

December 23, 2002

Advice 2324-E

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (ID U39 E)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: Revisions to Electric Distribution Rates to Comply with Resolution M-4807

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) hereby submits proposed revisions to its electric tariff sheets. The affected tariff sheets are listed on the enclosed Attachment I.¹

Purpose

Resolution M-4807, dated December 19, 2002, revises the Public Utilities Commission Utility Reimbursement Account Fee (CPUC Fee) for utilities regulated by the Commission, effective January 1, 2003. PG&E hereby submits changes to its electric distribution rates to reflect the adopted CPUC Fee of 0.0314 cents per kWh.

Background

Section 431 of the Public Utilities Code requires the Commission to determine the CPUC Fee level to be paid by the utilities and included in utility rates. The CPUC Fee level adopted for 2003 by Resolution M-4807 for electrical corporations is \$0.0314 cents per kWh.

Based on the revised CPUC Fee rate of \$0.0314 cents per kWh, the electric distribution revenue requirement increases by \$15,360,000. PG&E is revising its electric distribution rates to reflect the adopted increase in the distribution revenue requirement. In order to retain total rates at the current levels, generation rates are reduced slightly to offset the distribution increase.

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 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.

Rate tables that show the distribution rate components² on the affected rate schedules are included in Attachment II. In anticipation that other rates will change on January 1, 2003, PG&E will consolidate all rate changes to be implemented on January 1, 2003, in final tariff form on or about the first of the year.

Protest

Anyone wishing to protest this filing may do so by sending a letter by **January 9, 2003**, 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, 4th Floor
San Francisco, California 94102

Facsimile: (415) 703-2200
E-mail: jjr@cpuc.ca.gov

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

Pacific Gas and Electric Company
Attention: Les Guliasi
Director, Regulatory Relations
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P.O. Box 770000
San Francisco, California 94177

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Effective Date

PG&E requests that this filing become effective on **January 1, 2003**, which is the effective date for rate changes specified in Resolution M-4807.

² PG&E has included in the distribution rates shown in Attachment II, the revenue requirements increases due to PG&E's 2003 Cost of Capital Decision (D.02-11-027), which were filed in Advice 2320-E, dated December 17, 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. 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/customer_services/business/tariffs/

Vice President - Regulatory Relations

Attachments



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E. CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION REIMBURSEMENT FEE

1. PURPOSE: The purpose of this provision is to set forth the Public Utilities Commission Reimbursement Fee to be paid by utilities to fund regulation by the Commission (Public Utilities Code, Sections 401-443). The fee is ordered by the Commission under Section 433 of the PUC Code.
2. APPLICABILITY: This reimbursement fee applies to all electric service rendered under all rate schedules and contracts authorized by the Commission, with the exception of interdepartmental sales or transfers and sales to electric public utilities. It is applicable within the entire territory served by the company.
3. RATE: The current CPUC Reimbursement Fee rate is \$.00031 per kWh. This rate is included in all applicable schedules. (l)



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