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Advice Letter 2857-G/3101-E

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Subject: Post-Retirement Benefits other than Pensions (PBOPs)
for the Period from 2003 to 2006

Dear Mr. Cherry:

Advice Letter 2857-G/3101-E is effective September 5, 2007.

Sincerely,

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

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Advice 2857-G/3101-E

(Pacific Gas and Electric Company ID U 39 M)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: Post-retirement Benefits Other than Pensions (PBOPs) for the period from 2003 to 2006

Purpose

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) hereby submits this advice filing to request Commission approval to record appropriate entries to the Distribution Cost Subaccount of the Core Gas Fixed Cost (CFCA), the Interim Relief and Distribution Subaccount of the Noncore Customer Class Charge Account (NCA), the Distribution Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (DRAM) and the Utility Generation Balancing Account (UGBA) to reflect the net over-collected revenue requirement associated with medical and life insurance Post-retirement Benefits Other than Pensions (PBOPs) and Long Term Disability (LTD) for the period from 2003 to 2006.

Background

This filing is made in compliance with decisions in PG&E's General Rates Cases (GRC). Although the 2003 GRC decision (D.) 04-05-055 does not discuss the PBOPs/LTD adjustment, PG&E acknowledged the continuing need for this filing in its testimony and brief. The 1999 GRC decision (D. 00-02-046) continued the PBOPs adjustment treatment previously adopted in PG&E's 1996 GRC D. 95-12-055 (Ordering Paragraph 8), as modified by D.96-05-010. The credits to the DRAM, CFCA, NCA and UGBA accounts correct for the difference between the revenue requirement associated with the estimated PBOPs costs adopted in PG&E's 2003 GRC and the revenue requirement associated with the lesser of the Statement of Financial Accounting Standard (FAS) 106 expense or the tax deductible contribution amount for 1999 through 2002. The calculation of the revenue requirement adjustment is consistent with the proposal approved by the Commission in D.95-12-055, as modified in D.96-05-010.

Decision 95-12-055 also requires that PG&E provide a similar adjustment based on any difference between the revenue requirements associated with the estimated contribution to the trust established for LTD benefits adopted in the 1999 GRC and the revenue requirement associated with the amounts contributed to the trust.

The method used to calculate the adjustments proposed in this advice filing is the same as that used to calculate the adjustments proposed in advice filings 1956-G/1583-E (filed June 7, 1996) for 1993 through 1995, 2272-G/2050-E (filed October 27, 2000) for 1996 through 1998 and 2493-G/2432-E (filed October 28, 2003) for 1999 through 2002. Advice 1956-G/1583-E was accepted by the Energy Division on July 23, 1996; Advice 2272-G/2050-E was approved by the Commission in Resolution G-3317 on June 28, 2001; and Advice 2493-G/2432-E was approved by the Commission in Resolution G-3362 on March 16, 2004.

Credit Amounts

The amounts of the entries are:

| <u>Account</u> | <u>Adjustment Amount</u> (\$000) |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| DRAM | (\$4,801) |
| CFCA | \$2,891 |
| NCA | \$98 |
| UGBA | (\$2,727) |
| Net Credit | (\$4,539) |

Workpapers supporting the computation of the credit are available on request.

This filing will not affect any other rate or charge, cause the withdrawal of service, or conflict with any other rate schedule or rule.

Protests

Anyone wishing to protest this filing may do so by sending a letter by **August 27, 2007**, which is 21¹ 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, 4th Floor

¹ The 20 day protest period concludes on a weekend. PG&E moves it to the following business day.

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San Francisco, California 94102
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E-mail: mas@cpuc.ca.gov and inj@cpuc.ca.gov

Protests also should be sent by e-mail and facsimile to Mr. Honesto Gatchalian, Energy Division, as shown above, and by U.S. mail to Mr. Gatchalian 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.

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Effective Date

PG&E requests that this advice filing become effective on regular notice, **September 5, 2007**, which is 30 days after the date of filing. PG&E submits this as a Tier 2 filing.

Notice

In accordance with General Order 96-B, Section IV, 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:

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Vice President – Regulatory Relations

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 (ID U39 M)**

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) #: **2857-G/3101-E**

Tier: [2]

Subject of AL: Post-retirement Benefits Other than Pensions (PBOPs) for the period from 2003 to 2006

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): PBOPs

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

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

Is AL requesting confidential treatment? If so, what information is the utility seeking confidential treatment for: No

Confidential information will be made available to those who have executed a nondisclosure agreement: N/A

Name(s) and contact information of the person(s) who will provide the nondisclosure agreement and access to the confidential information:

Resolution Required? Yes No

Requested effective date: 09/05/2007

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:

Service affected and changes proposed: N/A

Protests, dispositions, 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

Tariff Files, Room 4005

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Workpapers Introduction

(The complete Workpapers are available upon request)

INTRODUCTION

These workpapers support the computation of the revenue requirements true-up associated with differences between the costs adopted in PG&E's 2003 General Rate Case for Post-Retirement Benefits Other than Pensions (PBOPs) and Long-Term Disability (LTD) and the recorded PBOPs and LTD costs. The revenue requirement differences are computed for 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006, and reflect the authorized cost of capital for each year and the effects of the authorized attrition in 2004, 2005 and 2006.

Post Retirement Benefits Other Than Pensions (PBOPs)

PG&E has computed the difference between the revenue requirement associated with the PBOPs costs adopted in the 2003 GRC for 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006, and those associated with the lesser of the FAS 106 expense or the tax deductible contribution for those years. The computed revenue requirements are shown in Table 1.

The revenue requirement calculations were based on that portion of the PBOPs total costs allocated to gas and electric distribution and electric generation capital and expense.

Amounts allocated to capital were assumed added to rate base pro rata through the year (i.e., no amount remained in Construction Work in Progress (CWIP) at year end). Rate base computed on the recorded costs for 2004, 2005 and 2006 includes amounts capitalized in previous years. Depreciation expense was based on the average depreciation rates for the gas and electric distribution and electric generation functions

The allowed revenue requirement for the PBOPs medical plan for 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006 is based on the contribution amount, which has a lower revenue requirement than that computed based on the FAS 106 amount.

The allowed revenue requirement for the PBOPs life insurance plan for 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006 is based on the contribution amount, which has a lower revenue requirement than that computed based on the FAS 106 amount.

Long-Term Disability (LTD)

The 1996 GRC decision authorized PG&E to establish a trust fund for LTD benefits.

The decision required a true-up mechanism similar to that previously adopted for PBOPs, based on any difference between the amounts contributed to the trust established for LTD benefits and the contribution amount adopted in the GRC. The LTD-related revenue requirements were computed in the same manner as described above for PBOPs. The allowed revenue requirement is based on the contribution amount.

In the settlement of the 2007 GRC, DRA and PG&E agreed to a consolidated approach for the adopted funding amount for PBOPs and LTD. For example, if the amount adopted for the PBOP medical plan could not be contributed to that plan's trust, the amount could be contributed to the LTD trust (up to the maximum tax deductible amount). This approach will allow PG&E to take advantage of available tax deductions. DRA agreed to allow this consolidated approach for the 2006 contributions analyzed here.

The computed revenue requirements are shown in Table 1.

Conclusion

The comparison of the adopted and allowed revenue requirements for PBOPs and LTD show that the adopted revenue requirement should be credited by a net amount of \$4.539 million as follows:

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Electric distribution (DRAM) | \$-4.801 million |
| Gas distribution – core (CFCA) | 2.891 million |
| Gas distribution – non-core (NCA) | 0.098 million |
| Electric Generation (UGBA) | <u>-2.727 million</u> |
| Net Adjustment | \$-4.539 million |

TABLE 1

PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC
2003 - 2006 PBOPs/LTD Revenue Requirement Reconciliation
(Thousands of Dollars)

| | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | Total |
|--|----------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION REVENUE REQUIREMENT | | | | | |
| PBOPs Medical | | | | | |
| Adopted | 17,025 | 17,432 | 17,815 | 18,476 | |
| Allowed | 16,703 C | 18,080 C | 16,458 C | 9,853 C | |
| Adjustment | (322) | 648 | (1,357) | (8,623) | (9,654) |
| PBOPs Life | | | | | |
| Adopted | 1,195 | 1,262 | 1,288 | 1,336 | |
| Allowed | 101 C | 841 C | 497 C | 797 C | |
| Adjustment | (1,094) | (421) | (791) | (539) | (2,845) |
| LTD | | | | | |
| Adopted | 17,856 | 18,242 | 18,655 | 19,344 | |
| Allowed | 16,741 C | 18,796 C | 20,178 C | 26,080 C | |
| Adjustment | (1,115) | 554 | 1,523 | 6,736 | 7,698 |
| ELECTRIC TOTAL | (2,531) | 781 | (625) | (2,426) | (4,801) |
| GAS DISTRIBUTION REVENUE REQUIREMENT | | | | | |
| PBOPs Medical | | | | | |
| Adopted | 9,859 | 10,074 | 10,296 | 10,678 | |
| Allowed | 10,408 C | 11,208 C | 10,143 C | 5,985 C | |
| Adjustment | 549 | 1,134 | (153) | (4,693) | (3,163) |
| PBOPs Life | | | | | |
| Adopted | 710 | 728 | 744 | 772 | |
| Allowed | 66 C | 523 C | 306 C | 492 C | |
| Adjustment | (644) | (205) | (438) | (280) | (1,567) |
| LTD | | | | | |
| Adopted | 10,339 | 10,542 | 10,782 | 11,180 | |
| Allowed | 10,416 C | 11,640 C | 12,444 C | 16,062 C | |
| Adjustment | 77 | 1,098 | 1,662 | 4,882 | 7,719 |
| GAS TOTAL | (18) | 2,027 | 1,071 | (91) | 2,989 |

C = Revenue requirement based on contribution

TABLE 1 - Continued

PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC
2003 - 2006 PBOPs/LTD Revenue Requirement Reconciliation
(Thousands of Dollars)

| | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | Total |
|--|---------|---------|---------|----------|---------|
| ELECTRIC GENERATION REVENUE REQUIREMENT | | | | | |
| PBOPs Medical | | | | | |
| Adopted | 7,933 | 8,083 | 8,225 | 8,529 | |
| Allowed | 7,782 C | 8,349 C | 7,518 C | 4,379 C | |
| Adjustment | (151) | 266 | (707) | (4,150) | (4,742) |
| PBOPs Life | | | | | |
| Adopted | 557 | 585 | 595 | 617 | |
| Allowed | 47 C | 391 C | 228 C | 366 C | |
| Adjustment | (510) | (194) | (367) | (251) | (1,322) |
| LTD | | | | | |
| Adopted | 8,322 | 8,460 | 8,613 | 8,931 | |
| Allowed | 7,801 C | 8,685 C | 9,252 C | 11,925 C | |
| Adjustment | (521) | 225 | 639 | 2,994 | 3,337 |
| GENERATION TOTAL | (1,182) | 297 | (435) | (1,407) | (2,727) |
| GRAND TOTAL | (3,731) | 3,105 | 11 | (3,924) | (4,539) |

C = Revenue requirement based on contribution

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