

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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**Advice Letter 3489-G/4448-E**

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**SUBJECT: ADD EIGHT NEW SITES TO HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE MECHANISM**

Dear Mr. Cherry:

Advice Letter 3489-G/4448-E is effective as of July 26, 2014.

Sincerely,

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

Edward Randolph  
Director, Energy Division



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June 26, 2014

**Advice 3489-G/4448-E**

(Pacific Gas and Electric Company ID U 39 M)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

**Subject: Add Eight New Sites to Hazardous Substance Mechanism**

**Purpose**

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) hereby requests California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) approval to include eight 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 eight 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 and remediate hazardous substance releases which may have occurred in order to protect worker safety, public health, and the environment.

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

<b>Site Name</b>	<b>Location</b>
Colma Service Center	450 Eastmoor Ave, Daly City, San Mateo County
Santa Cruz Service Center	615 Seventh Avenue, Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz County
Livermore Service Center	3797 First Street, Livermore, Alameda County
Los Medanos Gas Storage Facility	4800 Evora Road, Bay Point, Contra Costa County

North Sacramento Gas Underground Storage Facility	231 Lampasas Avenue, Sacramento, Sacramento County
Crockett Station	Port and Wanda Streets, Crockett, Contra Costa County
Lomita Park Station	Northeast end of Monterey Street, Millbrae, San Mateo County
Potrero Gas Load Center	1201 Illinois Street, San Francisco, San Francisco 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 July 16, 2014, 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  
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) 973-6520  
E-mail: PG&ETariffs@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 July 26, 2014, which is 30 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. 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/>.

*Brian Cherry /KHC*

Vice President – Regulatory Relations

cc: Robert Finkelstein - TURN ([bfinkelstein@turn.org](mailto: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: Kingsley Cheng

Phone #: (415) 973-5265

E-mail: k2c0@pge.com and PGETariffs@pge.com

EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE

(Date Filed/ Received Stamp by CPUC)

ELC = Electric

GAS = Gas

PLC = Pipeline

HEAT = Heat

WATER = Water

Advice Letter (AL) #: **3489-G/4448-E**

**Tier: 2**

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

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

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: **July 26, 2014**

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: N/A

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:

**California Public Utilities Commission**

**Energy Division**

**EDTariffUnit**

**505 Van Ness Ave., 4<sup>th</sup> Flr.**

**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**

**P.O. Box 770000**

**San Francisco, CA 94177**

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

**Site Name:** Colma Service Center

**Location:** 450 Eastmoor Ave, Daly City, San Mateo County

**Source, Nature, and Approximate Date of Contamination:** An environmental site assessment identified historical operations at PG&E's Colma Service Center that may have resulted in a release of mercury and/or other hazardous substances. The exact date of any 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 most of its sites by 1991.

**Utility Operations at the Site:** PG&E's Colma Service Center comprises approximately 4.5 acres. It was constructed in 1956 to support gas and electric operations and maintenance serving San Mateo County. Site facilities include six buildings and five trailers currently used for offices, shops, and warehousing. A portion of the facilities was historically used as a Gas Transmission and Regulation meter repair shop. Some of the equipment that was repaired contained mercury, and PG&E is exploring the possibility of a historical 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 now 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 Cruz Service Center

**Location:** 615 Seventh Avenue, Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz County

**Source, Nature, and Approximate Date of Contamination:** An environmental site assessment identified historical operations at PG&E's Santa Cruz Service Center that may have resulted in a release of mercury and/or other hazardous substances. The exact date of any 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 most of its sites by 1991.

**Utility Operations at the Site:** PG&E's Santa Cruz Service Center comprises approximately 10.3 acres. It was constructed in 1952 to support gas and electric operations and maintenance serving Santa Cruz County. Site facilities include two buildings currently used for offices, shops, and warehousing. A portion of the facilities was historically used as a Gas Transmission and Regulation meter repair shop. Some of the equipment that was repaired contained mercury, and PG&E is exploring the possibility of a historical 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 now 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:** Livermore Service Center

**Location:** 3797 First Street, Livermore, Alameda County

**Source, Nature, and Approximate Date of Contamination:** An environmental site assessment identified historical operations at PG&E's Livermore Service Center that may have resulted in a release of mercury and/or other hazardous substances. The exact date of any 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 most of its sites by 1991.

**Utility Operations at the Site:** PG&E's Livermore Service Center comprises approximately 7.6 acres. It was constructed in 1959 to support gas and electric operations and maintenance serving eastern Alameda County. Site facilities include two buildings currently used for offices, shops, and warehousing. A portion of the facilities was historically used as a Gas Transmission and Regulation meter repair shop. Some of the equipment that was repaired contained mercury, and PG&E is exploring the possibility of a historical 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 now 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:** Los Medanos Gas Storage Facility

**Location:** 4800 Evora Road, Bay Point, Contra Costa County

**Source, Nature, and Approximate Date of Contamination:** An environmental site assessment identified historical operations at PG&E's Los Medanos Gas Storage Facility that may have resulted in a release of mercury and/or hazardous substances. The exact date of any 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 most of its sites by 1991.

**Utility Operations at the Site:** PG&E's Los Medanos Gas Storage Facility comprises approximately 318 acres. It was constructed in 1979 to provide gas storage for the PG&E gas supply system. Site facilities include four buildings, four well pad buildings and five trailers currently used for management of the gas storage facility. Some of the on-site equipment contained mercury, and PG&E is exploring the possibility of a historical 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 now 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:** North Sacramento Gas Underground Storage Facility

**Location:** 231 Lampasas Avenue, Sacramento, Sacramento County

**Source, Nature, and Approximate Date of Contamination:** An environmental assessment identified historical operations at PG&E's North Sacramento Gas Underground Storage Facility that may have resulted in a release of mercury and/or other hazardous substances. The exact date of any 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 most of its sites by 1991.

**Utility Operations at the Site:** PG&E's North Sacramento Gas Underground Storage Facility was constructed in 1951 to support the operations of the gas transmission and distributions systems and various associated facilities. Site facilities include an unmanned building used to house gas valve instrumentation and controls. Some of the control instrumentation contained mercury, and PG&E is exploring the possibility of a historical 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:** Crockett Station

**Location:** Port and Wanda Streets, Crockett, Contra Costa County

**Source, Nature, and Approximate Date of Contamination:** An environmental assessment identified historical operations at PG&E's Crockett Station that may have resulted in a release of mercury and/or other hazardous substances. The exact date of any 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 most of its sites by 1991.

**Utility Operations at the Site:** PG&E's Crockett Station was constructed in 1957 to support the operations of the gas transmission system and various associated facilities. Site facilities include an unmanned building used to house gas valve instrumentation and controls. Some of the control instrumentation contained mercury, and PG&E is exploring the possibility of a historical 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:** Lomita Park Station

**Location:** Northeast end of Monterey Street, Millbrae, San Mateo County

**Source, Nature, and Approximate Date of Contamination:** An environmental assessment identified historical operations at PG&E's Lomita Park Station that may have resulted in a release of mercury and/or other hazardous substances. The exact date of any 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 most of its sites by 1991.

**Utility Operations at the Site:** PG&E's Lomita Park Station was constructed in 1949 to support the operations of the gas transmission system and various associated facilities. Site facilities include an unmanned building used to house gas valve instrumentation and controls. Some of the control instrumentation contained mercury, and PG&E is exploring the possibility of a historical 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:** Potrero Gas Load Center

**Location:** 1201 Illinois Street, San Francisco, San Francisco County

**Source, Nature, and Approximate Date of Contamination:** An environmental site assessment identified historical operations at PG&E's Potrero Gas Load Center that may have resulted in a release of mercury and/or other hazardous substances. The exact date of any 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 most of its sites by 1991.

**Utility Operations at the Site:** PG&E's Potrero Gas Load Center comprises a portion of a parcel that measures approximately 7.2 acres. It was constructed in 1950 as infrastructure for the PG&E gas supply system. Site facilities include one building, and three trailers. Some of the on-site equipment contained mercury, and PG&E is exploring the possibility of a historical 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 now 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  
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General Order 96-B, Section IV**

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