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Advice Letter 5638-E

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**SUBJECT: Tariff Changes to Implement California Alternate Rates for Energy
(CARE) Line-Item Discount per Decision 18-12-004.**

Dear Mr. Jacobson,

Advice Letter 5638-E is effective as of March 1, 2020

Sincerely,

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

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

September 18, 2019

Advice 5638-E

(Pacific Gas and Electric Company ID U 39 E)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: Tariff Changes to Implement California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) Line-Item Discount per Decision 18-12-004

Purpose

This Advice Letter (AL) supersedes Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E) previously submitted and approved Advice 5547-E to implement the CARE line-item discount per Decision (D.) 18-12-004.

Background

On December 21, 2018, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC or Commission) issued Decision (D.)18-12-004 in Phase IIA of the 2018 Rate Design Window Applications concurrently filed by PG&E, Southern California Edison (SCE), and San Diego Gas and Electric Company (SDG&E).¹ D.18-12-004 approved PG&E's proposal to eliminate its current CARE schedules and replace them with a fixed-percentage line-item discount.² On May 22, 2019, PG&E submitted Advice 5547-E to implement the 35.5 percent CARE line-item discount via a new Schedule D-CARE, effective October 1, 2019. PG&E's original Advice 5547-E also noted that, for customers impacted by the delivery minimum bill amount (DMBA), its single line-item CARE discount implementation methodology would result in an increase from the current \$5.00 per month amount to \$6.45 per month. Advice 5547-E also included some conforming changes to Electric Preliminary Statement Part M, California Alternate Rates for Energy Account. Energy Division approved Advice 5547-E on June 13, 2019.

Since that time, however, in preparation for implementing the new line-item discount, PG&E has conferred with Energy Division staff and both now believe that some modifications to the submitted Schedule D-CARE in Advice 5547-E would be

¹ Applications (A.) 17-12-011, 17-12-012, and 17-12-013, which the CPUC consolidated into a single proceeding.

² D.18-12-004, Ordering Paragraph 11.

appropriate to ensure that, while the overall average effective CARE discount remains at 35.5 percent, the DMBA continues to be discounted by 50 percent (i.e., the DMBA remains at \$5.00 per month, instead of increasing to \$6.45 as in the methodology in PG&E's original AL 5547-E). This new, modified methodology (for implementing the line item discount without increasing the DMBA), requires discounting residential energy charges by a percentage slightly smaller than 35.5 percent so that, in combination with the 50 percent DMBA discount, the *overall* average CARE discount remains at 35.5 percent. PG&E also discussed with Energy Division the operational constraints on the timing for implementing this new approach, as discussed below.

Finally, PG&E discussed with Energy Division how to provide a means to provide a CARE discount on its new electric vehicle charging rate, Schedule EV2, during the period from November 1, 2019 until March 1, 2020 when PG&E proposes that revised Schedule D-CARE become effective. In a separate but related AL also being submitted today, Advice 5639-E, PG&E proposes a new, temporary Schedule EVL2 to provide a means to accomplish that objective.

Schedule D-CARE

PG&E is proposing, in this superseding AL, to modify the Schedule D-CARE language and delay its effective date to March 1, 2020 to provide enough time to program this alternate methodology for implementing the CARE single line-item discount. On March 1, 2020, PG&E will eliminate all of its CARE rate schedules, to streamline the number of tariffs, as contemplated in D.18-12-004, and will implement the CARE discount as a line-item discount via a single tariff, Schedule D-CARE, which will act as a rider on whichever underlying non-CARE residential rate schedule each customer account has chosen. So prior to March 1, 2020, PG&E will continue to retain its individual CARE rate schedules and bill CARE customers using those rates, but on March 1, 2020 PG&E will eliminate those individual CARE rate schedules and instead begin billing CARE customers via the new D-CARE rider

Attachment 1 shows the revised Schedule D-CARE *pro forma* tariff language. Attachment 2 shows the red-line track changes format to show the proposed modifications from the language in approved Advice 5547-E. For the overall average effective CARE discount to remain at 35.5 percent, while providing a 50 percent discount on the delivery minimum bill amount, the energy charge discounts need to be set at 35.3 percent.

PG&E notes that the 35.3 percent discount figure for energy charges in the D-CARE *pro forma* tariff is illustrative, corresponding to the 35.5 percent glidepath overall effective CARE discount currently in effect for PG&E. That glidepath CARE discount became effective on March 1, 2019 and will remain through February 29, 2020. On March 1, 2020, when PG&E is requesting that Schedule D-CARE become effective, the glidepath overall effective CARE discount will decrease to 35.0 percent, and the corresponding Schedule D-CARE discount for energy charges will also decrease (to

something slightly less than 35.0 percent for the same reasons discussed above). The precise level of the Schedule D-CARE discount for energy charges is not known today, as it depends on future Commission-adopted billing determinants for 2020, as well as the Commission-approved revenue requirement that will be in effect on March 1, 2020.

As the March 1, 2020 date approaches and those figures become known, PG&E will submit a separate advice letter that updates the pro forma Electric Schedule D-CARE's illustrative 35.3 percent figure with the actual percent discount figure per the March 1, 2020 glidepath changes discussed above.³

Electric Preliminary Statement Part M

As described above, in its previous approval of Schedule D-CARE in Advice 5547-E, Energy Division also approved conforming changes to PG&E's Electric Preliminary Statement Part M effective October 1, 2019. Because of the delay in the effective date of D-CARE to March 1, 2020, the corresponding changes made to Electric Preliminary Statement Part M from Advice 5547-E also need to be delayed until March 1, 2020.

When PG&E submits the separate advice letter for D-CARE described in the previous section, PG&E will include the most current and effective Preliminary Statement Part M language along with the revisions made originally in Advice 5547-E.

On July 30, 2019, PG&E submitted Advice 5598-E, *Clean-up Electric Preliminary Statement Part M*, to consolidate tariff language that has already been submitted with and approved by the Commission in Advice 5547-E and Advice 5552-E. Because of the delay in the effective date of D-CARE to March 1, 2020, the corresponding changes made to Electric Preliminary Statement Part M from Advice 5547-E cannot be implemented until March 1, 2020, and therefore PG&E is requesting to revert changes made in Electric Preliminary Statement Part M back to just the changes approved in Advice 5552-E.

Protests

Anyone wishing to protest this submittal may do so by letter sent via U.S. mail, facsimile or E-mail, no later than October 8, 2019, which is 20 days after the date of this submittal. Protests must be submitted to:

³ This Schedule D-CARE percent discount figure for energy charges has the potential to change over time in the future, as well, since it is dependent on forecasted billing determinants (in particular, kilowatt-hours subject to the delivery minimum bill amount) and revenue requirements.

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

Pursuant to General Order 96-B, Industry Rule 5.1, PG&E requests that the modified Electric Schedule D-CARE *pro forma* tariff language be approved in this Tier 1 advice letter, to become effective March 1, 2020.

Upon approval of this advice letter and shortly before March 1, 2020, PG&E will submit a separate advice letter that updates Electric Schedule D-CARE's illustrative 35.3 percent CARE discount percentage for energy charges with the actual percent discount figure that corresponds to the Commission's 35.0 percent glidepath overall effective

CARE discount for 2020. PG&E will also include the most current and effective Preliminary Statement Part M with the revisions made originally in Advice 5547.

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 Applications (A.) 17-12-011, A.17-12-012, and A.17-12-013. 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.17-12-011, A.17-12-012, and A.17-12-013



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) #: 5638-E

Tier Designation: 1

Subject of AL: Tariff Changes to Implement California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) Line-Item Discount per Decision 18-12-004

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Compliance,

AL Type: Monthly Quarterly Annual One-Time Other:

If AL submitted in compliance with a Commission order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution #: D.18-12-004

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: 3/1/20

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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Title: Director, Regulatory Relations
Utility Name: Pacific Gas and Electric Company
Address: 77 Beale Street, Mail Code B13U
City: San Francisco, CA 94177
State: California Zip: 94177
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Email: PGETariffs@pge.com

Name:
Title:
Utility Name:
Address:
City:
State: District of Columbia Zip:
Telephone (xxx) xxx-xxxx:
Facsimile (xxx) xxx-xxxx:
Email:

Attachment 1

Pro Forma Tariff



ELECTRIC SCHEDULE D-CARE Sheet 1
LINE-ITEM DISCOUNT FOR CALIFORNIA ALTERNATE RATES FOR ENERGY (CARE)
CUSTOMERS

APPLICABILITY: This schedule is applicable to single-phase and polyphase residential service in (N)
single-family dwellings and in flats and apartments separately metered by PG&E |
and domestic submetered tenants residing in multifamily accommodations, |
mobilehome parks and to qualifying recreational vehicle parks and marinas and to |
farm service on the premises operated by the person whose residence is supplied |
through the same meter, where the applicant qualifies for California Alternate |
Rates for Energy (CARE) under the eligibility and certification criteria set forth in |
Electric Rule 19.1. CARE service is available on Schedules E-1, E-6, E-TOU, E- |
TOU-C3, EV2, EM, ES, ESR, ET and EM-TOU. |

TERRITORY: This rate schedule applies everywhere PG&E provides electric service. |

RATES: Customers taking service on this rate schedule will receive a 35.3 percent discount |
on their total bundled charges on their otherwise applicable rate schedule (except |
for the California Climate Credit, which will not be discounted). In addition, |
customers will receive a 50 percent discount on the delivery minimum bill amount, |
if applicable. The CARE discount will be calculated for direct access and |
community choice aggregation customers based on the total charges as if they |
were subject to bundled service rates. Discounts will be applied as a residual |
reduction to distribution charges, after D-CARE customers are exempted from the |
DWR bond charge and the CARE surcharge portion of the public purpose program |
charge used to fund the CARE discount. These conditions also apply to master- |
metered customers and to qualified sub-metered tenants where the master-meter |
customer is jointly served under PG&E's Rate Schedule D-CARE and either |
Schedule EM, ES, ESR, ET, or EM-TOU. |

For master-metered customers where one or more of the submetered tenants |
qualifies for CARE rates under the eligibility and certification criteria set forth in |
Rule 19.1, 19.2, or 19.3, the CARE discount is equal to 35.3 percent of the total |
bundled charges, multiplied by the number of CARE units divided by the total |
number of units. In addition, master-metered customers eligible for D-CARE will |
receive a 50 percent discount on the delivery minimum bill amount, if applicable. |

It is the responsibility of the master-metered customer to advise PG&E within 15 |
days following any change in the number of dwelling units and/or any decrease in |
the number of qualifying CARE applicants that results when such applicants move |
out of their submetered or non-submetered dwelling unit, or submetered |
permanent-residence RV or permanent-residence boat. |

SPECIAL 1. OTHERWISE APPLICABLE SCHEDULE: The Special Conditions of the |
CONDITIONS: Customer's otherwise applicable rate schedule will apply to this schedule. |
(N)



ELECTRIC SCHEDULE D-CARE

Sheet 2

(N)

LINE-ITEM DISCOUNT FOR CALIFORNIA ALTERNATE RATES FOR ENERGY (CARE)
CUSTOMERS

(N)

(N)

SPECIAL
CONDITIONS:
(Cont'd.

2. ELIGIBILITY: To be eligible to receive D-CARE the applicant must qualify under the criteria set forth in PG&E's Electric Rules 19.1, 19.2, and 19.3 and meet the certification requirements thereof to the satisfaction of PG&E. Qualifying Direct Access, Community Choice Aggregation Service, and Transitional Bundled Service customers are also eligible to take service on Schedule D CARE. Applicants may qualify for D-CARE at their primary residence only. Customers or sub-metered tenants participating in the Family Electric Rate Assistance (FERA) program cannot concurrently participate in the CARE program.

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Advice 5638-E
Decision 18-12-004

Issued by
Robert S. Kenney
Vice President, Regulatory Affairs

Submitted
Effective
Resolution

September 18, 2019
March 1, 2020

Attachment 2

Redline Tariff

**Modifications to Schedule D-CARE that was approved in
Advice 5547-E**

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TERRITORY: This rate schedule applies everywhere PG&E provides electric service. |

RATES: Customers taking service on this rate schedule will receive a 35-535.3 percent |
 discount on their total bundled charges on their otherwise applicable rate schedule |
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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		