

May 24, 2000

**ADVICE 2237-G/2002-E**

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) hereby submits for filing revisions to its gas and electric tariffs. The affected tariff sheets are listed on the enclosed Attachment I.

The purpose of this filing is to increase the household income requirements for PG&E's gas and electric California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) Program. This filing complies with Resolution E-3524, dated February 19, 1998, in which the Commission ordered the Energy Division Director to notify California utilities by letter each May 1<sup>st</sup> of annual revisions to CARE income levels effective June 1<sup>st</sup>. In accordance with the Energy Division's letter dated May 11, 2000, PG&E hereby submits tariff sheets with revised income levels for gas and electric Rules 19.1—*California Alternate Rates for Energy for Individual Customers and Submetered Tenants of Master-Metered Customers*, Rules 19.2—*California Alternate Rates for Energy for Nonprofit Group Living Facilities*, and Rules 19.3—*California Alternate Rates for Energy for Qualified Agricultural Employee Housing Facilities*.

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

In compliance with the Commission's orders as stated above, PG&E requests that this filing be approved effective **June 1, 2000**.

Anyone wishing to protest this filing may do so by sending a letter within 20 days of this filing. Protests should be mailed to:

IMC Branch Chief  
Energy Division  
California Public Utilities Commission  
505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 4002  
San Francisco, California 94102  
Facsimile: (415) 703-2200

Copies should also be mailed to the attention of the Director, Energy Division (address above), and Les Guliasi, Regulatory Relations Manager, 77 Beale Street, Mail Code B10C, P.O. Box 770000, San Francisco, California 94177,

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Facsimile (415) 973-7451. The protest should set forth the grounds upon which it is based and shall be submitted expeditiously. There are no restrictions on who may file a protest.

In accordance with Section III, Paragraph G of General Order 96-A, PG&E is mailing copies of this advice filing to the utilities and interested parties shown on the attached list, and interested parties in Application 99-07-002. Address change requests should be directed to Nelia Avendano at (415) 973-3529.

Vice President – Regulatory Relations

Attachments



**RULE 19.1—CALIFORNIA ALTERNATE RATES FOR ENERGY FOR INDIVIDUAL CUSTOMERS  
AND SUBMETERED TENANTS OF MASTER-METERED CUSTOMERS**  
(Continued)

**B. ELIGIBILITY (Cont'd.)**

Total gross annual income for all persons in the applicants household may not exceed the following:

<u>Number of Persons in Household</u>	<u>Maximum Annual Household Income</u>
1-2	\$18,200 (I)
3	\$21,500
Each additional member, add:	\$ 4,300 (I)

**C. CERTIFICATION**

1. Individually metered PG&E Customers, submetered tenants of master-metered PG&E Customers, and other qualifying applicants in individually metered residential dwelling units:

All applicants for certification must fill out and provide to PG&E Application Form No. 01-9077.

2. Submetered tenants of master-metered PG&E Customers:

Submetered tenants of master-metered Customers will submit Application Form No. 01-9285 to PG&E, including their apartment/unit number and PG&E master metered account number. PG&E will notify the master-metered Customer of the tenant's certification. The master-metered Customer, not PG&E, is responsible for extending CARE discounts to tenants certified to receive them.

3. Self-certification:

Self-certification will be used to determine income eligibility for the CARE program. Customers must sign a statement upon application indicating that PG&E may verify the Customer's eligibility at any time. If verification establishes that the Customer is ineligible, the Customer will be removed from the program and PG&E may render corrective billings.

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**RULE 19.2—CALIFORNIA ALTERNATE RATES FOR ENERGY**  
**FOR NONPROFIT GROUP-LIVING FACILITIES**  
(Continued)

**B. ELIGIBILITY (Cont'd.)**

3. The facility must also be licensed, or otherwise prove to PG&E's satisfaction, by the appropriate state agency. A homeless shelter is required to provide a copy of its municipal or county conditional use permit.
4. The facility must provide proof that each resident meets the requirement in either a or b, below to qualify for CARE:
  - a. The resident's total gross annual income does not exceed \$18,200; or (l)
  - b. The resident must be receiving one of the following types of assistance:
    - 1) Food Stamps;
    - 2) Aid to Families With Dependent Children (AFDC);
    - 3) Veterans' and Survivors' Pension Benefits; or
    - 4) Supplemental Security Income/State Supplemental Payment (SSI/SSP).

Homeless shelters do not need to provide the proof of income listed in B.4.a or B.4.b.

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**RULE 19.3-CALIFORNIA ALTERNATE RATES FOR ENERGY  
FOR QUALIFIED AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYEE HOUSING FACILITIES**  
(Continued)

**B. ELIGIBILITY (Cont'd.)**

**2. PRIVATE-OWNED EMPLOYEE HOUSING FACILITIES**

- a. Privately-Owned Employee Housing Facilities must provide proof of current compliance with Part 1 of Division 13 of the Health and Safety Code. Compliance must take the form of having a permit issued by the State Department of Housing and Community Development pursuant to Health and Safety Code §17030.
- b. For Privately-Owned Employee Housing Facilities, 100 percent of the energy supplied to the facility's premises must be used for residential purposes.

**3. AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYEE HOUSING FACILITIES**

- a. Agricultural Employee Housing Facilities must provide a letter of determination by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that the corporation is tax-exempt due to its non-profit status under IRS Code §501(c)(3) or proof that it is tax-exempt due to its non-profit status from the State of California. Additionally, the Facility must provide a copy of letter from the Assessor in the county where the Facility is located stating that the housing is exempt from local property taxes.
  - b. For Agricultural Employee Housing Facilities, 100 percent of the energy supplied to the facility's premises must be used for residential purposes, if each of the dwelling areas in the facility is individually metered. If a master meter serves the facility, not less than 70 percent of the energy supplied to the facility's premises must be used for residential purposes.
4. The total gross income for all persons residing in each household at a Facility may not exceed the following:

<u>Number of Persons in Household</u>	<u>Maximum Annual Household Income</u>
1-2	\$18,200 (I)
3	\$21,500
Each additional member, add	\$ 4,300 (I)

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