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Advice Letter 2616-G

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Subject: March 10, 2005, Schedule G-CPX Crossover Procurement Price

Dear Ms de la Torre:

Advice Letter 2616-G is effective March 10, 2005. A copy of the advice letter is sent herewith for your records.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sean H. Gallagher".

Sean H. Gallagher  
Director  
Energy Division



March 9, 2005

**Advice 2616-G**  
(Pacific Gas and Electric Company ID U39G)

**Subject: Schedule G-CPX -- Crossover Gas Procurement Service to Core  
End-Use Customers for Rates Effective March 10, 2005**

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

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.

**Purpose**

The purpose of this filing is to revise monthly crossover rates under Schedule G-CPX--*Crossover Gas Procurement Service to Core End-Use Customers*, effective **March 10, 2005**. Schedule G-CPX crossover rates change on a monthly basis on the tenth calendar day of each month.

**Background**

In accordance with Decision (D.) 03-12-008, Schedule G-CPX applies to gas customers that request to be reclassified from noncore to core status. Such customers will pay the applicable crossover procurement rate under Schedule G-CPX for any of the first twelve (12) regular monthly billing periods during which they take core gas procurement service from PG&E. Crossover customers will pay the customer charge and transportation charge as specified in their applicable core schedule. After the twelfth regular monthly billing period, Schedule G-CPX will no longer apply.

**Schedule G-CPX Rate**

As adopted in D. 03-12-008, the crossover rate is the higher of: 1) the posted monthly core procurement rate, including intrastate backbone transportation costs, as shown in Schedule G-CP--*Gas Procurement Service to Core End-Use Customers*; or 2) the higher of the AECO index (including variable transportation costs to Malin) or the Topock Index, as used in the computation of PG&E's Core Procurement Incentive Mechanism monthly benchmark for California border

purchases, plus the per unit cost of intrastate backbone costs included in the posted monthly procurement rates.

Schedule G-CPX rates include the core brokerage fee, an allowance for distribution and transmission in-kind shrinkage per gas Rule 21, pipeline capacity costs, storage costs, procurement balancing account balances, and an allowance for franchise fees and uncollectibles accounts expense. The crossover procurement rates reflect only the higher of the core weighted average cost of gas (WACOG) or the border index (both including the per unit cost of intrastate backbone transportation), with other procurement costs equivalent to those for otherwise-applicable core procurement rates.<sup>1</sup>

For the period from **March 10, 2005, through April 9, 2005**, the following Schedule G-CPX rates will be in effect.

<u>Schedule G-CPX Rates</u>	<u>Per Therm</u>
Small Commercial Customers (Schedule G-NR1)	<b>\$0.60903</b>
Large Commercial Customers (Schedule G-NR2)	<b>\$0.58376</b>
Natural Gas Vehicle Customers (Schedule G-NGV1)	<b>\$0.59963</b>

Workpapers showing the calculation of these rates are included in this filing as Attachment II.

### Protests

Anyone wishing to protest this filing may do so by sending a letter by **March 29, 2005**, 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.

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<sup>1</sup> The shrinkage rate component included in the monthly Schedule G-CPX rates will be calculated based on the higher of the WACOG or the border index, using the same methodology used for calculating the shrinkage component in monthly core procurement rates.

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: PGETariffs@pge.com

### **Effective Date**

In accordance with D. 03-12-008, PG&E requests that this advice filing become effective on **March 10, 2005**. The rates in this advice filing shall remain in effect until the next such filing with the Commission.

### **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 Rose de la Torre at (415) 973-4716. Advice letter filings can also be accessed electronically at:

<http://www.pge.com/tariffs>

  
Director, Regulatory Relations

Attachments

**ATTACHMENT I  
ADVICE 2616-G**

<u>Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No.</u>	<u>Title of Sheet</u>	<u>Canceling Cal P.U.C. Sheet No.</u>
23060-G	Schedule G-CPX—Crossover Gas Procurement Service to Core End-Use Customers	23001-G
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**SCHEDULE G-CPX—CROSSOVER GAS PROCUREMENT SERVICE TO CORE END-USE CUSTOMERS**

**APPLICABILITY:** This schedule is filed monthly. It is applicable in the first year for Customers that have executed a Request for Reclassification from Noncore Service to Core Service (Form 79-983) and that are taking procurement service from PG&E. After the first year, these customers will be served under their otherwise-applicable core gas rate schedule.

**TERRITORY:** Schedule G-CPX applies everywhere within PG&E's natural gas Service Territory.

**RATES:** The following charges apply to natural gas service for applicable Core End-Use Customers. Customers will pay the Crossover Charge specified below for any of the first twelve (12) regular monthly billing periods that they are taking core procurement service from PG&E. After the twelfth regular monthly billing period, the Core End-Use Customer will pay the Procurement Charge specified in their otherwise-applicable rate schedule. Rates under this schedule will change on the 10th calendar day of the month.

<u>Procurement Charge:</u>	<u>Per Therm</u>
Small Commercial Crossover Charge: (G-NR1)	\$0.60903 (R)
Large Commercial Crossover Charge: (G-NR2)	\$0.58376 (R)
Natural Gas Vehicle Crossover Charge: (G-NGV1)	\$0.59963 (R)

The Crossover charge is the higher of: (a) the posted monthly core procurement rate, including intrastate backbone transportation costs, as shown in Schedule G-CP; or (b) the higher of the AECO index (including variable transportation costs to Malin) or the Topock index, as used in the computation of PG&E's Core Procurement Incentive Mechanism monthly benchmark for California border purchases, plus the per unit cost of intrastate backbone costs included in the posted monthly procurement rate, the Core Brokerage Fee, an allowance for core in-kind shrinkage per Rule 21, and all other procurement rate components included in the posted monthly core procurement rate.

The current applicable Procurement Charge for natural gas sales under Core End-User rate schedules may be obtained electronically on PG&E's internet site at <http://www.pge.com> or by calling PG&E at 1-800-743-5000.



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## Calculation of the G-CPX Crossover Core Procurement Rate

Gas Prices	
Border Price (\$/Dth)	
AECO C	\$5.6063
PG&E Topock (Source NGI)	\$5.6100
Core WACOG	\$5.5090

G-CPX CROSSOVER CORE PROCUREMENT RATE	\$/Decatherm	\$/Therm	Components \$/Therm	Calculation
<b>CROSSOVER COMMODITY CHARGE</b>				
Weighted Average Cost of Gas (WACOG)				
WACOG at the Border	\$5.6100			(a)
Intrastate Backbone Volumetric Transport Charge	\$0.0579			(b)
Total WACOG	\$5.6679	\$5.6679		(c)=(a)+(b)
Franchise Fee	0.009765	<i>Changes in GRC</i>		
Uncollectible Fee	0.002024	<i>Changes in GRC</i>		
Subt F & U	0.011759	X WACOG at the Border	\$0.0681	
WACOG with Franchise and Uncollectible	\$5.7340		\$5.7340	(d)=(a)*F&U Factor
PGA Adjustment: Core Sales	(\$0.6508)		(\$0.6508)	(e)=(c)+(d)
Cycled Carrying Cost of Gas in Storage	\$0.0058		\$0.0058	(f)
ANG and NOVA Costs (Incl. F&U)				(g)
Small Commercial	\$1.1414		\$0.1414	(h)
Large Commercial	\$0.941		\$0.0941	(i)
Natural Gas Vehicle	\$1.235		\$0.1235	(j)
Total Core Commodity Charge				
Small Commercial			\$0.52304	(k)=(e)+(f)+(g)+(h)
Large Commercial			\$0.51831	(l)=(e)+(f)+(g)+(i)
Natural Gas Vehicle			\$0.52125	(m)=(e)+(f)+(g)+(j)
<b>CORE FIRM STORAGE COSTS (Including F&amp;U)</b>				
CFSA Adjustment: Core Firm Storage Account	\$0.0000	\$0.0000		(n)
Small Commercial	\$1.1383	\$0.1383	\$0.1383	(o)
Large Commercial	\$1.0008	\$0.1008	\$0.1008	(p)
Natural Gas Vehicle	\$1.258	\$0.1258	\$0.1258	(q)
<b>INTERSTATE &amp; INTRASTATE CAPACITY CHARGES (Incl. F&amp;U)</b>				
CPDCA Adjustment (Incl. F&U)	\$0.0000	\$0.0000		(u)
<b>Interstate Capacity Charges</b>				
Small Commercial	\$0.3391	\$0.03391		(v)
Large Commercial	\$0.2258	\$0.02258		(w)
Natural Gas Vehicle	\$0.2962	\$0.02962		(x)
<b>Intrastate Backbone Capacity Charges</b>				
Small Commercial	\$0.1633	\$0.01633	\$0.05024	(y)
Large Commercial	\$0.1087	\$0.01087	\$0.03345	(z)
Natural Gas Vehicle	\$0.1426	\$0.01426	\$0.04388	(aa)
<b>CORE BROKERAGE FEE</b>				
	\$0.0300		\$0.0300	(ae)
<b>SHRINKAGE RATE</b>				
Shrinkage (Incl. F&U)	\$0.1892	\$0.01892		(af)
Based on Core Shrinkage: 3.30% <i>Changes in BCAP</i>				
PGA Adjustment: Core Shrinkage (Incl. F&U)	\$0.0000	\$0.0000		(ag)
Total Shrinkage Rate			\$0.01892	(ah)=(af)+(ag)
<b>TOTAL G-CPX CORE PROCUREMENT CHARGE</b>				
Small Commercial			\$0.60903	(ai)=(k)+(r)+(ab)+(ae)+(ah)
Large Commercial			\$0.58376	(aj)=(l)+(s)+(ac)+(ae)+(ah)
Natural Gas Vehicle			\$0.59963	(ak)=(m)+(t)+(ad)+(ae)+(ah)

**Crossover Rate Calculation**

Mar-05

**AECO Net Forward Calculation  
(\$/Dth)**Mar-05

Combined PGT/ANG fuel rate	0.961709108
ANG Fuel	1.10%
PGT Fuel	2.76%
AECO Monthly Index (C\$/GJ, source CGPR)	6.2672
Exchange Rate (US\$/C\$)	0.814
AECO "C" monthly commodity index (US\$/Dth)	\$ 5.3821
ANG + PGT combined in-kind fuel rate	\$ 0.0383
ANG+PGT in-kind fuel charge	\$ 0.2143
ANG volumetric rate	\$ -
PGT volumetric rate	\$ 0.0099
<b>AECO "C" Net Forward Price (14+16+17+18)</b>	<b>\$ 5.6063</b>

<u>Gas Price Index</u>	<u>Price, CA Border</u>	<u>Intrastate Transport</u>	<u>Total</u>
AECO C (CGPR)	\$5.6063	\$0.0579	\$5.6642
Southern Border-PG&E (NGI)	\$5.6100	\$0.0579	\$5.6679
Core WACOG	\$5.5090	\$0.0579	\$5.5669
<b>Crossover Price at PG&amp;E Citygate (\$/Dth)</b>			<b>\$5.6679</b>

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**Crossover Rate Calculation**

Mar-05

**AECO Net Forward Calculation  
(\$/Dth)****Mar-05**

Combined PGT/ANG fuel rate	0.961709
ANG Fuel	1.10%
PGT Fuel	2.76%
AECO Monthly Index (C\$/GJ, source CGPR)	6.2672
Exchange Rate (US\$/C\$)	0.814
AECO "C" monthly commodity index (US\$/Dth)	\$ 5.382
ANG + PGT combined in-kind fuel rate	3.83%
ANG+PGT in-kind fuel charge	0.214
ANG volumetric rate	0.0000
PGT volumetric rate	0.0099
<b>AECO "C" Net Forward Price (14+16+17+18)</b>	<b>\$5.6063</b>

<b><u>Gas Price Index</u></b>	<b><u>Price, CA Border</u></b>	<b><u>Intrastate Transport</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
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Core WACOG	\$5.5090	\$0.0579	\$5.5669
<b>Crossover Price at PG&amp;E Citygate (\$/Dth)</b>			<b>\$5.6679</b>

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**PG&E Gas and Electric Advice  
Filing List  
General Order 96-A, Section III(G)**

ABAG Power Pool  
Accent Energy  
Aglet Consumer Alliance  
Agnews Developmental Center  
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Alicantar & Elsesser  
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Future Resources Associates, Inc  
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Heeg, Peggy A.  
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Integrated Utility Consulting Group  
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Interstate Gas Services, Inc.  
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McKenzie & Associates  
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Morrison & Foerster  
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New United Motor Mfg, Inc  
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North Coast Solar Resources  
Northern California Power Agency  
Office of Energy Assessments  
Palo Alto Muni Utilities  
PG&E National Energy Group  
Pinnacle CNG Company  
PITCO  
Plurimi, Inc.  
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Praxair, Inc.  
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Regional Cogeneration Service  
RMC Lonestar  
Sacramento Municipal Utility District  
SCD Energy Solutions  
Seattle City Light  
Sempra  
Sempra Energy  
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