

February 28, 2003

Advice 2445-G

(Pacific Gas and Electric Company ID U 39 G)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: March 2003 G-SUR Rate Change

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

Purpose

The purpose of this filing is to submit monthly revisions to the gas Schedule G-SUR effective **March 7, 2003**. In accordance with Resolution G-3326, the Schedule G-SUR rate now changes in conjunction with core gas procurement rates, which is generally on the 5th business day of the month. However, D.98-07-025 allows PG&E to change its core procurement rates on the first day of the month when the transportation rates change on the first of the month.²

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 monthly core Weighted Average Cost of Gas (WACOG), exclusive of storage costs, and franchise fees and uncollectibles, multiplied by the franchise fee factor adopted in PG&E's most recent General Rate Case.

Effective **March 7, 2003**, the G-SUR franchise fee surcharge is **\$0.00965** per therm.

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.

² Due to the fact that the G-SUR rate now may overlap two months, rather than one calendar month, the reference in the Rates section to the effective month has been deleted. The G-SUR effective date is shown in the lower right corner of the tariff.

The prices in this advice filing shall remain in effect until the next such filing with the CPUC. Prices are posted on PG&E'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 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
E-mail: 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 protests 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
Attn: Brian K. Cherry
Director, Regulatory Relations
77 Beale Street, Mailcode B10C
P.O. Box 770000
San Francisco, CA 94177

Facsimile: (415) 973-7226
E-mail: RxDd@pge.com

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 Sandra Ciach at (415) 973-7572.

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:

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| a. | the monthly core Weighted Average Cost of Gas (WACOG), exclusive of storage costs and Franchise Fees and Uncollectibles, which is..... | <u>Per Therm</u>
\$0.64350 (I) |
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multiplied by:

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| b. | the Franchise Fee factor* adopted in PG&E's most recent General Rate Case, which is | 0.014997 |
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The G-SUR Franchise Fee Surcharge is.....	\$0.00965 (I)
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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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