate Transition Cost Surcharge (ITCS) Account component, applicable to this schedule.

- SPECIAL CONDITIONS:**
1. A contract on Form No. 62-4897 will be required for a term of three years when service is first rendered under this schedule and continuing thereafter until cancelled by either party by thirty days' advance written notice.
  2. All gas lights for public outdoor lighting will be owned and installed by the Customer. The gas light shall consist of a PG&E approved post, base, and luminaire with one or more mantles.
  3. PG&E maintenance includes service to "no light" reports, burner and regulator adjustment, and it includes glassware cleaning at the time other maintenance work is being performed. Mantle replacements, not to exceed annually the total number of mantles installed, will be made at PG&E expense. Replacement glassware provided by the Customer will be installed by PG&E.
  4. The service tap assembly and service pipe for each gas light will be owned, installed, and maintained by PG&E. The estimated installed cost shall be paid by the Customer to PG&E in advance of construction.
  5. The rated capacity of each gas light shall be determined by PG&E to the nearest one-tenth cubic foot per hour from the name plate rating or by test, at PG&E's option.

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SCHEDULE G-WSL—GAS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE TO WHOLESALE/RESALE CUSTOMERS

**APPLICABILITY:** This rate schedule applies to the transportation of natural gas for resale. Service under this schedule is available to the Customers listed below, and any new wholesale Customer.

Customers may procure gas supply from PG&E under Schedule G-CSP or from a supplier other than PG&E.

**RATES:** Customers pay a Customer Access Charge and a Transportation Charge. Customers electing to use the Storage options described in this rate schedule must pay the applicable Storage Charge.

1. Customer Access Charge:

	<u>Per Month</u>
Palo Alto	\$ 4,180.94
Coalinga	\$ 978.54
West Coast Gas-Mather	\$ 710.88
Island Energy	\$ 533.46
Alpine Natural Gas	\$ 196.75
West Coast Gas-Castle	\$ 458.96

2. Transportation Charges:

For gas delivered in the current billing month:

	<u>Per Therm</u>
Palo Alto	\$ 0.01696 (I)
Coalinga	\$ 0.01695 (I)
West Coast Gas-Mather	\$ 0.01695
Island Energy	\$ 0.01695 (I)
Alpine Natural Gas	\$ 0.01696 (I)
West Coast Gas-Castle	\$ 0.01695 (I)

3. Storage Charges:

Customers electing the Core Storage Allocation will pay the following rates:

<u>Reservation Charges:</u>	<u>Per Dth</u>
Injection/day	\$ 36.4672
Inventory	\$ 0.6802
Withdrawal/day	\$ 10.3963

Usage Charges:

Injection	\$ 0.0416
Withdrawal	\$ 0.0416

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SCHEDULE G-NGV4—EXPERIMENTAL GAS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE TO  
NONCORE NATURAL GAS VEHICLES  
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RATES:  
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2. Transportation Charge:

A Customer will pay one of the following rates for gas delivered in the current billing month:

	<u>Per therm</u>
<u>Transmission:</u>	\$0.02205 (I)
<u>Distribution:</u>	
Summer (April 1 - Oct. 31)	\$0.09282 (I)
Winter (Nov. 1 - March 31)	\$0.11316 (I)

Customer will pay a franchise fee surcharge for gas volumes purchased from suppliers other than PG&E and transported by PG&E. (See Schedule G-SUR for details.) The Customer will be responsible for any applicable costs, taxes, and/or fees incurred by PG&E in taking delivery of third-party gas from intra- or interstate sources.

See Preliminary Statement, Part B for the default tariff rate components.

SERVICE AGREEMENT:

A Natural Gas Service Agreement (NGSA) (Form No. 79-756) is required for service under this schedule. The initial term of the NGSA will be for one (1) year.

SHRINKAGE:

Transportation volumes will be subject to a shrinkage allowance in accordance with Rule 21.

NOMINATIONS:

Nominations are required for gas transported under this schedule. See Rule 21 for details.

CURTAILMENT OF SERVICE:

Service under this schedule may be curtailed. See Rule 14 for details.

BACKBONE TRANSMISSION TRANSPORTATION SERVICE:

Transportation service on PG&E's Backbone Transmission System may be taken in conjunction with this schedule under Schedules G-AFT, G-SFT, G-AA, G-NFT, or G-NAA. A separate Gas Transmission Service Agreement (GTSA) (Form No. 79-866) must be executed for such service.



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