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From: Energy Division PAL Coordinator

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September 29, 2020

Advice 5964-E

(Pacific Gas and Electric Company ID U 39 E)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: Information-Only Filing Regarding Net Energy Metering (NEM) Costs**Purpose**

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) hereby submits via an Information-only filing a report on interconnection costs for all Net Energy Metering (NEM) customers in compliance with Decision (D.) 16-01-044.¹ This submittal covers the period of August 1, 2019 through July 31, 2020.

Background

D.16-01-044 authorized the investor-owned utilities (IOUs) to collect a one-time application fee for NEM successor tariff customers with systems smaller than 1 megawatt (MW), to allow the utility to recover the costs of providing the interconnection service from the customers benefitting from the interconnections.² The fee for each IOU must be based on the interconnection costs shown in each IOU's June 2015 advice letter³, submitted in accordance with D.14-05-033 and Resolution E-4610.

D.16-01-044 required each IOU to continue to report its interconnection costs in accordance with the directions in D.14-05-033 and Resolution E-4610. After discussion with Energy Division, it was determined that the IOUs shall submit this report yearly on

¹ D.16-01-044, p. 88, provides in pertinent part: "Because costs may change over time, each IOU must continue to report its interconnection costs in accordance with the directions in D.14-05-033 and Res. E-4610."

² D.16-01-044 at pp.87-88. Note that Single-family Affordable Solar Housing (SASH) customers are exempted from this interconnection fee.

³ PG&E submitted Advice 4660-E on June 30, 2015 (approved December 31, 2015). PG&E submitted a subsequent advice letter, Advice 4847-E, on May 25, 2016 (approved January 9, 2017) to correct costs that were inadvertently omitted.

September 19.⁴ This report contains data from August 1, 2019 through July 31, 2020. Next year's report will contain data from August 1, 2020 through July 31, 2021.

Net Energy Metering Interconnection Costs

The report of interconnection costs for all NEM customers from August 1, 2019 through July 31, 2020 is attached to this Advice Letter, Attachment A.

Additional various costs and fees associated with the interconnection process incurred by PG&E are not reflected under this report or recovered through the current NEM interconnection fee. These costs relate to Electronic Signature requests, Online payments, Online portal submittals, other IT related expenditures and enhancements, etc.

The submittal would not increase any current rate or charge, cause the withdrawal of service, or conflict with any rate schedule or rule.

Protests

This is an information-only advice letter submittal. Pursuant to General Order 96-B Section 6.2, PG&E is not seeking relief through this advice letter and is not subject to protest. Instead, PG&E is simply reporting the interconnection costs for all NEM customers pursuant to D.16-01-044.

Effective Date

PG&E requests that this information-only advice submittal become effective September 29, 2020, the date of submittal.

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 R.12-11-005 and R.14-07-002. 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/>.

⁴ Or the next business day, should September 19 fall on a weekend or holiday (Rule 1.15 Computation of Time California Public Utilities Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure)

/S/

Erik Jacobson
Director, Regulatory Relations

Attachment

cc: Service List R.12-11-005 and R.14-07-002



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 U39E)

Utility type:

☒ ELC ☐ GAS ☐ WATER
☐ PLC ☐ HEAT

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EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE

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

(Date Submitted / Received Stamp by CPUC)

Advice Letter (AL) #: 5964-E

Tier Designation: Information-Only

Subject of AL: Information-Only Filing Regarding Net Energy Metering (NEM) Costs

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Compliance, Metering

AL Type: ☐ Monthly ☐ Quarterly ☒ Annual ☐ One-Time ☐ Other:

If AL submitted in compliance with a Commission order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution #: D.16-01-044

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: 9/29/20

No. of tariff sheets: 0

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:

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Attachment A
NEM Interconnection Costs

Attachment A

NEM Interconnection Costs

In response to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) order stated in Decision (D) 16-01-044, PG&E has tracked the following interconnection costs (Tables 1-5) related to its Net Energy Metering tariffs for the period August 1, 2019 through July 31, 2020. PG&E's current available NEM tariffs include: Schedules NEM (including NEMA and NEMMT), NEMFC, NEMV, and NEMVMASH.

Note:

- The figures included in this report are based on historic interconnection records. They represent the cost of interconnection between the dates of August 1, 2019 through July 31, 2020 as a result of existing interconnection processes and requirements. As such, any attempts to use these figures to forecast future interconnection costs should account for changes to processes, requirements/ standards, and changes in capacity of interconnected distributed energy resources relative to the local integration capacity of the circuit.
- However, please note that additional various costs and fees associated with the interconnection process incurred by PG&E are not reflected on this report or recovered through the current NEM interconnection fee. These costs relate to electronic signature requests, online payments, online portal submittals, and other IT related expenditures and enhancements.

Total NEM Applications	74,015
Total NEM Interconnections	73,308

Table 1 Processing/Administration Costs	
Total	\$4,737,160
Note: Includes Application Processing (e.g., validating single line diagram, interconnection agreement, electrical inspection clearance from governmental agency having jurisdiction, and other required documents), and back office tasks (e.g., initial billing setup).	

Table 2 Distribution Engineering Costs	
Total	\$2,010,593
Note: Includes technical analysis, studies, and screens consistent with Rule 21 (e.g., voltage rise, 15% Penetration, transformer loading)	

Table 3 Metering Installation/Inspection and Commissioning	
Total	\$209,808
Note: Includes residential and non-residential meter changes and remote meter programming, material, supplies, procurement costs, labor for installation, testing, engineering, and quality assurance necessary for interconnection	

Table 4 Facility Upgrade Costs	
Type	Total
Interconnection Facilities	\$7,213,692
Distribution Upgrades	\$13,769,142
Total	\$20,982,834

In response to the CPUC order stated in Decision (D) 16-01-044, PG&E has tracked the following waived fees and costs (Table 5) related to interconnection of NEM-Paired Storage for the period of August 1, 2019 through July 31, 2020.

Table 5 NEM-Paired Storage Waived Fees and Costs		
Category	Number of Projects	Total Cost
Application Fee	813	\$117,885
Supplemental Review Fee	15	\$37,500
Distribution Upgrades	21	\$698,078
Standby Charges	5,973	\$1,118,066
NGOM Metering	7,542	\$6,516,665
Notes:		
• Standby Charges calculated according to Schedule S for customers interconnected at distribution level. PG&E understands that there can be reactive demand impacts from inverter based customer-storage units without reactive power compensation; however since most of these customers do not have a meter capable of measuring VARs, the reactive demand charges will be tracked as \$0.00.		

In addition to reporting NEM interconnection costs and waived fees, PG&E proposed in Advice Letter 4446-E to track and report the interconnection costs refunded to customers who paid to interconnect qualifying NEM-Paired Storage systems prior to the issuance of Decision (D) 14-05-033.

Table 6 Refunded NEM-Paired Storage Interconnection Costs		
Category	Number of Projects	Total Cost
Refunded IC fees and Metering costs	0	\$0
Notes:		
•All relevant Interconnection costs for NEM-Paired Storage Projects are waived as per the the issuance of Decision (D) 14-05-033		

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

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