February 11, 2004

Advice 2473-E
(Pacific Gas and Electric Company (ID U39 E))

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: PG&E's Authorization for Gas Procurement Audit Memorandum Account

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

Purpose

The purpose of this advice filing is to submit new Preliminary Statement Part DK - Gas Procurement Audit Memorandum Account (GPAMA) to record the costs associated with or related to audits of PG&E's gas procurement procedures authorized in Decision (D.) 04-01-050, dated January 22, 2004, in Rulemaking (R.) 01-10-024.

Background

In D. 04-01-050 the Commission expressed concern that in cases where PG&E is using its own facilities to procure gas for its own portfolio, the potential for inappropriate self-dealing exists. The Commission wants to establish rules for any dealings with PG&E Gas Transmission Northwest if PG&E needs to deal with this affiliate in order to access Canadian gas pipelines. For dealings with other departments, the Commission intends to examine any potential for abuse due to different department's costs recovery mechanisms and incentive structures.

As a result of these concerns, the Commission directs that a management audit focused on these procurement issues be undertaken. These audit costs are reimbursable, and PG&E is ordered to place the costs in a memorandum account.

Protests

Anyone wishing to protest this filing may do so by sending a letter by March 2, 2004, 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: Brian Cherry  
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San Francisco, California 94177  
Facsimile: (415) 973-7226  
E-mail: RxDd@gpe.com

Effective Date

PG&E requests that this filing become effective February 11, 2004, which is the date of filing.

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 Application (A.) 00-11-038. Address changes should be directed to Sandra Ciach at (415) 973-7572. Advice letter filings can also be accessed electronically at:

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

Karen D. O'malley  
Vice President - Regulatory Relations

Attachments

cc: Service List - A. 00-11-038
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DK. GAS PROCUREMENT AUDIT MEMORANDUM ACCOUNT (GPAMA)

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of the GPAMA is to record the costs associated with or related to audits of PG&E's gas procurement procedures as requested in Decision 04-01-050. The GPAMA was authorized by the Commission in Decision 04-01-050.

2. APPLICABILITY

The GPAMA shall apply to all customer classes, except for those specifically excluded by the Commission.

3. GPAMA RATES

The GPAMA does not currently have a rate component.

4. ACCOUNTING PROCEDURE

PG&E shall maintain the GPAMA by making entries to this account at the end of each month as follows:

a. A debit entry equal to the recorded costs associated with or related to the audit of PG&E management of its gas procurement procedures. Prior Commission approval must be received for all costs invoiced by the authors.

b. A debit entry equal to the interest on the average monthly balance 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, G.13 or its successor.

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