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Advice Letters: 4740-E, 4740-E-A, 4740-E-B, 4740-E-C

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Subject: Staff Disposition of PG&E's AL 4740-E implementing Pacific Gas and Electric Company's Proposal to Revise Rates and Tariffs in Compliance with Decision 15-08-005 in PG&E's General Rate Case, Phase 2

Dear Mr. Jacobson:

The CPUC Energy Division (ED) approves PG&E's advice letter (AL) 4740-E along with its supplemental ALs 4740-E-A, 4740-E-B, and 4740-E-C effective as of the date of this letter. ED received one late-filed protest, dated December 21, 2015, from the Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA). The protest was accepted by ED, and PG&E timely replied to SEIA's protest on December 30, 2015. As described below (see Appendix), ED has determined that SEIA's protest is now moot, and is therefore denied.

Please contact Robert Levin of Energy Division at robert.levin@cpuc.ca.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edward Randolph".

Edward Randolph
Director, Energy Division
California Public Utilities Commission

cc: SEIA (Jeanne B. Armstrong, Counsel for SEIA)
Service List A.13-04-012
Paul Phillips, ED

Appendix: Staff Review and Findings

Background

AL 4740-E is a Tier 1 AL describing electric rate and tariff revisions filed on November 23, 2015 and intended to comply with Ordering Paragraphs (“OPs”) 1 through 4, and 6 through 9 of Decision (D.)15-08-005 in Application (A.)13-04-012, PG&E’s 2014 General Rate Case (GRC) Phase 2 proceeding. In this AL, all items relating to the above OPs were scheduled to be implemented on January 1, 2016, with the following exceptions:

- Allow Net Energy Metering (NEM) customers to take service on Peak Day Pricing (PDP) rates; and
- Eliminate the zero minimum bill for Schedule E-CARE.

On December 29, 2015, PG&E filed a supplemental AL 4740-E-A requesting a delay in implementation of certain changes to PG&E’s Standby Schedule S. The Standby changes were implemented on March 24, 2016 by AL 4805-E. On May 6, 2016, PG&E filed a second supplemental AL 4740-E-B extending the dates and clarifying the conditions of eligibility for Schedule A-6. This supplemental clarifies PG&E’s implementation of OPs 9a and 9b. New applicants with demands over 75 kW or 150,000 kWh per year must apply for A-6 by March 31, 2017. These demand limitations will not apply to customers who are already on A-6 as of that date. No protests, other than the SEIA protest discussed above, were received on AL 4740-E or its supplemental ALs.

SEIA’s protest

SEIA protested that AL 4740-E did not contain the necessary tariff changes to comply with OP 9c (implement NEM for PDP customers), nor did it set a timetable for doing so. SEIA stated: “PG&E’s failure to timely implement PDP pricing for NEM customers is in direct contravention of a Commission order and constitutes a continued violation of Public Utilities Code 2827.” SEIA also suggested that PG&E should have filed a request for extension of time in this instance.

PG&E’s reply to SEIA’s protest

In reply, PG&E stated that the Decision does not mandate an implementation date, and noted that implementation of PDP for NEM customers requires structural billing changes which cannot be implemented with the other changes for GRC Phase II on January 1, 2016. Further, PG&E stated that it is not in violation of a Commission Order or PUC Section 2827. While PG&E is aware of the new requirement to implement PDP for NEM customers, this is a new requirement (the Commission had previously approved tariff language excluding NEM customers from eligibility for PDP¹).

Additionally, PG&E stated that it is not required to file a request to extend the time to implement PDP for NEM customers, as suggested by SEIA. According to PG&E, this would have been an appropriate process had the Commission provided an implementation date in the Decision. It did not.

¹PG&E cites D.10-02-032, pp. 9-10.

Finally, PG&E argued that structural billing changes routinely take more time to implement compared to rate value changes, and: “Due to the billing complexity associated with offering PDP to NEM customers, PG&E needs to provide customers sufficient education and outreach to help customers understand the financial implications of default.”

Discussion

ED staff agrees with PG&E that it is not technically in violation of D.15-08-005 nor PU Code Section 2827 because that decision did not include a deadline for implementation of OP 9c. Further, ED staff recognizes the unusual complexities of implementing OP 9c. That said, PG&E should have clearly excluded OP 9c from the scope of AL 4740-E, along with any other features required by D.15-08-005 that were not implementable by January 1, 2016, and provided an estimated timeline for implementation of such features.

On June 20, 2016, PG&E filed a third supplemental AL 4740-E-C clarifying that implementation of OP 9c and the zero minimum bill for Schedule E-CARE would be proposed in a separate AL to be filed by December 31, 2016 and that those features would be implemented by May 1, 2017.

Now that PG&E has proposed an implementation timetable for OP 9c, ED staff finds that SEIA’s protest is moot and is therefore rejected. Energy Division finds that the AL with its three supplemental ALs are in compliance with D.15-08-005 and are approved.

May 6, 2016

Advice 4740-E-B

(Pacific Gas and Electric Company ID U 39 E)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

**Subject: Second Supplemental: Revise Rates and Tariffs in Compliance with
Decision 15-08-005 in PG&E's 2014 General Rate Case, Phase 2**

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

Purpose

PG&E is filing this supplemental advice letter to describe electric tariff revisions in compliance with Ordering Paragraphs 9a and 9b of Decision (D.) 15-08-005 in Application (A.) 13-04-012, PG&E's 2014 GRC Phase 2 proceeding. Ordering Paragraphs 9a and 9b relate to Schedule A-6 eligibility terms and conditions.

On November 23, 2015, PG&E filed Advice 4740-E.¹ After review and consultation, Energy Division directed PG&E to file a supplemental advice letter to clarify certain provisions of the Schedule A-6 applicability clause, as follows:

- 1) Change the December 31, 2016 deadline to be the submittal date deadline for certified letters from customers requesting service on Schedule A-6 pursuant to Electric Rule 12, rather than the deadline to complete a rate change to Schedule A-6.
- 2) Clarify that the Schedule A-6 eligibility size limitations and annual November screening of Schedule A-6 customers over 75 kW or 150,000 kWh per year only apply to new Schedule A-6 applicants on or after January 1, 2017.
- 3) Change or delay by three months the deadline dates of December 31, 2016 and January 1, 2017 to new effective dates three months later, to accommodate a

¹ On December 29, 2015, PG&E filed supplemental Advice 4740-E-A to modify two Standby Schedule S provisions originally filed in Advice 4740-E.

request from the Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA) to reflect the three month delay in the filing date of PG&E's 2017 GRC Phase 2 application.² Thus:

- March 31, 2017 is the new deadline date for certified letters, and
- April 1, 2017 is the date the new eligibility size limitations will be in place for new Schedule A-6 applicants.

Tariff Revisions

The Schedule A-6 tariff modifications proposed in supplemental Advice 4740-E-B to implement the above three revisions are contained in Attachment 1.

Protests

Anyone wishing to protest this filing may do so by letter sent via U.S. mail, facsimile or E-mail, no later than May 26, 2016, which is 20 days after the date of this filing. Protests must be submitted to:

CPUC Energy Division
ED Tariff Unit
505 Van Ness Avenue, 4th Floor
San Francisco, California 94102

Facsimile: (415) 703-2200
E-mail: EDTariffUnit@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 shall also be sent to PG&E either via E-mail or U.S. mail (and by facsimile, if possible) at the address shown below on the same date it is mailed or delivered to the Commission:

Erik Jacobson
Director, Regulatory Relations
c/o Megan Lawson
Pacific Gas and Electric Company
77 Beale Street, Mail Code B10C
P.O. Box 770000
San Francisco, California 94177

² By letter dated March 29, 2016, the CPUC Executive Director granted the request in PG&E's letter dated March 14, 2016 to delay the filing date of PG&E's 2017 GRC Phase 2 application from March 31, 2016 to June 30, 2016. PG&E's 2017 GRC Phase 2 will include a study of the appropriateness of demand charges in the small and medium commercial classes.

Facsimile: (415) 973-7226
E-mail: PGETariffs@pge.com

Any person (including individuals, groups, or organizations) may protest or respond to an advice letter (General Order 96-B, Section 7.4). The protest shall contain the following information: specification of the advice letter protested; grounds for the protest; supporting factual information or legal argument; name, telephone number, postal address, and (where appropriate) e-mail address of the protestant; and statement that the protest was sent to the utility no later than the day on which the protest was submitted to the reviewing Industry Division (General Order 96-B, Section 3.11).

Effective Date

PG&E requests that this Tier 2 advice filing become effective on June 20, 2016 which is 45 calendar days after the date of filing.

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 parties on the service list for A.13-04-012. Address changes to the General Order 96-B service list should be directed to PG&E at email address 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. Send all electronic approvals to PGETariffs@pge.com. Advice letter filings can also be accessed electronically at: <http://www.pge.com/tariffs/>.

/S/

Erik Jacobson
Director, Regulatory Relations

Attachments

cc: Service List A.13-04-012

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 (ID U39 E)**

Utility type:

ELC GAS
 PLC HEAT WATER

Contact Person: Kingsley Cheng

Phone #: (415) 973-5265

E-mail: k2c0@pge.com and PGETariffs@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) #: **4740-E-B**

Tier: **2**

Subject of AL: **Second Supplemental: Revise Rates and Tariffs in Compliance with Decision 15-08-005 in PG&E's 2014 General Rate Case, Phase 2**

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Compliance

AL filing type: Monthly Quarterly Annual One-Time Other _____

If AL filed in compliance with a Commission order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution #: D.15-08-005

Does AL replace a withdrawn or rejected AL? If so, identify the prior AL: No

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: No

Confidential information will be made available to those who have executed a nondisclosure agreement: N/A

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: **June 20, 2016**

No. of tariff sheets: **3**

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 A-6**

Service affected and changes proposed: **Electric Rate Schedule A-6**

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:

California Public Utilities Commission
Energy Division
EDTariffUnit
505 Van Ness Ave., 4th Flr.
San Francisco, CA 94102
E-mail: EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov

Pacific Gas and Electric Company
Attn: Erik Jacobson
Director, Regulatory Relations
c/o Megan Lawson
77 Beale Street, Mail Code B10C
P.O. Box 770000
San Francisco, CA 94177
E-mail: PGETariffs@pge.com

**ATTACHMENT 1
Advice 4740-E-B**

**Cal P.U.C.
Sheet No.**

Title of Sheet

**Cancelling Cal
P.U.C. Sheet No.**

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ELECTRIC SCHEDULE A-6
SMALL GENERAL TIME-OF-USE SERVICE

Sheet 1

APPLICABILITY: This time-of-use schedule applies to single-phase and polyphase alternating-current service (for a description of these terms, see Section D of Rule 2*). This schedule is not available to residential or agricultural service for which a residential or agricultural schedule is applicable, except for single-phase and polyphase service in common areas in a multifamily complex (see Common-Area Accounts section). Customers with a maximum demand of 200 kW or greater for three consecutive months must have an interval data meter that can be read remotely by PG&E and be on this or other applicable time-of-use schedule.

Effective April 1, 2017, Schedule A-6 is closed to new customers with a maximum demand of 75 kW or greater for three consecutive months in the most recent twelve months, or with usage of 150,000 kWh per year or greater, and who have at least twelve (12) months of hourly usage data available. For new customers on or after April 1, 2017, eligibility for A-6 will be reviewed annually and migration of ineligible customers will be implemented once per year, on bill cycles each November, using the same procedures described in Schedule A-1 for Time-of-Use (TOU) rates adopted in Decision 10-02-032 as modified by Decision 11-11-008. Any customer with a maximum demand of 75 kW or greater, or with usage of 150,000 kWh per year or greater, who sends PG&E a letter (via certified mail with a return receipt to establish a delivery record date on or before March 31, 2017) requesting a rate change pursuant to Electric Rule 12, shall be allowed to take service on Schedule A-6.

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Depending upon whether or not a Time-Of-Use Installation or Time-Of-Use Processing charge applied prior to May 1, 2006, the customer will be served under one of these rates under Schedule A-6:

Rate W: Applies to customers who were on Rate W as of May 1, 2006.

Rate X: Applies to customers who were on Rate X as of May 1, 2006 or who enroll on A-6 on or after May 1, 2006.

A-6: Applies to customers who were on A-6 as of May 1, 2006.

Peak Day Pricing Default Rates: Peak Day Pricing (PDP) rates provide customers the opportunity to manage their electric costs by reducing load during high cost periods or shifting load from high cost periods to lower cost periods. Decision 10-02-032, as modified by Decision 11-11-008, ordered that beginning November 1, 2014, eligible small and medium Commercial and Industrial (C&I) customers (those with demands that are not equal or greater than 200kW for three consecutive months) default to PDP rates. A customer is eligible for default when it has at least twelve (12) billing months of hourly usage data available and two years of experience on TOU rates. All eligible customers will be placed on PDP rates unless they opt-out to a TOU rate. Customers with a SmartMeter™ system, or interval meter, installed that can be remotely read by PG&E may also voluntarily elect to enroll on PDP rates prior to their default dates.

* The Rules referred to in this schedule are part of PG&E's electric tariffs. Copies are available at PG&E's local offices and website at <http://www.pge.com/tariffs>.

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