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January 17, 2007

Advice Letter 2796-G/2960-E

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Subject: Add Five New Sites to Hazardous Substance Mechanism

Dear Ms. de la Torre:

Advice Letter 2796-G/2960-E is effective January 26, 2007. A copy of the advice letter is returned herewith for your records.

Sincerely,

Sean H. Gallagher, Director  
Energy Division

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**Advice 2796-G/2960-E**  
(Pacific Gas and Electric Company ID U 39 M)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

**Subject: Add Five New Sites to Hazardous Substance Mechanism**

**Purpose:**

Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) hereby requests Commission approval to include five additional sites in the Hazardous Substance Cost Recovery Account as referenced within gas and electric Preliminary Statements Part AN and Part S *Hazardous Substance Mechanism*, in compliance with Decision (D.) 94-05-020. A description of each site is set forth in Attachment I to this filing. The sites are as follows:

<u>Site Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
French Camp Gas GC Yard	French Camp, California
Martin Service Center	Daly City, California
Old Sonora Service Center	Sonora, California
Red Bluff Service Center	Red Bluff, California
Santa Rosa Service Center (UST)	Santa Rosa, California

**Background**

D. 94-05-020 requires California utilities to file an advice letter in order to include additional sites as part of the Hazardous Substance Mechanism. For each site the advice letter shall list: 1) the name of the site(s); 2) the location of the site(s); 3) the source, nature and approximate date of the contamination; 4) utility operations (historical and current) at the site(s), if any; and 5) environmental

agency actions and oversight regarding the site(s), if any. In addition, D. 96-07-016 requires utilities to demonstrate that: 1) clean-up costs for which recovery is being sought are not being recovered through base rates or through any other recovery procedure, and 2) all of the costs for which recovery is being sought are hazardous waste clean-up costs (including insurance costs) found appropriate for recovery in the Collaborative Report.

### **Protests**

Anyone wishing to protest this filing may do so by sending a letter by **January 16, 2007**, 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, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, California 94102

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

Copies should also be mailed to the attention of the Director, Energy Division, Room 4005 and Honesto Gatchalian, Energy Division, at the address shown above. It is also requested that a copy of the protest be sent via postal mail and facsimile to Pacific Gas and Electric Company on the same date it is mailed or delivered to the Commission at the address shown below.

Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
Attention: Brian K. Cherry  
Vice President, Regulatory Relations  
77 Beale Street, Mail Code B10C  
P.O. Box 770000  
San Francisco, California 94177  
Facsimile: (415) 973-7226

E-mail: [PG&ETariffs@pge.com](mailto:PG&ETariffs@pge.com)

### **Effective Date**

PG&E requests that this advice filing become effective on **January 26, 2007**, which is 30 days after the date of 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 Rose De La Torre (415) 973-4716. Advice letter filings can also be accessed electronically at:

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rose De La Torre". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.

Vice President - Regulatory Relations

Attachment 1 – Site Descriptions

# 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 U39M

Utility type:

ELC

GAS

PLC

HEAT

WATER

Contact Person: David Poster

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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) #: 2796-G/2960-E

Subject of AL: Add Ten Five Sites to Hazardous Substance Mechanism

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Compliance

AL filing type:  Monthly  Quarterly  Annual  One-Time  Other \_\_\_\_\_

If AL filed in compliance with a Commission order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution: D.94-05-020, D.96-07-016

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

Resolution Required?  Yes  No

Requested effective date: **01-26-2007**

No. of tariff sheets: 0

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: N/A

Service affected and changes proposed<sup>1</sup>: N/A

Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets:

**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**

**Attention: Tariff Unit**

**505 Van Ness Ave.,**

**San Francisco, CA 94102**

[jnj@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:jnj@cpuc.ca.gov) and [mas@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:mas@cpuc.ca.gov)

**Utility Info (including e-mail)**

**Pacific Gas and Electric Company**

**Attn: Brian Cherry**

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**Attachment 1 – Site Descriptions**

**PG&E Advice 2796-G/2960-E**

**Site Name:** French Camp Gas GC (General Construction) Yard

**Location:** 401 French Camp Road  
French Camp, CA

**Source, Nature, and Approximate Date of Contamination:** Results of a limited subsurface investigation of the Gas GC Yard in June 2006 identified petroleum hydrocarbons in shallow soil from two areas where fuels had been stored and dispensed. The areas included the location of a con-vault removed in 1995 that had held two aboveground fuel tanks, and the location of steel aboveground storage tanks in service prior to the con-vault. The full extent of petroleum hydrocarbons has not yet been determined, as the investigation was limited by a hard pan encountered at 3 feet below soil grade.

**Utility Operations at the Site:** From the 1950's until late 2005, PG&E gas construction crews mobilized from the yard for routine construction and for emergency response. The facility was used for storage of gas supply and transmission equipment and vehicle maintenance. Prior to purchasing the site in 1991, PG&E leased the property for its operations.

**Environmental Agency Actions:** A report that discusses the finding of the 2006 investigation was submitted to San Joaquin County Environmental Health Department (SJCEHD).

**Nature of Costs:** The French Camp GC Gas Yard costs for which PG&E is seeking HSM recovery are not being recovered in base rates or through any other recovery procedure. All cleanup costs to be recorded by PG&E in the HSM memorandum accounts will be hazardous waste cleanup costs found appropriate for recovery in the Hazardous Substance Cleanup Cost Recovery Collaborative Report.

**Site Name:** Martin Service Center

**Location:** 731 Schwerin Street  
Daly City, California

**Source, Nature, and Approximate Date of Contamination:** Residual petroleum hydrocarbons are present in soil and groundwater at the Martin Service Center from former underground storage tanks (USTs). The soil contamination was found in 1988 during the removal of three original USTs. Additional removal of contaminated soil and groundwater occurred during the 2004 removal of the replacement USTs. A network of groundwater monitoring wells, including one extraction well, was installed in 1989, and groundwater has been monitored since that time. Approximately 44 gallons of gasoline/diesel product was removed from the extraction well between 1989 and 2003. MTBE in groundwater was first detected in 1996. As required by the regulatory oversight agency, PG&E is performing semi-annual groundwater monitoring.

**Utility Operations at the Site:** The Martin Service Center has been in operation since 1981. The facility contains offices but is primarily used for warehousing supplies, parking and fueling vehicles, temporarily storing equipment, and as a distribution substation. The site was a Manufactured Gas Plant between 1905 and 1916, and in the process of producing gas, the plant generated hydrocarbon residues of lampblack and oil tars, some of which has been found in site soils.

**Environmental Agency Actions:** The Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), San Francisco Bay Region has overseen the various soil and groundwater investigations conducted since 1988 at the Martin Service Center. Currently the RWQCB requires semi-annual groundwater monitoring in the vicinity of the former tanks.

**Nature of Costs:** The Martin Service Center costs for which PG&E is seeking HSM recovery are not being recovered in base rates or through any other recovery procedure. All cleanup costs to be recorded by PG&E in the HSM memorandum accounts will be hazardous waste cleanup costs found appropriate for recovery in the Hazardous Substance Cleanup Cost Recovery Collaborative Report.

**Site Name:** Old Sonora Service Center

**Location:** 326 North Washington Street  
Sonora, California

**Source, Nature, and Approximate Date of Contamination:** As required by the regulatory oversight agency, PG&E is performing semi-annual groundwater monitoring to monitor for natural attenuation (biodegradation) of petroleum hydrocarbons released from a former gasoline underground storage tank (UST) at the Old Sonora Service Center. Dissolved petroleum hydrocarbons and MTBE have been detected in groundwater from monitoring well locations both on- and off-site. The primary source of the contamination at the site is the release from PG&E's former UST prior to its removal in 1988. However, documented releases of diesel, gasoline, and MTBE from nearby fuel USTs owned by third parties may have contributed to the contamination at and in the vicinity of the site.

**Utility Operations at the Site:** The Old Sonora Service Center site was a PG&E service center from the early 1920s until 1998 when the property was sold to the City of Sonora with a deed restriction on future groundwater use and soil excavation. The City uses the property as a corporation yard. During its operation, the service center provided electric and gas service for customers, and stored equipment, materials, and fleet vehicles.

**Environmental Agency Actions:** The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) is the lead agency for remediation and groundwater monitoring of the site. At the RWQCB's request, PG&E installed an on-site groundwater extraction and treatment system in 1993. The operation of the system was discontinued in 2001 and the RWQCB requested a remedial strategy for residual hydrocarbons in groundwater. The agency concurred with PG&E's proposal to perform monitored natural attenuation, which consists of monitoring the natural biodegradation of hydrocarbons in groundwater.

**Nature of Costs:** The Old Sonora Service Center costs for which PG&E is seeking HSM recovery are not being recovered in base rates or through any other recovery procedure. All cleanup costs to be recorded by PG&E in the HSM memorandum accounts will be hazardous waste cleanup costs found appropriate for recovery in the Hazardous Substance Cleanup Cost Recovery Collaborative Report.

**Site Name:** Red Bluff Service Center

**Location:** 515 Luther Road  
Red Bluff, California

**Source, Nature, and Approximate Date of Contamination:** Residual petroleum hydrocarbon compounds and MTBE are present in soil and groundwater at the Red Bluff Service Center. Soil and groundwater samples were collected in the immediate vicinity of the former tanks. The contamination was found during the removal of a waste oil underground storage tank (UST) and a combination gasoline/diesel UST in November 2003. The tanks were installed in 1987.

**Utility Operations at the Site:** PG&E operates the Red Bluff Service Center to provide customer service and as a key operational center for Electric and Gas Distribution. The service center includes office space, warehouses, equipment lay-down areas, and service garages for fleet vehicles.

**Environmental Agency Actions:** No agencies have required any follow-up investigations or remedial actions at this time.

**Nature of Costs:** The Red Bluff Service Center costs for which PG&E is seeking HSM recovery are not being recovered in base rates or through any other recovery procedure. All cleanup costs to be recorded by PG&E in the HSM memorandum accounts will be hazardous waste cleanup costs found appropriate for recovery in the Hazardous Substance Cleanup Cost Recovery Collaborative Report.

**Site Name:** Santa Rosa Service Center (UST)

**Location:** 3965 Occidental Road  
Santa Rosa, California

**Source, Nature, and Approximate Date of Contamination:** As required by the regulatory oversight agency, PG&E is performing annual groundwater monitoring for petroleum hydrocarbons compounds and MTBE from historical releases from former underground storage tanks (USTs) at the Santa Rosa Service Center. Contamination was found in soil and groundwater in 1994 during the removal of the three USTs and previously during the removal of four USTs in 1987. MTBE was first detected in groundwater in 2001. Residual petroleum hydrocarbons remain in soil and groundwater despite considerable removal of contaminated soil and groundwater.

**Utility Operations at the Site:** The Santa Rosa Service Center was constructed in 1969 and is used for storing and distributing materials and equipment for gas and electric operations work crews, as well as maintenance of PG&E vehicles.

**Environmental Agency Actions:** The North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) is the primary oversight agency for the soil and groundwater investigations and remediation performed at the site. Presently, the RWQCB requires PG&E to perform annual groundwater monitoring and reporting.

**Nature of Costs:** The Santa Rosa Service Center costs for which PG&E is seeking HSM recovery are not being recovered in base rates or through any other recovery procedure. All cleanup costs to be recorded by PG&E in the HSM memorandum accounts will be hazardous waste cleanup costs found appropriate for recovery in the Hazardous Substance Cleanup Cost Recovery Collaborative Report.

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General Order 96-A, Section III(G)**

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