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Advice Letter 5591-E

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SUBJECT: Request for Extension of Temporary Waiver of Electric Rule 13 for Applicants Affected by Northern California Wildfires

Dear Mr. Jacobson:

Advice Letter 5591-E is effective as of December 5, 2019 per Resolution E-5023 Ordering Paragraphs.

Sincerely,

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

Edward Randolph
Deputy Executive Director for Energy and Climate Policy/
Director, Energy Division

July 24, 2018

Advice 5591-E

(Pacific Gas and Electric Company ID U 39 E)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

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Purpose

To help cities and communities rebuild after the devastating 2017 Northern California wildfires that impacted multiple counties in the company's service area, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) hereby requests an extension until December 31, 2020, of the temporary waiver for the costs of installation and removal of service extensions for temporary power under Electric Rule 13 for customers who are planning to rebuild.

Currently, the temporary waiver for Rule 13 costs is only effective through December 31, 2019.¹ Therefore, PG&E requests this advice letter be effective December 1, 2019. The purpose of the temporary waiver is to help expedite recovery and to assist those who have lost their homes and businesses in these wildfires

Background

Beginning on October 8, 2017, several wildfires started across Butte, Lake, Mendocino, Napa, Nevada, Solano, Sonoma and Yuba counties. As a result, several thousand structures were damaged or destroyed.

Electric Rule 13.A.1 provides

PG&E shall, if no undue hardship to its existing customers will result therefrom, furnish temporary service under the following conditions:

1. The applicant shall pay, in advance or otherwise as required by PG&E, the estimated cost installed plus the estimated cost of removal, less the estimated salvage of the facilities necessary for furnishing service.

¹ See Commission Resolution E-4968, which approved PG&E's Advice 5319-E. Also, discussed below.

Due to the extraordinary nature of these wildfires, to help expedite recovery, and assist those who have lost their homes and businesses in these fires, PG&E filed Advice 5168-E on October 25, 2017 seeking authorization to waive the Rule 13 tariff requirement of collecting the cost for the estimated installation and removal cost of the facilities needed for temporary construction power for customers beginning construction after the wildfires. PG&E also requested in Advice 5168-E to record the actual installation and removal costs in its Catastrophic Event Memorandum Account (CEMA) – Electric Preliminary Statement Part G – for recovery in a future CEMA application.

Pursuant to Resolution (Res.) E-4899, the Commission approved Advice 5168-E.² The Resolution ordered the following:

- Approved PG&E's request to waive Electric Rule 13 for applicants affected by the October 2017 fires,³
- Directed PG&E to record the actual costs of furnishing temporary service to customers affected by the wildfires in its CEMA,⁴ and
- Ordered PG&E to submit a new Tier 3 advice letter should PG&E wish to extend the waiver beyond December 31, 2018.⁵

Pursuant to Ordering Paragraph 3⁶ of Res. E-4899, PG&E submitted Advice 5319-E on June 27, 2018 to extend the waiver until December 31, 2019. The Commission approved Advice 5319-E, via Res. E-4968, at the November 29, 2018 Commission meeting.

Due to the scope of the October 2017 wildfires, PG&E is requesting another extension of the Rule 13 waiver until December 31, 2020. PG&E projects that over 1,000 homes may be built in 2020 that will need to utilize temporary power for construction needs. Other data also indicates that recent extensions of insurance benefits (rental payments) will allow more customers to build homes into 2020. Furthermore, wet weather pushed back construction in early 2019, cascading building requests into later timeframes. Therefore, an extension of the waiver will help expedite recovery and assist those who have lost their homes and businesses.

Therefore, pursuant to Resolution E-4968, Ordering Paragraph 3, PG&E submits this Tier 3 advice letter seeking approval for an extension of the temporary waiver of Electric Rule 13 until December 31, 2020, for customers affected by the October 2017 wildfires.

² Resolution E-4899 was passed and adopted on November 9, 2017.

³ See Ordering Paragraph 1 of Res. E-4899.

⁴ See Ordering Paragraph 2 of Res. E-4899.

⁵ See Ordering Paragraph 3 of Res. E-4899.

⁶ Res. E-4968 Ordering Paragraph 3 states, "PG&E must submit a new Tier 3 advice letter should PG&E wish to extend this waiver beyond December 31, 2019."

Protests

Anyone wishing to protest this submittal may do so by letter sent via U.S. mail, facsimile or E-mail, no later than August 13, 2019, which is 20 days after the date of this submittal. 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 B13U
P.O. Box 770000
San Francisco, California 94177

Facsimile: (415) 973-3582
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 3 advice submittal become effective upon Commission approval by December 1, 2019, to thereby provide continuity for the extension of the temporary waiver to customers affected by the wildfires.

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.18-03-015. 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 submittals can also be accessed electronically at: <http://www.pge.com/tariffs/>.

/S/

Erik Jacobson
Director, Regulatory Relations

Attachments

cc: Service List A.18-03-015



ADVICE LETTER 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 WATER
 PLC HEAT

Contact Person: Annie Ho
 Phone #: (415) 973-8794
 E-mail: PGETariffs@pge.com
 E-mail Disposition Notice to: AMHP@pge.com

EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE

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

(Date Submitted / Received Stamp by CPUC)

Advice Letter (AL) #: 5591-E

Tier Designation: 3

Subject of AL: Request for Extension of Temporary Waiver of Electric Rule 13 for Applicants Affected by Northern California Wildfires

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Customer Charge

AL Type: Monthly Quarterly Annual One-Time Other:

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

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:

Confidential treatment requested? Yes No

If yes, specification of confidential information:

Confidential information will be made available to appropriate parties who execute a nondisclosure agreement. Name and contact information to request nondisclosure agreement/ access to confidential information:

Resolution required? Yes No

Requested effective date: 12/1/19

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 proposed¹: N/A

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

¹Discuss in AL if more space is needed.

Protests and all other correspondence regarding this AL are due no later than 20 days after the date of this submittal, unless otherwise authorized by the Commission, and shall be sent to:

CPUC, Energy Division
Attention: Tariff Unit
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102
Email: EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov

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

AT&T	Downey & Brand	Pioneer Community Energy
Albion Power Company	East Bay Community Energy	Praxair
Alcantar & Kahl LLP	Ellison Schneider & Harris LLP	
	Energy Management Service	
Alta Power Group, LLC	Engineers and Scientists of California	Redwood Coast Energy Authority
Anderson & Poole	Evaluation + Strategy for Social Innovation	Regulatory & Cogeneration Service, Inc.
	GenOn Energy, Inc.	SCD Energy Solutions
Atlas ReFuel	Goodin, MacBride, Squeri, Schlotz & Ritchie	
BART	Green Charge Networks	SCE
	Green Power Institute	SDG&E and SoCalGas
Barkovich & Yap, Inc.	Hanna & Morton	
P.C. CalCom Solar	ICF	SPURR
California Cotton Ginners & Growers Assn	International Power Technology	San Francisco Water Power and Sewer
California Energy Commission	Intestate Gas Services, Inc.	Seattle City Light
California Public Utilities Commission	Kelly Group	Sempra Utilities
California State Association of Counties	Ken Bohn Consulting	Southern California Edison Company
Calpine	Keyes & Fox LLP	Southern California Gas Company
	Leviton Manufacturing Co., Inc. Linde	Spark Energy
Cameron-Daniel, P.C.	Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force	Sun Light & Power
Casner, Steve	Los Angeles Dept of Water & Power	Sunshine Design
Cenergy Power	MRW & Associates	Tecogen, Inc.
Center for Biological Diversity	Manatt Phelps Phillips	TerraVerde Renewable Partners
City of Palo Alto	Marin Energy Authority	Tiger Natural Gas, Inc.
	McKenzie & Associates	
City of San Jose	Modesto Irrigation District	TransCanada
Clean Power Research	Morgan Stanley	Troutman Sanders LLP
Coast Economic Consulting	NLine Energy, Inc.	Utility Cost Management
Commercial Energy	NRG Solar	Utility Power Solutions
County of Tehama - Department of Public Works		Utility Specialists
Crossborder Energy	Office of Ratepayer Advocates	
Crown Road Energy, LLC	OnGrid Solar	Verizon
Davis Wright Tremaine LLP	Pacific Gas and Electric Company	Water and Energy Consulting Wellhead Electric Company
Day Carter Murphy	Peninsula Clean Energy	Western Manufactured Housing Communities Association (WMA)
		Yep Energy
Dept of General Services		
Don Pickett & Associates, Inc.		
Douglass & Liddell		