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May 3, 2007

Advice Letter 3003-E

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Subject: Creation of British Columbia Renewable Study Balancing Account in Compliance  
with D. 07-03-013

Dear Ms. de la Torre:

Advice Letter 3003-E is effective March 01, 2007. A copy of the advice letter is returned  
herewith for your records.

Sincerely,

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Sean H. Gallagher, Director  
Energy Division

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March 12, 2007

**Advice 3003-E**

(Pacific Gas and Electric Company ID U39 E)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

**Subject:      Creation of British Columbia Renewable Study Balancing  
Account in Compliance with Decision 07-03-013**

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) hereby submits for filing revisions to its electric tariffs. The affected tariff sheets are enclosed as Attachment 1.

**Purpose**

The purpose of this advice filing is to establish the British Columbia Renewable Study Balancing Account (BCRSBA) in compliance with Decision (D.) 07-03-013, which authorized PG&E to spend up to \$14 million in costs for external consultants to prepare a study to evaluate the feasibility of obtaining wind-generated and other renewable electric power from various regions in British Columbia, Canada (BC Renewable Study). PG&E will record the study costs in the BCRSBA and seek recovery of the costs in this account when it also recovers its Utility Generation Balancing Account (UGBA) as a part of the Annual Electric True-Up subject to audit.

**Background**

On August 9, 2006, PG&E filed Application (A.) 06-08-011 proposing; 1) to recover up to \$14 million to study the feasibility of obtaining electric power from renewable resources from sites in British Columbia and transmitting that power to PG&E's service area and, 2) to record BC Renewable Study costs in the Utility Generation Balancing Account.

On March 1, 2007, the Commission issued D.07-03-013 approving, with modifications, A.06-08-011. D.07-03-013 ordered PG&E to create a new balancing account to record up to \$14 million in costs associated with the BC

Renewable Study and allows PG&E to seek recovery of the costs in a subsequent Annual Energy True-Up filing.

**Preliminary Statement Changes (See Attachment 1)**

PG&E creates preliminary statement EN – BCRSBA, to record up to \$14 million in costs for external consultants to prepare a study to evaluate the feasibility of obtaining wind-generated and other renewable electric power from various regions in British Columbia. There is no rate component associated with this balancing account. PG&E will transfer the balance in this account to the UGBA for recovery.

**Protests**

Anyone wishing to protest this filing may do so by sending a letter by April 2, 2007 which is **21** days from the date of this filing<sup>1</sup>. 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: jnj@cpuc.ca.gov and mas@cpuc.ca.gov

Copies should also be mailed to the attention of the Director, Energy Division, Room 4005 and Honesto Gatchalian, Energy Division, at the address shown above.

The protest also should be sent via U.S. mail (and by facsimile and electronically, if possible) to PG&E at the address shown below on the same date it is mailed or delivered to the Commission.

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San Francisco, California 94177

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<sup>1</sup> The 20 day protest period concludes on a weekend. PG&E moves it to the following business day.

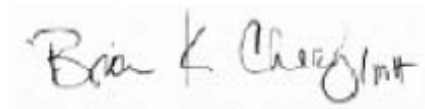
**Effective Date**

PG&E requests that this advice filing, upon Energy Division approval, be effective **March 1, 2007**, which is the effective date of D.07-03-013.

**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 service list for A.06-08-011. 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/tariffs>

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Vice President - Regulatory Relations

cc: Service lists for A.06-08-011

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 U39M

Utility type:

☒ ELC

☒ GAS

☐ PLC

☐ HEAT

☐ WATER

Contact Person: David Poster

Phone #: (415) 973-1082

E-mail: DXPu@pge.com

### EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE

ELC = Electric

GAS = Gas

PLC = Pipeline

HEAT = Heat

WATER = Water

(Date Filed/ Received Stamp by CPUC)

Advice Letter (AL) #: **3003-E**

Subject of AL: Creation of British Columbia Renewable Study Balancing Account in Compliance with Decision 07-03-013

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Balancing Account, compliance

AL filing type: ☐ Monthly ☐ Quarterly ☐ Annual ☒ One-Time ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

If AL filed in compliance with a Commission order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution: D.07-03-013

Does AL replace a withdrawn or rejected AL? If so, identify the prior AL

Summarize differences between the AL and the prior withdrawn or rejected AL<sup>1</sup>:

Resolution Required? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Requested effective date: **March 1, 2007**

No. of tariff sheets: 3

Estimated system annual revenue effect: (%)

Estimated system average rate effect (%):

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: Electric Preliminary Statement EN

Service affected and changes proposed<sup>1</sup>:

Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets: N/A

**Protests 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**

**Attention: Tariff Unit**

**505 Van Ness Ave.,**

**San Francisco, CA 94102**

**[injc@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:injc@cpuc.ca.gov) and [mas@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:mas@cpuc.ca.gov)**

**Utility Info (including e-mail)**

**Attn: Brian K. Cherry**

**Vice President, Regulatory Relations**

**77 Beale Street, Mail Code B10C**

**P.O. Box 770000**

**San Francisco, CA 94177**

**E-mail: [PGETariffs@pge.com](mailto:PGETariffs@pge.com)**

<sup>1</sup> Discuss in AL if more space is needed.

**ATTACHMENT 1  
Advice 3003-E**

<b>Cal P.U.C. Sheet No.</b>	<b>Title of Sheet</b>	<b>Cancelling Cal P.U.C. Sheet No.</b>
26197-E	Preliminary Statement Part EN--British Columbia Renewable Study Balancing Account	New
26198-E	Table of Contents – Preliminary Statements	25592-E
26199-E	Table of Contents -- Title Page	25902-E



PRELIMINARY STATEMENT  
(Continued)

EN. BRITISH COLUMBIA RENEWABLE STUDY BALANCING ACCOUNT (BCRSBA)

(N)

1. PURPOSE:

The purpose of the British Columbia Renewable Study Balancing Account (BCRSBA) is to record up to \$14 million in costs for external consultants to prepare a study ("BC Renewable Study") to evaluate the feasibility of obtaining wind-generated and other renewable electric power from various regions in British Columbia, Canada, as authorized by D.07-03.13 in A.06-08-011. These costs will be recovered in the Utility Generation Balancing Account (UGBA) as part of the Annual Electric True-Up.

2. APPLICABILITY:

The BCRSBA shall apply to all customer classes, except for any classes that may be specifically excluded by the CPUC.

3. RATES:

The BCRSBA does not have a rate component.

4. ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES:

PG&E shall maintain the BCRSBA by making the following entries:

- a. A monthly debit entry for external consultants' study expenses.
- b. A monthly debit entry equal to the interest on the average of the balance at the beginning of the month and the balance after the entries above, 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.
- c. An annual credit entry to transfer the balance to the UGBA for recovery in rates.

(N)

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**PG&E Gas and Electric Advice  
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General Order 96-A, Section III(G)**

ABAG Power Pool  
Accent Energy  
Aglet Consumer Alliance  
Agnews Developmental Center  
Ahmed, Ali  
Alcantar & Kahl  
Ancillary Services Coalition  
Anderson Donovan & Poole P.C.  
Applied Power Technologies  
APS Energy Services Co Inc  
Arter & Hadden LLP  
Avista Corp  
Barkovich & Yap, Inc.  
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Blue Ridge Gas  
Bohannon Development Co  
BP Energy Company  
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CA Cotton Ginners & Growers Assoc.  
CA League of Food Processors  
CA Water Service Group  
California Energy Commission  
California Farm Bureau Federation  
California Gas Acquisition Svcs  
California ISO  
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Chevron USA Production Co.  
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City of Palo Alto  
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CSC Energy Services  
Davis, Wright, Tremaine LLP  
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Douglass & Liddell  
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Duke Energy  
Duke Energy North America  
Duncan, Virgil E.  
Dutcher, John  
Dynergy Inc.  
Ellison Schneider  
Energy Law Group LLP  
Energy Management Services, LLC  
Exelon Energy Ohio, Inc  
Exeter Associates  
Foster Farms  
Foster, Wheeler, Martinez  
Franciscan Mobilehome  
Future Resources Associates, Inc  
G. A. Krause & Assoc  
Gas Transmission Northwest Corporation  
GLJ Energy Publications  
Goodin, MacBride, Squeri, Schlotz &  
Hanna & Morton  
Heeg, Peggy A.  
Hitachi Global Storage Technologies  
Hogan Manufacturing, Inc  
House, Lon  
Imperial Irrigation District  
Integrated Utility Consulting Group  
International Power Technology  
Interstate Gas Services, Inc.  
IUCG/Sunshine Design LLC  
J. R. Wood, Inc  
JTM, Inc  
Luce, Forward, Hamilton & Scripps  
Manatt, Phelps & Phillips  
Marcus, David  
Matthew V. Brady & Associates  
Maynor, Donald H.  
MBMC, Inc.  
McKenzie & Assoc  
McKenzie & Associates  
Meek, Daniel W.  
Mirant California, LLC  
Modesto Irrigation Dist  
Morrison & Foerster  
Morse Richard Weisenmiller & Assoc.  
Navigant Consulting  
New United Motor Mfg, Inc  
Norris & Wong Associates  
North Coast Solar Resources  
Northern California Power Agency  
Office of Energy Assessments  
OnGrid Solar  
Palo Alto Muni Utilities

PG&E National Energy Group  
Pinnacle CNG Company  
PITCO  
Plurimi, Inc.  
PPL EnergyPlus, LLC  
Praxair, Inc.  
Price, Roy  
Product Development Dept  
R. M. Hairston & Company  
R. W. Beck & Associates  
Recon Research  
Regional Cogeneration Service  
RMC Lonestar  
Sacramento Municipal Utility District  
SCD Energy Solutions  
Seattle City Light  
Sempra  
Sempra Energy  
Sequoia Union HS Dist  
SESCO  
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Silicon Valley Power  
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