

April 30, 2001

Advice 2313-G

(Pacific Gas and Electric Company ID U 39 G)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: May 2001 G-SUR Rate

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.

PG&E reserves all legal rights to challenge the decisions or statutes under which it has been required to make this advice filing, and nothing in this advice filing constitutes a waiver of such rights. Also, PG&E reserves any additional legal rights to challenge the requirement to make this advice filing by reason of its status as a debtor under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code, and nothing in this advice filing constitutes a waiver of such rights.

Purpose

The purpose of this filing is to submit the Schedule G-SUR rate change effective **May 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 core Weighted Average Cost of Gas (WACOG) for the previous month, exclusive of storage costs and franchise fees, and including uncollectibles, multiplied by the franchise fee factor adopted in PG&E's most recent General Rate Case.¹

Effective **May 1, 2001**, the G-SUR franchise fee surcharge is **\$0.01068** per therm.

¹ The Schedule G-SUR rate previously was calculated using the core subscription WACOG, which did not include storage costs. In accordance with Gas Accord Settlement Decision 97-08-055, effective February 28, 2001, service under Schedule G-CSP—*Core Subscription Gas Procurement Service to Noncore End-Use Customers*, is terminated. Therefore, the Schedule G-SUR rate is now calculated using the core WACOG excluding storage costs, which is equivalent to the former core subscription WACOG.

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/

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
Director, 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



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 Weighted Average Cost of Gas (WACOG) for the prior month, exclusive of storage costs and Franchise Fees, and including Uncollectibles, which is	<u>Per Therm</u> \$0.71241 (R)	
	multiplied by		
b.	the Franchise Fee factor* adopted in PG&E's most recent General Rate Case, which is	0.014997	
	The G-SUR Franchise Fee Surcharge for May 2001 is	\$0.01068 (R)	(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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