

June 24, 2002

Advice 2393-G/2251-E
(Pacific Gas and Electric Company ID U 39 M)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: Revision to Rule 13 - *Temporary Service*

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

Purpose

The purpose of this advice letter is to submit changes to gas and electric Rules 13 - *Temporary Service*. The changes are to correct grammatical errors in the current tariff language. These changes will also make these gas and electric rules consistent with each other.

In addition, gas and electric Rules 13 would be consistent with gas Rule 15 - *Gas Main Extensions*; electric Rule 15 - *Distribution Line Extensions*; gas Rule 16 - *Gas Service Extensions*; and electric Rule 16 - *Service Extensions*, since all of these rules are related. A customer begins with temporary service (gas and electric Rules 13) and then continues to permanent service (gas and electric Rules 15 and 16). As such, the language among gas and electric Rules 13, 15, and 16 should be consistent.

Tariff Revisions

After reviewing gas and electric Rules 13, PG&E proposes that the following text modification in Section A, Establishment of Temporary Service, Part 1.

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.

The applicant shall pay, in advance or otherwise as required by PG&E, the estimated installed cost, plus the estimated cost of removal or abandonment, less the estimated salvage value of the facilities necessary for furnishing service. In all instances, PG&E shall abandon or remove its existing facilities, at the option of PG&E.

With this text change, each applicant will now pay the estimated installed cost, plus the estimated cost of removal or abandonment, less the estimated salvage value. Customers have always received a credit for the salvage value of the removed facilities, but this credit value was not previously specified in gas Rule 13.

This change also makes gas and electric Rules 13 consistent with gas and electric Rules 15 and 16, since gas and electric Rules 15 and 16 provide PG&E with the option of either removing or abandoning its facilities.²

Protests

Anyone wishing to protest this filing may do so by sending a letter by **July 14, 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 Pacific Gas and Electric Company on the same date it is mailed or delivered to the Commission at the address shown below.

² Gas Electric Rule 15, Section D – Contribution or Advances by Applicant, Sub-section 8.b – Payment Adjustments, Excess Facilities.

Gas Electric Rule 16, Section F – Existing Service Facilities, Sub-section 2.b – Service Relocation or Rearrangement, Applicant Convenience.

Electric Rule 15, Section D – Contribution or Advances by Applicant, Sub-section 7.b – Payment Adjustments, Excess Facilities.

Electric Electric Rule 16, Section F – Existing Service Facilities, Sub-section 2.b – Service Relocation or Rearrangement, Applicant Convenience.

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Effective Date

In accordance with General Order 96-A, Paragraph G, PG&E requests that this advice filing become effective on **August 3, 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 postal mailing to parties shown on the attached list. Address changes should be directed to Rose Abao at (415) 973-2218. Advice letter filings can also be accessed electronically at:

http://www.pge.com/customer_services/business/tariffs/

Vice President - Regulatory Relations

Attachments



RULE 13—TEMPORARY SERVICE

A. ESTABLISHMENT OF TEMPORARY SERVICE

PG&E shall, if no undue hardship to its existing customers will result therefrom, furnish temporary services under the following conditions:

- 1. The applicant shall pay, in advance or otherwise as required by PG&E, the estimated installed cost plus the estimated cost of removal or abandonment, less the estimated salvage value of the facilities necessary for furnishing service. In all instances, PG&E shall abandon or remove its existing facilities, at the option of PG&E. (T)
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- 2. The applicant shall establish credit as required by Rule 6 except that the amount of deposit prescribed in Rule 7 shall not exceed the estimated bill for the duration of service.

B. APPLICANT DESIGN (RESIDENTIAL)

Applicant may elect to use the applicant design option to design that portion of the temporary facilities normally designed by PG&E in accordance with the same applicant design provisions outlined in Rule 15, except that all charges and refunds shall be made under the provisions of this Rule.

C. CHANGE TO PERMANENT STATUS

- 1. If service to the gas equipment or apparatus as originally installed or its equivalent is supplied a temporary customer on a continuous, intermittent or seasonal basis for a period of 36 consecutive months from the date gas service first was delivered under this rule the customer shall be classified as permanent and the payment made in excess of that required for permanent service or under the extension rules for permanent customer shall be refunded in accordance with the provisions of Section D.2 following, provided the customer then complies with all of the rules applicable to gas service.
- 2. If at any time the character of a temporary customer's operations changes so that in the opinion of PG&E the customer may be classified as permanent, the amount of payment made in excess of that required for permanent service immediately shall be refunded to the customer in accordance with Section D.1. following.
- 3. In no event will a customer be classified as temporary for more than six years.

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