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Advice Letters 3975-E

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SUBJECT: Change to Electric Schedule LS-1, PG&E-Owned Street and Highway Lighting

Dear Mr. Cherry:

Advice Letter 3975-E is effective as of February 28, 2013, per Resolution E-4547.

Sincerely,

Edward F. Randolph, Director  
Energy Division
December 21, 2011

Advice 3975-E  
(Pacific Gas and Electric Company ID U 39 E)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: Change to Electric Schedule LS-1, PG&E-Owned Street and Highway Lighting

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) hereby submits for filing revision to its electric tariffs. The affected tariff sheet is attached (Attachment I).

Purpose

PG&E requests the California Public Utilities Commission’s (“CPUC” or “Commission”) approval of a revision to Special Condition 4 of Electric Rate Schedule LS-1, PG&E-Owned Street and Highway Lighting. The purpose of this revision is to add clarity in the tariff language by eliminating a phrase that is no longer applicable. Specifically, the tariff language currently describes Class A installations as installations where “PG&E owns and maintains luminaire, control facilities, support arm, and service wiring on its existing distribution pole, and all lights formerly served under Schedule LS-1, Class A, as of September 11, 1978.” PG&E proposes to remove the phrase that refers to lights in service under Class A as of September 11, 1978, as these facilities do not in fact qualify for Class A electric rates pursuant to Commission Decision D 86-12-091.

Background

Prior to 1978, PG&E did not have separate street lighting rates for luminaires mounted on street light-only poles. Lights on street light-only poles were assigned to Schedule LS-1A or LS1B and assessed a pole charge. In 1978, separate rate classes (D, E and F) were created for lights on street light-only poles, and LS-1A was closed to new installations on street light-only poles. However, existing lights were allowed to remain on the lower LS-1A rate if they were installed on or before September 11, 1978.
In Decision D. 83-12-068, the Commission adopted a suggestion which was made by the California City/County Street Light Association (CAL-SLA) “that PG&E attempt to propose an unbundled rate design for street lighting” in its next general rate case. [D. 83-12-068]

PG&E’s Application A. 86-04-012 included a proposal to reassign lights on streetlight only poles from Classes A and B “to Schedules LS-1D, E and F to more accurately reflect the type of service being provided.” [D. 86-12-091].

In D. 86-12-091, the Commission supported PG&E’s proposal, finding that “[s]treet lights on street light-only poles are not assigned to schedules which accurately reflect this type of service” [D. 86-12-091, FF106]. The Commission concluded that “[s]treet lights on street light-only poles should be reassigned.” [D. 86-12-091 CL 57] The body of the decision notes that “…[c]ustomers will continue to be billed for street lights under their current schedules until reassignment by PG&E. We expect PG&E to have its reassignment of street lights complete by June 1, 1987.”

In accordance with D.86-12-091, PG&E reassigned street light-only accounts to Schedules LS-1D, E and F. However, the tariff language does not capture the intent of D. 86-12-091, and thus PG&E is proposing to remedy this matter with the tariff revision requested herein.

**Customer Impacts**

There are a number of customers who were impacted by the reassignment to classes D, E or F pursuant to D. 86-12-091. Because of the ambiguity in the tariff language up to this time, PG&E proposes to identify these customers and provide them with a credit for facility charges in excess of the Class A rates for a period of three years from the date that this matter first came to PG&E’s attention, consistent with Electric Rule 17.1. PG&E will proceed with this effort upon approval of this Advice Letter.

PG&E has also identified approximately 6500 lights on streetlight-only poles which were installed on or before September 11, 1978 and which have remained on Schedule LS-1A. PG&E proposes to correct the rate schedules for these lights going forward, after this requested tariff change is approved. This will result in bill increases for these customers, consistent with the direction provided in D. 86-12-091.

**Tariff Revision**

On Electric Schedule LS-1 (PG&E-owned street and highway lighting), Sheet 11, Special Condition 4, section “Class A”, remove the following text, “…and all lights
Protests

Anyone wishing to protest this filing may do so by letter sent via U.S. mail, by facsimile or electronically, any of which must be received no later than January 10, 2012, which is 20 days after the date of this filing. 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 of protests also should be mailed to the attention of the Director, Energy Division, Room 4004, 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

Facsimile: (415) 973-6520
E-mail: PGETariffs@pge.com

Effective Date

PG&E requests that this Tier 3 advice filing become effective upon Commission approval.
**Notice**

In accordance with General Order 96-B, Section IV, 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 Application 10-03-014. Address changes to the General Order 96-B service list and all electronic approvals should be directed to PGETariffs@pge.com. For changes to any other service list, please contact the Commission’s Process Office at (415) 703-2021 or at Process_Office@cpuc.ca.gov. Advice letter filings can also be accessed electronically at http://www.pge.com/tariffs.

Vice President – Regulation and Rates

cc: Service list for A.10-03-014

Attachments
**Company name/CPUC Utility No.** Pacific Gas and Electric Company (ID U39 E)

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### EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE

- **ELC** = Electric
- **GAS** = Gas
- **PLC** = Pipeline
- **HEAT** = Heat
- **WATER** = Water

**Advice Letter (AL) #: 3975-E**

**Tier:** 3

**Subject of AL:** Change to Electric Schedule LS-1, “PG&E-Owned Street and Highway Lighting”

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Street Lights

AL filing type: ☑ Monthly ☐ Quarterly ☐ Annual ☑ One-Time ☐ Other

If AL filed in compliance with a Commission order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution #:

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:

Is AL requesting confidential treatment? If so, what information is the utility seeking confidential treatment for:

Confidential information will be made available to those who have executed a nondisclosure agreement: ☑ Yes ☐ No

Name(s) and contact information of the person(s) who will provide the nondisclosure agreement and access to the confidential information:

Resolution Required? ☑ Yes ☐ No

Requested effective date: **Upon Commission Approval**

- Estimated system annual revenue effect (%): N/A
- Estimated system average rate effect (%): N/A
- **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 Rate Schedule LS-1
- Service affected and changes proposed: N/A
- Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets: N/A

Protests, dispositions, 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**

*Tariff Files, Room 4005*

*DMS Branch*

*505 Van Ness Ave.,*

*San Francisco, CA 94102*

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SPECIAL CONDITIONS: (Cont’d)

4. DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE PROVIDED:

The following describes lighting facilities only. Lighting facilities payments, and service connections and payments, are described in special conditions 7, 8 and 9.

Class A: PG&E owns and maintains luminaire, control facilities, support arm, and service wiring on its existing distribution pole. There is no installation charge for this class for standard (non-decorative) High Pressure Sodium (HPS) luminaires. For LED installations the Customer shall pay to PG&E in advance a non-refundable amount equal to PG&E’s estimated installed cost difference between the LED luminaire and the non-decorative HPS luminaire that PG&E has determined to have equivalent light output. Only luminaires selected by PG&E are eligible for installation under LS-1, except as addressed in Special Condition 12.

Class B: PG&E owns and maintains luminaire, control facilities, support arm, pole or post, foundation and service connection and where Customer has paid the estimated installed cost of the luminaire, support arm and control facilities (applicable only to installations in service as of September 11, 1978).
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