

March 20, 2001

**Advice 2304-G**

(Pacific Gas and Electric Company ID U 39 G)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

**Subject: Revise Baseline Quantities Per D. 86-12-091**

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

**Purpose**

The purpose of this filing is to revise PG&E's gas baseline quantities in accordance with Decision (D.) 86-12-091, effective December 22, 1986, and D. 89-12-057, effective December 20, 1989. In these decisions, the Commission provided that baseline quantities be revised on May 1 of each year until target levels established in PG&E's 1996 General Rate Case (GRC) are reached. Target quantities are based on a percentage of average residential usage in each baseline territory and are achieved by a gradual phase-in process so that no customer will see a gas increase on any of their monthly bills of more than 5 percent (10 percent for customers on Schedule GM--*Master-Metered Multifamily Service*).<sup>1</sup> As of this filing, all gas baseline target levels established in PG&E's 1996 GRC have been reached.

Baseline target quantities were last established in PG&E's 1996 General Rate Case Phase 2 decision (D. 97-12-044). Included in this filing are changes to Gas Schedules GM--*Master-Metered Multifamily Service* and GML--*Master-Metered Multifamily CARE Program Service*. The baseline quantity changes in these schedules affects PG&E's summer baseline allowances for master-metered customers in Territory Y only. All other gas baseline quantities had reached 1996 GRC target levels by last year.

Although a baseline quantity phase-in generally requires a revenue-neutral residential rate adjustment, the limited change to the Territory Y baseline allowance has a negligible impact on residential revenues, resulting in no change to residential rates.

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<sup>1</sup> Electric baseline quantities do not change due to the electric rate freeze.

The gas rates and 2001-2002 baseline quantity revisions in this filing are based upon:

- 1) The residential distribution revenue requirement and balancing account balances approved in PG&E's 1999 GRC/Annual True-Up (Advice 2217-G) effective March 1, 2000, and
- 2) The 2001 residential customer-related, backbone transmission and local transmission revenue requirements and rates approved by the Commission as a part of the Gas Accord, Catastrophic Event Memorandum Account and 2000 Cost of Capital filing, effective January 1, 2001 (Advice 2281-G).

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

### **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**

In accordance with D. 86-12-091 and D. 89-12-057, PG&E requests that this compliance filing be approved effective May 1, 2001, which is greater than 40 days from the date of 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. Address changes should be directed to Nelia Avendano at (415) 973-3529. Advice letter filings can also be accessed electronically at:

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

Vice President - Regulatory Relations

Attachments



SCHEDULE GM—MASTER-METERED MULTIFAMILY SERVICE  
(Continued)

BASELINE QUANTITIES:  
(Cont'd.)

BASELINE QUANTITIES (THERMS PER DAY PER DWELLING UNIT)

BASELINE TERRITORIES**	SUMMER	WINTER
P	0.4	1.1
Q	0.7	1.0
R	0.6	2.3
S	0.4	0.9
T	0.7	1.4
V	0.7	1.4
W	0.4	1.2
X	0.5	1.0
Y	0.3 (C)	1.1

SEASONAL CHANGES:

The summer season is May 1 through October 31 and the winter season is November 1 through April 30. Baseline quantities for bills that include the May 1 and November 1 seasonal changeover dates will be calculated by multiplying the applicable daily baseline quantity for each season by the number of days in each season for the billing period.

STANDARD MEDICAL QUANTITIES:

Additional medical quantities (Code M) are available as provided in Rule 19.

RESIDENTIAL DWELLING UNITS:

It is the responsibility of the Customer to advise PG&E within 15 days following any change in the number of residential dwelling units, mobile home spaces, and permanent-residence RV units receiving gas service.

CENTRAL BOILERS:

Service to central boilers for water and/or space heating will be billed with monthly baseline quantities related to the number of dwelling units furnished such water and/or space heating.

ALTERNATIVE PROCUREMENT OPTIONS:

Customers may procure gas supply from a party other than PG&E by taking service on this schedule in conjunction with Schedule G-CT—Core Gas Aggregation Service. Customers who procure their own gas supply will not pay the Procurement Charge component of this rate schedule shown above and will be subject to the applicable rates specified in Schedule G-CT.

Customers taking service on this schedule in conjunction with Schedule G-CT or in conjunction with noncore service, will be subject to a franchise fee surcharge under Schedule G-SUR for gas volumes purchased from parties other than PG&E and transported by PG&E.

\*\* The applicable baseline territory is described in Preliminary Statement, Part A.

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SCHEDULE GML—MASTER-METERED MULTIFAMILY CARE PROGRAM SERVICE  
(Continued)

BASELINE QUANTITIES:  
(Cont'd.)

BASELINE QUANTITIES (THERMS PER DAY PER DWELLING UNIT)

Baseline Territories**	Summer	Winter
P	0.4	1.1
Q	0.7	1.0
R	0.6	2.3
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Additional medical quantities (Code M) are available as provided in Rule 19.\*

RESIDENTIAL DWELLING UNITS:

It is the responsibility of the Customer to advise PG&E within 15 days following any change in the number of residential dwelling units, mobilehome spaces, and permanent-residence RV units receiving gas service.

CENTRAL BOILERS:

Service to central boilers for water and/or space heating will be billed with monthly baseline quantities related to the number of dwelling units furnished with such water and/or space heating.

ALTERNATIVE PROCUREMENT OPTIONS:

Customers may procure gas supply from a party other than PG&E by taking service on this schedule in conjunction with Schedule G-CT—Core Gas Aggregation Service. Customers who procure their own gas supply will not pay the Procurement Charge component of this rate schedule shown above and will be subject to the applicable rates specified in Schedule G-CT.

Customers taking service on this schedule in conjunction with Schedule G-CT, or in conjunction with noncore service, will be subject to a franchise fee surcharge under Schedule G-SUR for gas volumes purchased from parties other than PG&E and transported by PG&E.

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

\*\* The applicable baseline territory is described in Preliminary Statement, Part A.

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