

March 26, 2002

Advice 2375-G/2210-E

(Pacific Gas and Electric Company ID U 39 M)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: Food Service Technology Center Memorandum Account (FSTCMA)

Pacific Gas and 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.¹

Purpose

The purpose of this advice letter is to establish the Food Service Technology Center Memorandum Account (FSTCMA) in compliance with Ordering Paragraph (OP) 2 of Decision (D.) 02-03-051.

Background

On March 21, 2002, the Commission issued D. 02-03-051 requiring PG&E to file an advice letter within 5 days of the effective date of the decision establishing the FSTCMA. The purpose of the FSTCMA is to track funds PG&E spends in maintaining the Food Service Technology Center (FSTC) beyond March 31, 2002, for the continued operation and/or dismantling of the FSTC.

The FSTC was developed to provide technical support and performance evaluation of commercial food service equipment and energy-using systems. The FSTC consists of a food service appliance laboratory, a production test kitchen, and a demonstration training facility. Funding to continue operating the FSTC was to expire on March 31, 2002.

¹ PG&E reserves all legal rights to challenge the decisions or statutes under which it has been required to make this advice filing, and nothing in this advice filing constitutes a waiver of such rights. Also, PG&E reserves any additional legal rights to challenge the requirement to make this advice filing by reason of its status as a debtor under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code, and nothing in this advice filing constitutes a waiver of such rights.

Tariff Revisions

PG&E is establishing gas Preliminary Statement Part AX - *Food Service Technology Center Memorandum Account (FSTCMA)*, and electric Preliminary Statement Part CA - *Food Service Technology Center Memorandum Account (FSTCMA)*, pursuant to OP 2 of D. 02-03-051. The purpose of the FSTCMA is to track expenses incurred by PG&E for operating and maintaining the FSTC beyond March 31, 2002, pending further Commission action.

Protests

Anyone wishing to protest this filing may do so by sending a letter by **April 15, 2002**, 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:

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, Room 4005 and Jerry Royer, 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: Les Gulas
Director, Regulatory Relations
77 Beale Street, Mail Code B10C
P.O. Box 770000
San Francisco, California 94177
Facsimile: (415) 973-7226

Effective Date

Consistent with OP 2 of D. 02-03-051, PG&E requests that this advice filing become effective on **March 31, 2002**.

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 and the parties on the service list for Rulemaking (R.) 01-08-028. Address changes should be directed to Nelia Avendano at (415) 973-3529. Advice letter filings can also be accessed electronically at:

http://www.pge.com/customer_services/business/tariffs/

Vice President - Regulatory Relations

Attachments

cc: Service List – R. 01-08-028



PRELIMINARY STATEMENT
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AX. FOOD SERVICE TECHNOLOGY CENTER MEMORANDUM ACCOUNT (FSTCMA):

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1. **PURPOSE:** The purpose of the FSTCMA is to track the expenses incurred by PG&E for operating and maintaining the Food Service Technology Center (FSTC) pending further Commission action. PG&E may recover reasonable expenses it incurs in connection with post March 31, 2002, activities related to the FSTC, including dismantling expenses if the Commission decides not to fund continued operation of the FSTC. If the Commission awards funding for the Center's continued operation to a third party, that party shall reimburse PG&E for its reasonable expenses incurred after March 31, 2002, in connection with the Center's operation, not to exceed PG&E's estimate of \$150,000/month (plus the allowed variance of 10%). The authority to establish this account was granted in Decision 02-03-051.
2. **APPLICABILITY:** The FSTCMA shall apply to all customer classes, except for those specifically excluded by the Commission.
3. **RATES:** The FSTCMA does not currently have a rate component.
4. **ACCOUNTING PROCEDURE:** PG&E shall maintain the FSTCMA by making entries at the end of each month as follows:
 - a. A debit entry equal to the FSTC operating and maintenance expenses incurred during the month;
 - b. A debit entry equal to the FSTC dismantling expenses, if the Commission decides not to fund continued operation of the FSTC;
 - c. A credit entry equal to a third party's reimbursement for PG&E's FSTC operating and maintenance expenses incurred after March 31, 2002, if the Commission awards third party funding for the continued operation of the FSTC;
 - d. A credit entry to transfer the balance in the FSTCMA to another account for future recovery, as may be approved by the Commission; and
 - e. A debit entry at the end of each month equal to the interest on the average of the balance at the beginning of the month and the balance at the end of the month at a rate equal to one-twelfth the interest rate on 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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