

February 28, 2001

**Advice 2298-G**

(Pacific Gas and Electric Company ID U 39 G)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

**Subject: March 2001 G-SUR and G-COG Rate Changes**

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (the Company) hereby submits for filing revisions to its gas tariffs. The affected tariff sheets are listed on the enclosed Attachment I.<sup>1</sup>

**Purpose**

The purpose of this filing is to submit monthly changes to the gas Schedule G-SUR and Schedule G-COG rates effective **March 1, 2001**.

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 the Company's noncore 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 **March 1, 2001**, the G-SUR franchise fee surcharge is **\$0.01767** per therm.

The rate in Schedule G-COG—*Gas Transportation Service to Cogeneration Facilities*, is a parity rate based on the Schedule G-EG tariffed rate, lagged by two months. The Schedule G-COG rate is subject to change: 1) two months after any change to the Schedule G-EG rate or, 2) if negotiated rates provided for in Schedule G-EG apply to the Company's Electric Department. Effective January 1, 2001, the Schedule G-EG changed to \$0.01995 per therm in conjunction with rate revisions filed in Advice 2281-G to implement annual transportation rate adjustments (Gas Accord Settlement Decision 97-08-055).

Effective **March 1, 2001**, the Schedule G-COG rate is **\$0.01995** per therm.

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<sup>1</sup> Effective February 28, 2001, service under Schedule G-CSP—*Core Subscription Gas Procurement Service to Noncore End-Use Customers*, is terminated, and will no longer be included in the monthly gas price advice filings.

The prices in this advice filing shall remain in effect until the Company's next such filing with the CPUC. Prices are posted on the Company's internet site at:

[http://www.pge.com/customer\\_services/business/tariffs/](http://www.pge.com/customer_services/business/tariffs/)

### **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

### **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



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

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|  | <u>G-COG (5)*</u>         | <u>G-EG (6)*</u>      |
|--|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| NFCA SURCHARGE                                   | (0.00017)                 | (0.00017)             |
| NCA  | 0.00090 (R)               | 0.00090               |
| NONCORE INTERIM GRC BA                           | 0.00000                   | 0.00000               |
| ITCS   | 0.00217                   | 0.00217               |
| CARE   | 0.00000                   | 0.00000               |
| CPUC FEE **                                      | 0.00077                   | 0.00077               |
| EOR  | (0.00001)                 | (0.00001)             |
| CEE  | 0.00000                   | 0.00000               |
| COGEN DISTRIBUTION<br>SHORTFALL                  | 0.00106 (I)               | 0.00106               |
| LOCAL TRANSMISSION (AT<br>RISK)                  | 0.01450 (I)               | 0.01450               |
| DISTRIBUTION & BASE<br>REVENUE CREDITS (AT RISK) | 0.00073 (I)               | 0.00073               |
| <b>TOTAL RATE</b>                                | <b><u>0.01995 (I)</u></b> | <b><u>0.01995</u></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-COG—GAS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE TO COGENERATION FACILITIES

**APPLICABILITY:** This rate schedule applies to the transportation of natural gas on PG&E's Local Transmission and/or Distribution System to cogeneration facilities and solar electric generation projects, as defined herein. This rate schedule also applies to Customers previously served under Schedule G-EPO.

To qualify for service under this schedule, a Customer must be a cogeneration facility which sequentially uses natural gas to produce electricity and useful thermal energy, as specified in the California Public Utilities Code Section 218.5,\* or a solar electric generation project as defined herein.

Customers receive service under this schedule in conjunction with the rate schedule that would otherwise apply if the Customer did not meet the requirements to qualify as a cogeneration facility. All provisions in the otherwise-applicable schedule will be binding on the Customer unless superseded by the provisions in this schedule.

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

**RATES:** The following transportation charges do not include charges for service on PG&E's Backbone Transmission System. These rates apply to volumes up to the Limitation of Gas Use, described herein.

Customers taking service under this schedule will be billed for transportation under the lower of the following rates:

- 1. The Schedule G-EG transportation rate, including discounts to PG&E's utility steam-electricity generating plants, two months prior.

The Transportation Charge is: Per Therm  
\$0.01995 (l)

or,

- 2. The rate specified in the Customer's otherwise-applicable rate schedule.

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

Core End-Use Customers who procure gas from PG&E will pay the procurement charge under their otherwise-applicable rate schedule, or procure gas from a supplier other than PG&E.

\* Efficiency Standards: In accordance with PU Code Section 218.5, at least 5 percent of the facility's total output must be in the form of useful thermal energy. Where useful thermal energy follows power production, the useful annual power output plus one-half the useful annual thermal energy output must equal no less than 42.5 percent of any natural gas and oil energy input.

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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: Per Therm  
multiplied by \$1.17824 (I)
- b. the Franchise Fee factor\* adopted in PG&E's most recent General Rate Case, which is 0.014997

The Schedule G-SUR Franchise Fee Surcharge for the month of **March 2001** is: \$0.01767 (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 0.003431.



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