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Subject: Revisions to gas preliminary statements to consolidated noncore cost recovery in the noncore customer class charge account

Dear Ms de la Torre:

Advice Letter 2693-G is effective February 1, 2006. A copy of the advice letter is returned herewith for your records.

Sincerely,

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

Sean H. Gallagher, Director
Energy Division

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ADVICE 2693-G
(Pacific Gas and Electric Company U 39G)

**Subject: Revisions to PG&E's Gas Preliminary Statements to Consolidate
Noncore Cost Recovery in the Noncore Customer Class Charge
Account**

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California (CPUC)

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 Preliminary Statement Part J - *Noncore Customer Class Charge Account (NCA)*, which is currently comprised of four subaccounts: (a) Industrial Distribution, (b) Industrial Transmission, (c) Noncore, and (d) Interim Relief. PG&E proposes to close the Industrial Distribution and Industrial Transmission Subaccounts of the NCA which are no longer needed. Prior to closing the accounts, PG&E will transfer the recorded balances to the Noncore Subaccount to consolidate amounts recovered in the NCA from all noncore customers into one subaccount.

Additionally, PG&E is proposing to expand the purpose of the Interim Relief Subaccount of the NCA to include recovery of balancing account balances, updated in the Annual Gas True-up of Gas Balancing Accounts (AGT), allocated to noncore customer classes in proportion to their allocation of distribution base revenue. Therefore, PG&E proposes to change the name of the "Interim Relief Subaccount" to the "Interim Relief and Distribution Subaccount" to reflect the expanded purpose of this subaccount.

As part of this proposal, PG&E is requesting to modify Preliminary Statement Part BL - *Noncore Distribution Fixed Cost Account (NDFCA)* to move recovery of the balance updated in the AGT (Advice 2678-G-A, filed December 22, 2005, for rates effective January 1, 2006) to the Interim Relief and Distribution Subaccount of the NCA.¹ This causes no change to noncore rates. Once this advice letter

¹ The NDFCA currently recovers 75 percent of GRC distribution base revenue requirement allocated to noncore customers and 100 percent of the revenue from the portion of NDFCA rate component set to amortize the balance in the account, as approved in the AGT. Once the tariff revisions proposed in this advice letter are approved, the NDFCA will continue to recover 75

and Advice 2678-G-A are approved, PG&E will transfer the December 2005 recorded balance in the NDFCA along with the revenue to recover the NDFCA balance recorded in the account since January 1, 2006, to the Interim Relief and Distribution Subaccount of the NCA. Once Advice 2678-G-A is approved, PG&E will revise Preliminary Statement Part B for noncore rate schedules to move the portion of the NDFCA rate component that amortizes the balance in the account (set in the AGT) to the NCA- Interim Relief and Distribution rate component.

These changes reduce the number of subaccounts in the NCA to two: (a) the Noncore Subaccount, which will recover costs and balances allocated to all noncore customers, and (b) the Interim Relief and Distribution Subaccount, which will recover costs and balances allocated to noncore customers in proportion to their allocation of noncore distribution base revenue.

Background

The Industrial Distribution, Industrial Transmission and Noncore Subaccounts of the NCA were approved by Decision (D.) 01-11-001, and established by Advice 2357-G effective January 1, 2002. The Industrial Distribution and Industrial Transmission Subaccounts were established to ensure proper tracking of the portion of costs and balances allocated specifically to industrial distribution-level and industrial transmission-level customers. The Noncore Subaccount of the NCA was established to track costs and balances allocated on an equal cents per therm basis to noncore customers.

On October 7, 2005, the CPUC approved Advice 2440-G-C, which moved Public Purpose Program (PPP) funding from industrial distribution and industrial transmission customers to new PPP balancing accounts. Implementing Advice 2440-G-C included PG&E transferring net PPP activity recorded through September 2005 in the Industrial Distribution and Industrial Transmission Subaccounts of the NCA to the new PPP balancing accounts and no longer recording PPP activity in the NCA beginning October 1, 2005. Since the only costs recorded in the Industrial Distribution and Industrial Transmission Subaccounts of the NCA was associated with PPP activity, these subaccounts are now obsolete.

The Interim Relief Subaccount was initially established in the Core Fixed Cost Account (CFCA), Preliminary Statement Part F, pursuant to D. 98-12-078, to track the noncore distribution portion of the interim gas revenue requirement increase proposed in PG&E's 1999 General Rate Case (GRC). By Advice 2357-G, this Interim Relief Subaccount was moved from the CFCA to the NCA, effective January 1, 2002. On June 24, 2004, PG&E filed Advice 2556-G updating the Interim Relief Subaccount to recover the interim noncore distribution gas revenue requirement increases adopted by D. 04-05-055 in PG&E's 2003

percent of the GRC distribution base revenue and the balance authorized to be recovered in rates in the AGT will be recovered in the Interim Relief and Distribution Subaccount of the NCA.

GRC. Advice 2556-G was approved September 14, 2004, effective July 1, 2004.

Preliminary Statement Changes

Draft Preliminary Statement Part B – Noncore

The “NCA” rate component is renamed “NCA – Noncore” and the “GRC Interim Acct” entry is renamed “NCA-Interim Relief and Distribution” consistent with the revisions to Preliminary Statement Part J. PG&E will supplement this filing to implement these text changes, and to move the portion of the NDFCA rate component set to amortize the balance in the NDFCA to the NCA-Interim Relief and Distribution rate component, once the AGT Advice Letter is approved. As part of Attachment 1, PG&E presents a draft Noncore sheet incorporating the text revisions. In the supplement, PG&E will file all eight noncore pages of Preliminary Statement B with the same text revisions presented here.

Preliminary Statement Part J - Noncore Customer Class Charge Account (NCA)

- The *Industrial Distribution Subaccount* and the *Industrial Transmission Subaccount* are eliminated.
- The *Noncore Subaccount* is revised to reflect the “NCA-Noncore” revenue component consistent with the revision to Preliminary Statement Part B and to make the entry to record the transfer of amounts from other accounts consistent with similar entries in PG&E's Gas Preliminary Statements.
- The *Interim Relief Subaccount* is renamed the *Interim Relief and Distribution Subaccount*. The description of the subaccount is revised to clarify that the balance in the account will be allocated to noncore customers in proportion to their allocation of distribution base revenue adopted in Cost Allocation Proceedings. The credit entry is revised to reflect the “NCA-Interim Relief and Distribution” revenue component consistent with the revision to Preliminary Statement Part B. An entry has been added to record the transfer of amounts from other regulatory accounts into this subaccount to be recovered in rates when authorized by the CPUC.

Preliminary Statement Part BL - Noncore Distribution Fixed Cost Account (NDFCA)

The entry to record 100 percent of revenue from the portion of the NDFCA rate component set to amortize the balance in the account is replaced with an entry to transfer the balance in this subaccount to the Interim Relief and Distribution Subaccount of the NCA for 100 percent rate recovery.

Effective Date

PG&E requests that this advice be approved effective **February 1, 2006**, or the first day of the month following approval of this filing to correspond with PG&E's monthly regulatory accounting.

Protests

Anyone wishing to protest this filing may do so by sending a letter by **January 17, 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:

CPUC - Energy Division
Attention: Tariff Unit
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, California 94102

Facsimile: (415) 703-2200
E-mail: jjr@cpuc.ca.gov and jnj@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 at the address shown below on the same date it is mailed or delivered to the Commission.

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Notice

In accordance with General Order 96-A, Section III, Paragraph G, a copy of this advice letter is being sent electronically and sent via U.S. mail to parties shown on the attached list. Address change requests should be directed to Rose de la Torre at (415) 973-4716. Advice letter filings can also be accessed electronically at:

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Brian K. Cherry, SE
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Attachments

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

ADVICE LETTER FILING SUMMARY ENERGY UTILITY

MUST BE COMPLETED BY UTILITY (Attach additional pages as needed)

Company name/CPUC Utility No. Pacific Gas and Electric Company (ID39G)

Utility type:

ELC GAS
 PLC HEAT WATER

Contact Person: Shilpa Ramaiya

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EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE

ELC = Electric GAS = Gas
PLC = Pipeline HEAT = Heat WATER = Water

(Date Filed/ Received Stamp by CPUC)

Advice Letter (AL) #: 2693-G

Subject of AL: Revisions to PG&E's Gas Preliminary Statements to Consolidate Noncore Cost Recovery in the Noncore Customer Class Charge Account

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): BALANCING ACCOUNT, NON-CORE

AL filing type: Monthly Quarterly Annual One-Time Other _____

If AL filed in compliance with a Commission order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution #:

N/A

Does AL replace a withdrawn or rejected AL? If so, identify the prior AL: N/A

Summarize differences between the AL and the prior withdrawn or rejected AL¹: _____

Resolution Required? Yes No

Requested effective date: 01-27-06

No. of tariff sheets: 6

Estimated system annual revenue effect: (%): N/A

Estimated system average rate effect (%): N/A

When rates are affected by AL, include attachment in AL showing average rate effects on customer classes (residential, small commercial, large C/I, agricultural, lighting).

Tariff schedules affected: Preliminary Statement Part J - Noncore Customer Class Charge Account, Part BL - Noncore Distribution Fixed Cost Account, Part B - Default Tariff Rate Components

Service affected and changes proposed¹: Revise Preliminary Statements to Consolidate Noncore Cost Recovery in the Noncore Customer Class Charge Account

Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets: Advice 2678-G-A

Protests and all other correspondence regarding this AL are due no later than 20 days after the date of this filing, unless otherwise authorized by the Commission, and shall be sent to:

CPUC, Energy Division

Utility Info (including e-mail)

Attention: Tariff Unit

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San Francisco, CA 94102

jjr@cpuc.ca.gov and jnj@cpuc.ca.gov

¹ Discuss in AL if more space is needed.

**ATTACHMENT 1
Advice 2693-G**

Cal P.U.C. Sheet No.	Title of Sheet	Cancelling Cal P.U.C. Sheet No.
23709-G	Preliminary Statement Part J--Noncore Customer Class Charge Account	23356-G
23710-G	Preliminary Statement Part J (Cont.)	23271, 23357-G
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PRELIMINARY STATEMENT
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J. NONCORE CUSTOMER CLASS CHARGE ACCOUNT (NCA)

- 1. PURPOSE: The purpose of the NCA is to record certain noncore costs and revenues from noncore customers. The balance in this account will be incorporated into noncore transportation rates in the next Annual Gas True-up of Balancing Accounts, or as otherwise authorized by the Commission.

Descriptions of the terms and definitions used in this section are found in Preliminary Statement, Part C or in Rule 1.

- 2. APPLICABILITY: The NCA balance applies to noncore transportation rate schedules and contracts subject to the jurisdiction of the CPUC, except for those schedules and contracts specifically excluded by the CPUC.
- 3. REVISION: Disposition of the balance in this account shall be determined in the Annual Gas True-up of Balancing Accounts advice filing, or as otherwise authorized by the Commission.
- 4. FORECAST PERIOD: The forecast test period will be as specified in the current Cost Allocation Proceeding.
- 5. RATES: NCA rates are included in the effective rates set forth in each rate schedule (see Preliminary Statement, Part B), as applicable.
- 6. ACCOUNTING PROCEDURE: The NCA consists of the following subaccounts:

The "Noncore Subaccount" recovers costs and balances allocated on an equal cents per therm basis to all noncore customers.

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The "Interim Relief and Distribution Subaccount" recovers the noncore distribution portion of the interim gas revenue requirement increase adopted in GRC Decision 04-05-055 and other costs and balances approved by the Commission. The balance in this subaccount will be allocated to noncore classes in proportion to their allocation of distribution base revenue as adopted in Cost Allocation Proceedings.

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J. NONCORE CUSTOMER CLASS CHARGE ACCOUNT (NCA) (Cont'd.)

6. ACCOUNTING PROCEDURE: (Cont'd.)

a. Noncore Subaccount

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The following entries will be made to this subaccount each month, or as applicable:

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- 1) a debit entry equal to the noncore portion of intervenor compensation and any other expense adopted by the CPUC as a cost to be included in this subaccount;
- 2) a credit entry equal to the NCA-Noncore revenue, excluding the allowance for Franchise Fees and Uncollectible Accounts Expense (F&U);
- 3) an debit or credit entry, as appropriate, to record the transfer of amounts from other accounts to this subaccount for recovery in rates, upon approval by the CPUC;
- 4) an entry equal to 29.97 percent of the local transmission revenue shortfall or over-recovery resulting from a change in customers qualifying for backbone-level end-use service, and associated throughput reduction or increase, as applicable; and
- 5) an entry equal to interest on the average of the balance in the subaccount at the beginning of the month and the balance after entries from J.6.a.1 through J.6.a.4, above, at a rate equal to one-twelfth of the interest rate on three-month Commercial Paper for the previous month, as reported in the Federal Reserve Statistical Release, H.15, or its successor.

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b. Interim Relief and Distribution Subaccount

The following entries will be made to this subaccount each month, or as applicable:

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- 1) a one-time entry equal to the noncore distribution portion of the gas revenue requirement adopted in GRC Decision 04-05-055, from January 1, 2003 to the implementation date, including interest, and excluding the allowance for F&U;
- 2) an entry equal to any other amounts adopted by the CPUC to be included in this subaccount;
- 3) a credit equal to the NCA-Interim Relief and Distribution revenue, excluding the allowance for F&U;
- 4) a debit or credit entry, as appropriate, to record the transfer of amounts from other accounts to this subaccount for recovery in rates, upon approval by the CPUC; and
- 5) an entry equal to interest on the average of the balance in the account at the beginning of the month and the balance in the account after entries J.6.b.1 through J.6.b.4, above, at a rate equal to one-twelfth the interest rate of the three-month Commercial Paper for the previous month, as reported in the Federal Reserve Statistical Release, H.15, or its successor.

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PRELIMINARY STATEMENT
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BL. NONCORE DISTRIBUTION FIXED COST ACCOUNT (NDFCA)

- 1. PURPOSE: The purpose of the NDFCA is to recover 75 percent of the noncore distribution base revenue requirement with PG&E's risk for noncore gas distribution throughput set at 25 percent of revenues as authorized in D.05-06-029. This account recovers 75 percent of the distribution base revenue adopted in PG&E's General Rate Case (GRC), including Annual Attrition Adjustments, and the Cost of Capital Proceedings, that are allocated to noncore transportation customers based on the distribution base revenue allocation adopted in the Cost Allocation Proceeding. The balance in this account will be transferred to another regulatory account to be recovered 100 percent in noncore distribution rates in the Annual Gas True-up of Balancing Accounts. (T)
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Descriptions of the terms and definitions used in this section are found in Preliminary Statement, Part C or in Rule 1. Refer to Section C.3 for the cost allocation factors used to determine the noncore portion of distribution costs recovered in this account.

- 2. APPLICABILITY: The NDFCA applies to all noncore transportation rate schedules and contracts subject to the jurisdiction of the CPUC, except for those schedules and contracts specifically excluded by the CPUC.
- 3. REVISION DATE: Disposition of the balance in this account shall be determined in the Annual Gas True-up of Balancing Accounts advice filing, or as otherwise authorized by the Commission.
- 4. FORECAST PERIOD: The forecast test period will be as specified in the current Cost Allocation Proceeding.
- 5. NDFCA RATES: NDFCA rates are included in the effective rates set forth in each rate schedule (see Preliminary Statement, Part B), as applicable.
- 6. ACCOUNTING PROCEDURE: PG&E shall make the following entries to this NDFCA at the end of each month, or as applicable: (T)
 - a. a debit entry equal to 75 percent of one-twelfth of the noncore portion of the authorized GRC base revenue amount, excluding the allowance for Franchise Fees and Uncollectible Accounts Expense (F&U);
 - b. a credit entry equal to 75 percent of the NDFCA revenue, excluding the allowance for F&U; (T)
 - c. a debit or credit entry, as appropriate, to transfer the balance to the Interim Relief and Distribution Subaccount of the Noncore Customer Class Charge Account, or other regulatory account for 100 percent rate recovery, upon approval by the Commission; (T)
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 - d. a debit or credit entry equal to any expense adopted by the CPUC as a cost to be recovered in this account; and
 - e. an entry equal to interest on the average of the balance in the account at the beginning of the month and the balance in the account after entries BL.6.a through BL.6.d, above, at a rate equal to one-twelfth the interest rate of the three-month Commercial Paper for the previous month, as reported in the Federal Reserve Statistical Release, H.15, or its successor.

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B. DEFAULT TARIFF RATE COMPONENTS (\$/THERM) (Cont'd.)

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THERMS:	G-NT TRANSMISSION	G-NT—DISTRIBUTION				
		SUMMER				
		0- 20,833	20,834- 49,999	50,000- 166,666	166,667- 249,999*	
NCA-NONCORE	0.00577	(0.01743)	(0.01030)	(0.00827)	(0.00667)	(T)
NCA-INTERIM RELIEF AND DISTRIBUTION	0.00018	0.00295	0.00295	0.00295	0.00295	(T)
CPUC FEE	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	
EOR	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	
CEE	0.00001	0.00066	0.00066	0.00066	0.00066	
LOCAL TRANSMISSION (AT RISK)	0.01344	0.01344	0.01344	0.01344	0.01344	
NONCORE DISTRIBUTION FIXED COST ACCOUNT	0.00544	0.13074	0.08498	0.07688	0.07264	
TOTAL RATE	0.02484	0.13036	0.09173	0.08566	0.08302	

* Rate components for G-NT Distribution over 249,999 therms are the same as G-NT Transmission.

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**PG&E Gas and Electric Advice
Filing List
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