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Advice Letter 2994-G

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**Subject: Revision in Title of PG&E's "Natural Gas Vehicle Balancing Account"
(NGVBA) to "Liquefied Natural Gas Balancing Account (LNGBA)"**

Dear Mr. Cherry:

Advice Letter 2994-G is effective January 1, 2009.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie A. Fitch".

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Advice 2994-G

(Pacific Gas and Electric Company ID U39 G)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: Revision in Title of PG&E's "Natural Gas Vehicle Balancing Account" (NGVBA) to "Liquefied Natural Gas Balancing Account (LNGBA)"

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) hereby submits for filing revisions to its gas tariffs. The affected tariff sheets are attached.

Purpose

The purpose of this advice letter is to revise the title of PG&E's Preliminary Statement, Part X from "*Natural Gas Vehicle Balancing Account*" to "*Liquefied Natural Gas Balancing Account*" and to make revisions to PG&E's gas Preliminary Statement, Part C – "*Gas Accounting Terms & Definitions*" to reflect this title change.

Background

On October 15, 2008, the Commission approved Advice 2945-G authorizing PG&E to convert its experimental natural gas vehicle (NGV) rate schedules (G-NGV1, G-NGV2, and G-NGV4) to standard status. PG&E implemented the conversion to standard status on January 1, 2009. Prior to the conversion, the Natural Gas Vehicle Balancing Account (NGVBA) recorded revenue collected through PG&E's experimental NGV rates as well as revenue collected through PG&E's experimental liquefied natural gas (LNG) service under gas rate schedule G-LNG – "*Experimental Liquefied Natural Gas Service*." Upon conversion to standard status, PG&E began to record revenue collected through its NGV rate schedules to its core and noncore fixed cost and other applicable balancing accounts. Consequently, only LNG revenue collected through PG&E's experimental rate schedule G-LNG continues to be recorded to the NGVBA.

Revisions to PG&E's Gas Preliminary Statements, Part X – "Natural Gas Vehicle Balancing Account" and Part C – "Gas Accounting Terms & Definitions"

Advice 2945-G made revisions to PG&E's tariffs that were required to change PG&E's NGV rates from experimental to standard status. The advice letter did not, however, make similar revisions to PG&E's Preliminary Statements, Parts X and C. Preliminary Statement, Part X describes the accounting procedure associated with PG&E's NGVBA.

As described above, the NGVBA is now singularly used to record revenue collected by PG&E through its experimental LNG rate schedule. Accordingly, PG&E proposes to revise the title of Preliminary Statement, Part X from "Natural Gas Balancing Account (NGVBA)" to "Liquefied Natural Gas Balancing Account (LNGBA)" and to revise the accounting procedures described in the Preliminary Statement to exclude treatment of revenue collected through PG&E's NGV rates.

Additionally, PG&E proposes to revise the definition of the NGVBA currently included in Section 10 (Revenue Requirement) of PG&E's Preliminary Statement, Part C to reflect the change in the balancing account title.

Effective Date

PG&E requests that this filing be approved effective **January 1, 2009**, the date Advice 2945-G was implemented.

Protests

Anyone wishing to protest this advice letter may do so by sending a letter by **February 16, 2009**, 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
Tariff Files, Room 4005
DMS Branch
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, California 94102

Facsimile: (415) 703-2200
E-mail: mas@cpuc.ca.gov and inj@cpuc.ca.gov

Copies of protests also should be mailed to the attention of the Director, Energy Division, Room 4004, at the address shown above.

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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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, and the service lists below. Address changes should be directed to Rose de la Torre at PGETariffs@pge.com or (415) 973-4716. Advice letter filings can also be accessed electronically at:

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brian K. Cherry".

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: Rose de la Torre

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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) #: 2994-G

Tier: [2]

Subject of AL: Revision in Title of PG&E's "Natural Gas Vehicle Balancing Account" (NGVBA) to "Liquefied Natural Gas Balancing Account (LNGBA)"

Keywords: contracts

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

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

Does AL replace a withdrawn or rejected AL? If so, identify the prior AL: No

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: January 1, 2009

No. of tariff sheets: 4

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 Statements C and X.

Service affected and changes proposed:

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

DMS Branch

505 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, CA 94102

jinj@cpuc.ca.gov and mas@cpuc.ca.gov

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**ATTACHMENT 1
Advice 2994-G**

Cal P.U.C. Sheet No.	Title of Sheet	Cancelling Cal P.U.C. Sheet No.
27453-G	GAS PRELIMINARY STATEMENT PART C GAS ACCOUNTING TERMS & DEFINITIONS Sheet 8	23761-G
27454-G	GAS PRELIMINARY STATEMENT PART X LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS BALANCING ACCOUNT Sheet 1	24809-G
27455-G	GAS TABLE OF CONTENTS Sheet 1	27449-G
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GAS PRELIMINARY STATEMENT PART C
GAS ACCOUNTING TERMS & DEFINITIONS

Sheet 8

C. GAS ACCOUNTING TERMS AND DEFINITIONS (Cont'd.)

10. REVENUE REQUIREMENT (Cont'd.)

c. Transportation Revenue Requirement (Cont'd.)

- 7) Liquefied Natural Gas Balancing Account (LNGBA) Balance: This is the forecast revision-date balance in the LNGBA, described in Preliminary Statement, Part X, based on the latest recorded data available. (T)
(T)
- 8) Hazardous Substance Mechanism (HSM) Balance: This is the forecast revision-date balance in the HSM, as described in Preliminary Statement, Part AN, based on the latest recorded data available.
- 9) Customer Energy Efficiency Incentive Account (CEEIA) Balance: This is the forecast revision-date balance in the CEEIA, as described in Preliminary Statement, Part Y, based on the latest recorded data available.
- 10) Core Brokerage Fee Balancing Account (CBFA) Balance: This is the forecast revision-date balance in the CBFA described in Preliminary Statement, Part U, based on the latest recorded data available.
- 11) Affiliate Transfer Fees Account (ATFA) Balance: This is the forecast revision-date balance in the ATFA described in Preliminary Statement Part Q, based on the latest recorded data available.
- 12) Self-Generation Program Memorandum Account (SGIP) Balance: This is the forecast revision-date balance in the SGIP described in Preliminary Statement, Part AW, based on the latest recorded data available.
- 13) Gas Reimbursable Fees Balancing Account (GRFBA) Balance: This is the forecast revision-date balance in the GRFBA described in Preliminary Statement Part BF, based on the latest recorded data available.
- 14) Franchise Fees and Uncollectible Accounts Expense (F&U): The amount to be added for F&U shall be determined by multiplying the sum of Sections C.10.c.4.a through C.10.c.13, above, by the applicable F&U factor.

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GAS PRELIMINARY STATEMENT PART X
LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS BALANCING ACCOUNT

Sheet 1
 (T)

- X. LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS BALANCING ACCOUNT (LNGBA) (T)
 - 1. PURPOSE: The purpose of the LNGBA is to record all transportation revenue from customers receiving service under gas rate schedule G-LNG – “Experimental Liquefied Natural Gas Service.” The balance in the LNGBA will be incorporated in rates in the next Annual Gas True-up of Balancing Accounts, or as otherwise authorized by the Commission. (T)

Descriptions of the terms and definitions used in this section are found in Preliminary Statement, Part C, or in Rule 1. (T)
 - 2. APPLICABILITY: The LNGBA balance will be collected from all customer classes except for those specifically excluded by the CPUC. (T)
 - 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. (T)
 - 4. RATES: The LNGBA does not currently have a rate component. (T)
 - 5. ACCOUNTING PROCEDURE:
 - PG&E shall maintain the LNGBA by making entries at the end of each month as follows: (T)
 - a. A credit entry equal to the transportation revenue for deliveries during the month under gas rate schedule G-LNG, excluding the allowance for franchise fees and uncollectible accounts (F&U) expense. (T)
 - b. A credit or debit entry to transfer all or a portion of the balance in the LNGBA to other balancing accounts for future rate recovery, as may be approved by the CPUC. (T)
 - c. An entry equal to interest on the average balance in the LNGBA at the beginning of the month and the balance at the end of the month after entries X.5.a and X.5.b are made, at a rate equal to one-twelfth 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. (T)



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