

September 3, 2002

**Advice 2408-G**

(Pacific Gas and Electric Company ID U 39 G)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

**Subject: Wild Goose Storage Expansion CPCN Amendment – Proposed Revisions to Gas Rule 14**

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) hereby submits for filing proposed revisions to its gas tariffs.<sup>1</sup>

**Purpose**

The purpose of this advice letter is to revise PG&E's gas Rule 14—*Capacity Allocation and Constraint of Natural Gas Service*, in compliance with Ordering Paragraphs (OP) 21 and 22 of Wild Goose Storage Expansion Decision (D.) 02-07-036, in Application (A.) 01-06-029 on a pro forma basis. Pursuant to the Commission's review and authorization to file final tariff revisions, the proposed Rule 14 provisions will be filed in final form for implementation November 1, 2003, the expected in-service date of Wild Goose's expansion project, or earlier, upon completion of computer system changes required for PG&E's nomination and scheduling system to accommodate this tariff change.

**Background**

On July 17, 2002, the Commission issued D. 02-07-036, granting an amendment to Wild Goose Storage Inc.'s Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN). The CPCN amendment allows Wild Goose to expand gas storage facilities and to connect the expanded facilities to Line 400/401. In addition, OP 22 orders PG&E to file an advice letter within 45 days of the effective date of the decision for proposed changes to its tariffs as a result of this decision.

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

Consistent with OP 21 of D. 02-07-036, PG&E's proposed revisions to gas Rule 14 address the proration of Line 400/401 As-Available transportation capacity among both transportation customers, and third-party storage customers connected to Line 400/401, during times when insufficient as-available capacity exists to serve all requests for it.

### **Tariff Revisions**

In accordance with D. 02-07-036, PG&E is adding language to Rule 14, Section D.1. *Priority of Service – Transmission Receipt Points of Gas*, to provide that, in the event of capacity constraints, Line 400/401 As-Available capacity will be prorated equally between two service blocks: 1) nominations for Mission path As-Available service, to accommodate third-party storage withdrawals; and 2) nominations for Redwood path As-Available service. Nominations will be allocated within these two service blocks should a block's allocation of As-Available capacity be insufficient to meet all nomination requests within that block.

### **Protests**

Anyone wishing to protest this filing may do so by sending a letter by **September 23, 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, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
San Francisco, California 94102

Facsimile: (415) 703-2200  
E-mail: [jjr@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:jjr@cpuc.ca.gov)

Protests also should be sent by e-mail and facsimile to Mr. Jerry Royer, Energy Division, as shown above, and by U.S. mail to Mr. Royer at the above address.

The protest should be sent via both e-mail and facsimile to PG&E 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

E-mail: [RxDd@pge.com](mailto:RxDd@pge.com)**Effective Date**

PG&E requests that the proposed tariff revisions in this advice filing be approved upon regular notice, **October 13, 2002**, which is 40 days after the date of this filing. The proposed Rule 14 provisions will be filed in final form for implementation at the earlier of: 1) November 1, 2003, the expected in-service date of Wild Goose's expansion project, or 2) upon completion of computer system changes required for PG&E's nomination and scheduling system to accommodate this tariff change (project duration estimated at 9-12 months).

To accommodate Lodi Gas Storage between the effective date of this Advice filing and final implementation, PG&E will allocate Line 400/401 As-Available capacity between Lodi Gas Storage and Redwood path transportation shippers using a usage forecast.

**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, and the parties on the service list for A. 01-06-029. 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/](http://www.pge.com/customer_services/business/tariffs/)

Vice President - Regulatory Relations

Attachments

cc: Service List – A. 01-06-029