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Advice Letters 3417-G/4284-E

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Subject: Add Three New Sites to Hazardous Substance Mechanism.

Dear Mr. Cherry:

Advice Letters 3417-G and 4284-E are effective October 24, 2013.

Sincerely,

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

Edward F. Randolph, Director
Energy Division

September 24, 2013

Advice 3417-G/4284-E

(Pacific Gas and Electric Company ID U 39 M)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: Add Three New Sites to Hazardous Substance Mechanism**Purpose**

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) hereby requests California Public Utilities Commission (Commission or CPUC) approval to include three additional sites in the Hazardous Substance Cost Recovery Account as referenced within Gas Preliminary Statement Part AN and Electric Preliminary Statement Part S, *Hazardous Substance*, in compliance with Decision (D.) 94-05-020.

PG&E has identified three facilities where historical operations included the use, storage, and/or repair of utility equipment that contained mercury and may have contained other hazardous substances. PG&E plans to conduct environmental assessments at these sites to identify what steps are needed to protect worker safety, public health, and the environment.

A description of all three additional sites is set forth in Attachment I to this filing. The sites are as follows:

Site Name	Location
Fremont Gas and Electric Meter Shop	42100 Boyce Road, Fremont, Alameda County
Santa Rosa Compressor Station	1820 Piner Road, Santa Rosa, Sonoma County
Stony Point Rd and Nahmens Rd., Sonoma County	Northwest corner of Nahmens Road and Stony Point Road, Sonoma County

Background

D.94-05-020 requires California utilities to file an advice letter in order to include additional sites as part of the Hazardous Substance Mechanism. For each site the advice letter shall list: 1) the name of the site(s); 2) the location of the site(s); 3) the source, nature and approximate date of the contamination; 4) utility operations (historical and current) at the site(s), if any; and 5) environmental agency actions and oversight regarding the site(s), if any. In addition, D.96-07-016 requires utilities to demonstrate that: 1) clean-up costs for which recovery is being sought are not being recovered through base rates or through any other recovery procedure, and 2) all of the costs for which recovery is being sought are hazardous waste clean-up costs (including insurance costs) found appropriate for recovery in the Collaborative Report.

Protests

Anyone wishing to protest this filing may do so by letter sent via U.S. mail, facsimile or E-mail, no later than October 14, 2013, 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:

Brian K. Cherry
Vice President, Regulatory Relations
Pacific Gas and Electric Company
77 Beale Street, Mail Code B10C
P.O. Box 770000
San Francisco, California 94177

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 advice filing become effective on **October 24, 2013**, which is 30 days after the date of filing. This Advice Letter is submitted as a Tier 2 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. Address changes to the General Order 96-B service list and all electronic approvals should be directed to e-mail 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/>.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brian Cherry /sw".

Vice President, Regulatory Relations

cc: Robert Finkelstein - TURN (bfinkelstein@turn.org)

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 (ID U39 M)**

Utility type:

ELC

GAS

PLC

HEAT

WATER

Contact Person: **Shirley Wong**

Phone #: **(415) 972-5505**

E-mail: **slwb@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) #: **3417-G/4284-E**

Tier: **2**

Subject of AL: **Add Three New Sites to Hazardous Substance Mechanism**

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): **Hazardous Waste, Compliance**

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

If AL filed in compliance with a Commission order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution #: **D.94-05-020**

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: **October 24, 2013**

No. of tariff sheets: **N/A**

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:

Service affected and changes proposed:

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

ED Tariff Unit

505 Van Ness Ave., 4th Floor

San Francisco, CA 94102

E-mail: **EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov**

Pacific Gas and Electric Company

Attn: **Brian K. Cherry, Vice President, Regulatory Relations**

77 Beale Street, Mail Code B10C

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San Francisco, CA 94177

E-mail: **PGETariffs@pge.com**

Site Name: Fremont Gas and Electric Meter Shop

Location: 42100 Boyce Road, Fremont, Alameda County

Source, Nature, and Approximate Date of Contamination: An environmental assessment identified historical operations at PG&E's Fremont Gas and Electric Meter Shop (GEMS) that may have resulted in a release of mercury and/or other constituents of potential concern. Mercury is known to have been present historically at this site. The exact date of the potential mercury release at this facility is unknown. However, PG&E estimates any mercury contamination likely occurred prior to 1991 as PG&E completed the removal of mercury-filled meters and controls from its gas sites by 1991.

Utility Operations at the Site: PG&E's Fremont GEMS was constructed in 1972 to serve as a central meter repair and maintenance facility serving the PG&E system. Site facilities include an office/shop building and two covered materials storage areas where meters are received and sorted for repair, calibration, and processing. Some of the meters that were repaired contained mercury, and PG&E is exploring the possibility of a historic release at this site.

Environmental Agency Actions: There has been no agency involvement to date.

Nature of Costs: The costs for which PG&E is seeking HSM recovery are not being recovered in base rates, or through any other recovery procedure. All cleanup costs to be recorded by PG&E in the HSM memorandum accounts will be hazardous waste cleanup costs found appropriate for recovery in the Hazardous Substance Cleanup Cost Recovery Collaborative Report.

Site Name: Stony Point Rd and Nahmens Rd., Sonoma County

Location: Northwest corner of Nahmens Road and Stony Point Road, near Rohnert Park, Sonoma County

Source, Nature, and Approximate Date of Contamination: An environmental assessment identified historical operations at a former gas gathering facility along gas gathering feeder line 021C-2 that may have resulted in a release of mercury and/or other constituents of potential concern. The 3-inch steel line connected the John Rice 1 Well to Line 21C. Mercury is known to have been present in pressure-measuring devices historically at this site. The exact date of the potential mercury release at this facility is unknown. However, PG&E estimates any mercury release likely occurred between 1983 and 1991 as PG&E leased the site beginning in 1983 and completed the removal of mercury-filled meters and controls from its gas sites by 1991.

Utility Operations at the Site: PG&E leased the Stony Point Rd. and Nahmens Rd. site from 1983 to 2005 to service a nearby gas well located along Nahmens Road. During the time of PG&E's lease, PG&E transmitted gas on the site from a third-party well to PG&E's gas transmission system, and installed a small metal building where materials including mercury were stored; PG&E is exploring the possibility of a historic release at this site.

Environmental Agency Actions: There has been no agency involvement to date.

Nature of Costs: The costs for which PG&E is seeking HSM recovery are not being recovered in base rates, or through any other recovery procedure. All cleanup costs to be recorded by PG&E in the HSM memorandum accounts will be hazardous waste cleanup costs found appropriate for recovery in the Hazardous Substance Cleanup Cost Recovery Collaborative Report.

Site Name: Santa Rosa Compressor Station

Location: 1820 Piner Road, Santa Rosa, Sonoma County

Source, Nature, and Approximate Date of Contamination: An environmental assessment identified historical operations at PG&E's Santa Rosa Compressor Station that may have resulted in a release of mercury and/or other constituents of potential concern. Mercury is known to have been present historically at this site. The exact date of the potential mercury release at this facility is unknown. However, PG&E estimates any mercury contamination likely occurred prior to 1991 as PG&E completed the removal of mercury-filled meters and controls from its gas sites by 1991.

Utility Operations at the Site: PG&E's Santa Rosa Compressor Station was constructed in 1969 to compress natural gas to serve the Sonoma County area. Site facilities include a building housing the compressor and shop areas. Mercury and mercury-filled equipment such as pressure-measuring devices were present in the facility in the past, and PG&E is exploring the possibility of a historic release at this site.

Environmental Agency Actions: There has been no agency involvement to date.

Nature of Costs: The costs for which PG&E is seeking HSM recovery are not being recovered in base rates, or through any other recovery procedure. All cleanup costs to be recorded by PG&E in the HSM memorandum accounts will be hazardous waste cleanup costs found appropriate for recovery in the Hazardous Substance Cleanup Cost Recovery Collaborative Report.

**PG&E Gas and Electric
Advice Filing List
General Order 96-B, Section IV**

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