

April 9, 2002

Advice 2379-G/2221-E

(Pacific Gas and Electric Company ID U 39 M)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: Non-residential Fixed Charges - Daily Equivalents

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) hereby submits for filing revisions to its gas and electric tariffs. The affected tariff sheets are listed on the enclosed Attachment I.¹

Purpose

The purpose of this filing is to revise the language of certain non-residential gas and electric tariffs to convert monthly fixed charges, including customer charges and meter charges, to their daily equivalents for the purpose of calculating and rendering bills. This revision will have no effect on overall charges paid by customers.

Background

As part of its on-going efforts to provide exceptional service to its customers, PG&E is implementing a new customer information system. Later this year, PG&E intends to switch from the current information system to the new CorDaptix system. As part of the analysis leading to this change of customer information systems, PG&E has identified tariff improvements that will make the transition easier and more efficient to implement. This advice letter addresses the conversion of certain non-residential monthly fixed charges into daily equivalents for billing purposes. The modifications proposed in this filing are consistent with the conversion of residential schedules to daily equivalents as filed in Advice 1876-G/1493-E, effective May 1, 1995.

¹ 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. PG&E reserves all rights to amend or revise its filings before the Commission and other agencies to implement the requirements of the order or orders of the Bankruptcy Court confirming PG&E's plan of reorganization as originally filed on September 20, 2001, and subsequently amended.

Currently, the non-residential gas and electric tariffs identified in Attachment I to this filing require customers to pay monthly fixed customer or meter charges. As an example, customers on electric rate Schedule A-1, *Small General Service*, pay a customer charge of \$12.00 per month for polyphase service. Under Cordaptix, the \$12.00 monthly charge will be converted to an equivalent of \$0.39425 per day.

Daily equivalents will produce more accurate charges based on the number of days in each billing cycle. PG&E's tariffs are based on a billing period that can range from 27 to 33 days. For billing periods outside this range, customers pay a pro-rated amount based on a 30-day billing period. As a result, a customer whose billing period is greater than 33 days currently pays a larger monthly charge than is stated in the tariffs. For example, a customer taking polyphase service under Schedule A-1 with a billing period of 35 days would pay \$14.00 for the monthly meter charge, instead of the current fixed monthly charge of \$12.00.² However, the customer will pay a lower meter charge in the following month(s) to compensate for the higher charge in the previous month. Hence, bills based on daily equivalents will more accurately represent each billing cycle, and there will be no difference in total customer and meter charges on an annual basis.

Tariff Revisions

PG&E proposes to convert fixed monthly customer and meter charges identified in its non-residential tariffs to daily equivalents. The draft tariffs filed in this advice letter are based on rates currently in effect. PG&E will supplement this filing prior to the CorDaptix implementation date with a complete set of tariffs that contain daily equivalent charges based on rates in effect on that date.

Protests

Anyone wishing to protest this filing may do so by sending a letter by **April 29, 2002**, which is 20 days from 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, California 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

² \$12.00 monthly meter charge divided by 30 days, then multiplied by 35 days equals \$14.00.

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, Mail Code B10C
P.O. Box 770000
San Francisco, California 94177
Facsimile: (415) 973-7226

Effective Date

PG&E requests that this advice filing become effective on regular notice, **May 20, 2002**, which is 40 days after the date of filing.

Notice

In accordance with General Order 96-A, Section III, Paragraph G, 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/

Vice President - Regulatory Relations

Attachments



SCHEDULE G-NR1—GAS SERVICE TO SMALL COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS

APPLICABILITY: This rate schedule applies to natural gas service to non-residential Core End-Use Customers on PG&E's Transmission and/or Distribution Systems. To qualify, average monthly use must not have exceeded 20,800 therms in those months during the last twelve (12) months in which gas use exceeded 200 therms. Each March, service to all Customers under this schedule will be reviewed to determine continued applicability. Such determination will be based on natural gas use in the twelve (12) billing months ending in the most recent calendar year. This schedule may be taken in conjunction with Schedule G-COG.

TERRITORY: Schedule G-NR1 applies everywhere PG&E provides natural gas service.

RATES: Customers on this schedule pay a Customer Charge, a Procurement Charge and a Transportation Charge as follows:

	Per Day				(T)
	Summer		Winter		
Customer Charge:	0 – 39 therms	40 therms or more	0 – 145 therms	146 therms or more	
	\$0.34346 (C)	\$0.43897 (C)	\$0.34768 (C)	\$0.44437 (C)	
	Per Therm				
	Summer		Winter		
	First 4,000 Therms	Excess	First 4,000 Therms	Excess	
Procurement Charge:	\$0.32605	\$0.32605	\$0.32605	\$0.32605	
Transportation Charge:	\$0.24435	\$0.12553	\$0.31300	\$0.16080	
Total:	\$0.57040	\$0.45158	\$0.63905	\$0.48685	

See Preliminary Statement, Part B for the Default Tariff Rate Components.

The Procurement Charge on this schedule is equivalent to the rate shown on informational Schedule G-CP—Gas Procurement Service to Core End-Use Customers.

SEASONS: The Summer Season begins April 1 and ends on October 31. The Winter Season begins November 1 and ends on March 31.

CARE DISCOUNT FOR QUALIFIED FACILITIES: Facilities which meet the eligibility criteria in Rules 19.2 or 19.3* are eligible for a California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) Discount under Schedule G-CARE.

* 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-NR2—GAS SERVICE TO LARGE COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS

APPLICABILITY: This rate schedule applies to natural gas service to non-residential Core End-Use Customers on PG&E's Transmission and/or Distribution Systems. To qualify, a Customer's average monthly use must have exceeded 20,800 therms during those months in the last twelve (12) months in which gas use exceeded 200 therms, except as specified below in the Energy Efficiency Adjustment Provision. Each March, service to all Customers under this schedule will be reviewed to determine continued applicability. Such determination will be based on natural gas use in the twelve (12) billing months ending in the most recent calendar year. This schedule may be taken in conjunction with Schedule G-COG.

TERRITORY: Schedule G-NR2 applies everywhere PG&E provides natural gas service.

RATES: Customers on this schedule pay a Customer Charge, a Procurement Charge and a Transportation Charge as follows:

	Per Day	(T)
<u>Customer Charge:</u>	\$4.95518 (C)	

	Per Therm			
	Summer		Winter	
	First 4,000 Therms	Excess	First 4,000 Therms	Excess
Procurement Charge:	\$0.30933	\$0.30933	\$0.30933	\$0.30933
Transportation Charge:	\$0.24435	\$0.12553	\$0.31300	\$0.16080
Total:	\$0.55368	\$0.43486	\$0.62233	\$0.47013

See Preliminary Statement, Part B for the Default Tariff Rate Components.

The Procurement Charge on this schedule is equivalent to the rate shown on informational Schedule G-CP—Gas Procurement Service to Core End-Use Customers.

SEASONS: The Summer Season begins April 1 and ends on October 31. The Winter Season begins November 1 and ends on March 31.

CARE DISCOUNT FOR QUALIFIED FACILITIES: Facilities which meet the eligibility criteria in Rules 19.2 or 19.3* are eligible for a California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) Discount under Schedule G-CARE.

* 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-NT—GAS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE TO NONCORE END-USE CUSTOMERS

APPLICABILITY: This rate schedule applies to the transportation of natural gas to Noncore End-Use Customers on PG&E's Local Transmission and/or Distribution Systems. To qualify for service under this schedule, a Customer must be classified as a Noncore End-Use Customer, as defined in Rule 1.* To initially qualify for noncore status, a non-residential Customer must have maintained an average monthly use, through a single meter, in excess of 20,800 therms during the previous twelve (12) months, excluding those months during which usage was 200 therms or less. See Rule 12 for details on core and noncore reclassification.

Customers on Schedule G-NT must procure gas supply from a supplier other than PG&E.

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

RATES: To qualify for Transmission rates under this schedule, a Customer must: (a) be served directly from PG&E gas facilities that have a maximum operating pressure greater than 60 pounds per square inch (psi), or (b) have an average historical use through a single meter of greater than 3,000,000 therms per year for the previous three years and a historical use of greater than 2,500,000 therms in the most recent 12-month period, or (c) be able to document an increase in gas use due to permanent changes in the operations of the Customer's facility that will cause usage to exceed 3,000,000 therms per year. Customers qualifying under (c) will be subject to a use-or-pay obligation of 3,000,000 therms per year until they meet the requirements of (b) above.

Each January, the annual gas use and service to all Customers on this schedule will be reviewed to determine continued eligibility for Transmission rates. If a Customer does not meet at least one of the eligibility criteria for Transmission rates, Distribution rates will apply.

The following charges apply to service under this schedule:

1. Customer Access Charge:

The monthly Customer Access Charge applies to the Customer's recorded Average Monthly Use, as defined in Rule 1. This charge includes billing and metering costs. The usage through multiple noncore-eligible meters on a single premises will be combined to determine Average Monthly Use.

<u>Usage</u>	<u>Per Day</u>	(T)
0 to 5,000 therms	\$0.39025	(C)
5,001 to 10,000 therms	\$3.07463	
10,001 to 50,000 therms	\$11.66433	
50,001 to 200,000 therms	\$30.74729	
200,001 to 1,000,000 therms	\$44.02258	
1,000,001 therms and above	\$127.96866	(C)

* 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-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 must procure gas supply 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 Day</u>	(T)
Palo Alto	\$144.41425	(C)
Coalinga	\$ 33.79989	
West Coast Gas-Mather	\$ 24.55463	
Island Energy	\$ 18.42641	
Alpine Natural Gas	\$ 6.79595	
West Coast Gas-Castle	\$ 15.85315	(C)

2. Transportation Charges:

For gas delivered in the current billing month:

	<u>Per Therm</u>
Palo Alto	\$ 0.01556
Coalinga	\$ 0.01556
West Coast Gas-Mather	\$ 0.01556
Island Energy	\$ 0.01556
Alpine Natural Gas	\$ 0.01556
West Coast Gas-Castle	\$ 0.01556

3. Storage Charges:

Customers may take storage service under Schedule(s) G-FS, G-NFS, and/or G-NAS, if available.

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SCHEDULE G-NGV1—EXPERIMENTAL NATURAL GAS SERVICE
FOR COMPRESSION ON CUSTOMER'S PREMISES

APPLICABILITY: This rate schedule applies to natural gas service to Core End-Use Customers on PG&E's Transmission and/or Distribution Systems. Service is for uncompressed natural gas for the sole purpose of compressing it for use as a motor-vehicle fuel. Compression of natural gas to the pressure required for its use as motor-vehicle fuel will be performed by the Customer's equipment at the Customer's designated premises only.

TERRITORY: Schedule G-NGV1 applies everywhere PG&E provides natural gas service.

RATES: Customers on this schedule pay a Customer Charge, a Procurement Charge and a Transportation Charge as follows:

	<u>Per Day</u>	(T)
<u>Customer Charge:</u>	\$0.44121 (C)	
	<u>Per Therm</u>	
<u>Procurement Charge:</u>	\$0.32204	
<u>Transportation Charge:</u>	<u>0.14964</u>	
Total:	\$0.47168	

The Customer's total charges are subject to adjustment for the applicable proportionate part of any taxes or governmental imposition which may be assessed on the basis of the gross revenues from such sales.

See Preliminary Statement, Part B for the Default Tariff Rate Components.

The Procurement Charge on this schedule is equivalent to the rate shown on informational Schedule G-CP—Gas Procurement Service to Core End-Use Customers.

SERVICE AGREEMENT: Customers must execute a Agreement For Supply of Natural Gas for Compression as a Motor-Vehicle Fuel (Form No. 79-755) in order to receive service under this rate schedule.

METERING REQUIREMENTS: Service under this schedule must be metered by a separate gas meter.

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SCHEDULE G-NGV4—EXPERIMENTAL GAS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE TO
NONCORE NATURAL GAS VEHICLES

APPLICABILITY: This rate schedule applies to the transportation of gas to customer-owned natural gas vehicle fueling stations on PG&E's Local Transmission and/or Distribution Systems. To qualify for service under this schedule, a Customer must be classified as a Noncore End-Use Customer, as defined in Rule 1.* To initially qualify for noncore status, a non-residential Customer must have maintained an average monthly use, through a single meter, in excess of 20,800 therms during the previous twelve (12) months, excluding those months during which usage was 200 therms or less. See Rule 12 for details on core and noncore reclassification.

Customers must procure gas supply from a supplier other than PG&E.

TERRITORY: Schedule G-NGV4 applies everywhere PG&E provides natural gas service.

RATES: To qualify for Transmission rates under this schedule, a Customer must: (a) be served directly from PG&E gas facilities that have a maximum operating pressure greater than 60 pounds per square inch (psi), or (b) have an average historical use through a single meter of greater than 3,000,000 therms per year. Customers qualifying under (b) will remain qualified for Transmission rates by continuing to use more than 2,500,000 therms per calendar year.

Each January, the annual gas use and service to all Customers on this schedule will be reviewed to determine continued eligibility for Transmission rates. If a Customer does not meet at least one of the eligibility criteria for Transmission rates, Distribution rates will apply.

The following charges apply to service under this schedule:

1. Customer Access Charge:

The monthly Customer Access Charge applies to the Customer's recorded Average Monthly Use, as defined in Rule 1. This charge includes billing and metering costs. The usage through multiple noncore-eligible meters on a single premises will be combined to determine Average Monthly Use.

<u>Usage</u>	<u>Per Day</u>	(T)
0 to 5,000 therms	\$0.39025 (C)	
5,001 to 10,000 therms	\$3.07463	
10,001 to 50,000 therms	\$11.66433	
50,001 to 200,000 therms	\$30.74729	
200,001 to 1,000,000 therms	\$44.02258	
1,000,001 therms and above	\$127.96866 (C)	

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