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Advice Letter 2460-G

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Subject: Off-System Backhaul Delivery Points

Dear Ms Smith:

Advice Letter 2460-G is effective June 28, 2003. A copy of the advice letter is sent herewith for your records.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul Clamor".

Director  
Energy Division

May 19, 2003

**Advice 2460-G**

(Pacific Gas and Electric Company ID U39G)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

**Subject: Off-System Backhaul Delivery Points (Schedule G-AFTOFF and G-NFTOFF)**

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.<sup>1</sup>

**Purpose**

The purpose of this filing is to add language to gas Schedules G-AFTOFF—*Annual Firm Transportation Off-System*, and Schedule G-NFTOFF—*Negotiated Firm Transportation Off-System*, to provide customers with the flexibility of backhaul service at off-system interconnection points in instances where an upstream pipeline accepts backhaul nominations. Such service will be limited to the quantities of gas being delivered from the upstream pipeline.

**Background**

PG&E's backbone transmission system Lines 300, 400 and 401 are used to transport gas from interconnections with interstate pipelines, other local distribution companies, and California gas fields to PG&E's local transmission and distribution system, third-party storage fields, and to off-system interconnection points. "Backhauling" involves movement of gas from a receipt point to a delivery point such that the contractual direction of movement on the pipeline is opposite to the actual flow of gas.

Backhaul services are offered at the Interconnection points mentioned above on an "as-available" basis. Language is being added to Schedule G-AFTOFF and G-

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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.

NFTOFF so that backhaul nominations may be made on a firm basis, subject to the limitations of the quantities of gas being delivered from the upstream pipeline. Customers may use backhaul service for example, to move natural gas from a storage facility (owned by PG&E or third party) to the El Paso or Transwestern pipeline systems for delivery to markets east of California.

Customers make their backhaul service nominations at PG&E's INSIDetracc website, and must provide the pertinent contract number for the downstream pipeline for each off-system delivery nomination.

### **Protests**

Anyone wishing to protest this filing may do so by sending a letter by **June 9, 2003**, which is 21 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: Brian Cherry  
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 this advice filing become effective on regular notice, **June 28, 2003**, which is 40 days after the date of this 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 Chris Harris at (415) 973-7572. 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



SCHEDULE G-AFTOFF—ANNUAL FIRM TRANSPORTATION OFF-SYSTEM

APPLICABILITY: This rate schedule applies to the firm transportation of natural gas on PG&E's Backbone Transmission System to the Off-System Delivery Points.

TERRITORY: Schedule G-AFTOFF is available only for the transportation of natural gas within PG&E's service territory on the specific paths described herein for off-system deliveries.

PG&E will accept gas on Customer's behalf only at the Receipt Point(s) specifically designated in Customer's Gas Transmission Service Agreement (GTSA) (Form No. 79-866).

Receipt Point(s) available for service under this schedule are as follows:

<u>Path:</u>	<u>Receipt Point(s):</u>
Redwood to Off-System	Malin or other receipt points north of the Antioch Terminal not included in other backbone transmission paths
Baja to Off-System	Topock, Dagget, Kern River Station or other receipt points south of the Antioch Terminal not included in other backbone transmission paths
Silverado to Off-System	PG&E interconnections with California Production (see Gas Rule 1)
Mission to Off-System	PG&E's Market Center Citygate location, an On-System Delivery Point, PG&E's storage facilities, or a third-party's storage facilities located in PG&E's service territory

Firm Off-System Delivery Points:

Kern River Station to Southern California Gas Company  
Fremont Peak to Kern River Gas Transmission

Backhaul Off-System Delivery Points:

All off-system interconnection points are available as backhaul delivery points under this schedule if the upstream pipeline accepts backhaul nominations. Backhaul service is limited to the quantities of gas being delivered from the upstream pipeline.

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Alternative Delivery Points:

If the Customer elects the Modified Fixed Variable (MFV) rate structure under G-AFTOFF, the Delivery Point under this schedule shall be limited to a Firm Off-System Delivery Point.

If the Customer elects the Straight Fixed Variable (SFV) rate structure under G-AFTOFF, the Customer may specify an On-System Delivery Point within the transmission path contracted by Customer as an alternate delivery point.

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SCHEDULE G-NFTOFF—NEGOTIATED FIRM TRANSPORTATION OFF-SYSTEM

**APPLICABILITY:** This rate schedule applies to the firm transportation of natural gas on PG&E's Backbone Transmission System to the Off-System Delivery Points at negotiated rates.

**TERRITORY:** Schedule G-NFTOFF is available only for the transportation of natural gas within PG&E's service territory on the specific paths described herein for off-system deliveries.

PG&E will accept gas on Customer's behalf only at the Receipt Point(s) specifically designated in Customer's Gas Transmission Service Agreement (GTSA) (Form No. 79-866).

Receipt Point(s) available for service under this schedule are as follows:

<u>Path:</u>	<u>Receipt Point(s):</u>
Redwood to Off-System	Malin or other receipt points north of the Antioch Terminal not included in other backbone transmission paths
Baja to Off-System	Topock, Dagget, Kern River Station or other receipt points south of the Antioch Terminal not included in other backbone transmission paths
Silverado to Off-System	PG&E interconnections with California Production (see Gas Rule 1)
Mission to Off-System	PG&E's Market Center Citygate location, an On-System Delivery Point, PG&E's storage facilities, or a third party's storage facilities located in PG&E's service territory.

Firm Off-System Delivery Points:

Kern River Station to Southern California Gas Company  
Fremont Peak to Kern River Gas Transmission

Backhaul Off-System Delivery Points:

All off-system interconnection points are available as backhaul delivery points under this schedule if the upstream pipeline accepts backhaul nominations. Backhaul service is limited to the quantities of gas being delivered from the upstream pipeline.

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Alternative Delivery Points:

The Delivery Point to which gas is transported under this rate schedule shall be a Firm Off-System Delivery Point, unless the Customer elects both the Straight Fixed Variable (SFV) rate structure and the maximum allowable rate under G-NFTOFF. If the above conditions are met, the Customer may specify an On-System Delivery Point within the transmission path contracted by Customer as an alternative delivery point.

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