

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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December 14, 2020

Advice Letters 5990-E and 5990-E-A

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SUBJECT:

Advice Letter 5990-E - Notice of Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Rate Filing for Annual Updates to the Transmission Revenue Balancing Account Adjustment, the Reliability Services Rates, and the End-Use Customer Refund Balancing Account Adjustment

Advice Letter 5990-E-A - Notice of Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Rate Filing Errata for Annual Updates to the Wholesale Transmission Revenue Balancing Account Adjustment

Dear Mr. Jacobson,

The CPUC is in receipt of Advice Letters 5990-E and 5990-E-A, which pertain to the three balancing accounts referenced above. Consistent with CPUC Resolution E-3930, which establishes a process whereby the CPUC passes through rate changes for transmission-related costs that have been filed with and become effective at FERC, subject to refund (in both FERC and CPUC jurisdictional rates), the CPUC approves the requested effective date of January 1, 2021 for the updated revenue requirements and rates associated with these three balancing accounts.¹

BACKGROUND

PG&E filed Advice Letter 5990-E on November 5, 2020 to notify the CPUC of PG&E's October 16, 2020 filing in FERC Docket No. ER21-131-000. Specifically, PG&E's FERC filing requests approval of annual updates to the transmission revenue requirements and associated rates in PG&E's Transmission Owner Tariff related to three of PG&E's FERC balancing accounts: the Transmission Revenue Balancing Account ("TRBA"); the Reliability Services Balancing Account ("RSBA"); and the End-Use Customer Refund Balancing Account ("ECRBA"). PG&E has requested an effective date of January 1, 2021 for the updated revenue requirements and rates associated with these three balancing accounts.

Subsequently, on November 18, 2020, PG&E filed Supplemental Advice Letter 5990-E-A to notify the CPUC of PG&E's November 12, 2020 errata filing in FERC Docket No. ER21-131-001.

¹ CPUC Resolution E-3930 at 5 (explaining that "[c]onsistent with the filed rate doctrine, it is just and reasonable under State law for the utilities to recover through retail rates the transmission rates that are filed with and become effective at the FERC, provided that those rate adjustments are subject to refund to the same extent as they are at the FERC.").

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The errata updated the Wholesale Transmission Revenue Balancing Account Adjustment. The filing corrected the wholesale Transmission Revenue Balancing Account balances and adjustments in AL 5990-E, and reiterated PG&E's request for an effective date of January 1, 2021 for the updated revenue requirements and rates.

No protests were filed with the CPUC in response to AL 5990-E or AL 5990-E-A.

SCOPE OF CPUC's APPROVAL

The CPUC approves the effective date of January 1, 2021 for the updated revenue requirements and rates that are the subject of Advice Letters 5990-E and 5990-E-A, subject to refund. The CPUC's authorization to pass through the updated transmission revenue requirement and FERC rates to retail customers neither constitutes the CPUC's approval that PG&E's FERC-jurisdictional expenditures were prudently incurred nor represents the CPUC's agreement that the resulting FERC rates are just and reasonable. As explained in CPUC Resolution E-3930, "[t]he CPUC routinely files as an intervener in the proceedings at FERC."² Consistent with the CPUC's statutory obligation to represent California ratepayers in FERC proceedings, the CPUC does not waive its right to participate in any proceedings at FERC related to these advice letter filings in the event that errors in the filings are subsequently identified and/or other issues arise.³

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Edward Randolph in cursive, followed by the text "(f01)" in parentheses.

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

² CPUC Resolution E-3930 at 4, 11.

³ Notably, PG&E has discovered errors resulting in the need to refile its balancing account filings at FERC in two of the last three years. Pacific Gas and Electric Company's Motion to Withdraw Filing of Balancing Account Revisions, Transmission Owner Tariff, PG&E FERC Electric Tariff Volume No. 5, Docket No. ER19-111-000, November 20, 2018 and Amendment to Pacific Gas and Electric Company Transmission Owner Tariff Balancing Account Revisions, FERC Docket No. ER21-131, November 12, 2020.



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November 18, 2020

Advice 5990-E-A

(Pacific Gas and Electric Company ID U 39 E)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: Supplemental: Notice of Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Rate Filing Errata for Annual Updates to the Wholesale Transmission Revenue Balancing Account Adjustment

Purpose

In compliance with California Public Utilities Commission (“Commission” or “CPUC”) Resolution E-3930, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (“PG&E”) submits this supplemental advice letter to notify the Commission of PG&E’s November 12, 2020 errata filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC”), in FERC Docket No. ER21-131-001. The errata updated the Wholesale Transmission Revenue Balancing Account Adjustment. The filing corrected the wholesale Transmission Revenue Balancing Account balances and adjustments and requested an effective date of January 1, 2021 for the updated revenue requirements and rates.

This supplemental advice letter updates part of section TRBAA in original Advice 5990-E.

Background

PG&E’s Transmission Owner (“TO”) Tariff specifies the rates and charges for transmission access to PG&E-owned facilities that are part of the California Independent System Operator Corporation (“CAISO”) controlled grid. The base transmission rates in the TO Tariff, along with the three transmission rate adjustments discussed in this advice letter filing make up the total transmission rates for PG&E’s retail customers.

TRBAA

The TRBA Adjustment (“TRBAA”) is the ratemaking mechanism through which Transmission Revenue Credits flow to TO Tariff retail and wholesale transmission customers.

In its 2021 Balancing Account Filing, PG&E proposed revisions to the wholesale High and Low Voltage TRRs used by the CAISO to calculate the CAISO Transmission Access Charge (“TAC”) rates under the CAISO Tariff.

On November 6, 2020, PG&E discovered that the starting balance of the 2020 TRBAA wholesale revenue requirement used for calculating the CAISO’s TAC was incorrect. The errata filing on November 12, 2020 corrects the total credit to wholesale customers from the incorrect amount of \$251,308,428.00 to the correct amount of \$192,051,281, which has been allocated to High and Low Voltage at \$113,750,453 and \$78,300,829, respectively.

Compliance with Resolution E-3930

PG&E submits this advice letter pursuant to Process Element 3 of Resolution E-3930. Consistent with past practice, PG&E also provided the Commission with a complete copy of the Errata Filing on the same date that it was filed with FERC, by service to the Commission’s Legal Division.

These FERC rate changes will generally affect the rates of all bundled, Direct Access, and Community Choice Aggregation customers. Typically, the 2021 Balancing Account Filing rate change will be consolidated into other rate changes scheduled to be filed in late December for an effective date of January 1, 2021. At that time, PG&E will also provide complete updated tariff sheets.

Protests

Pursuant to CPUC General Order 96-B, Section 7.5.1, PG&E hereby requests the protest period be waived.

Effective Date

PG&E requests that this Tier 2 advice letter become effective concurrent with original Advice Letter 5990-E, which PG&E expects to be on or after January 1, 2021. PG&E proposes to consolidate the electric rate changes resulting from the 2021 Balancing Account Filing, to the extent practicable, with the first planned rate change after FERC authorizes PG&E’s requests.

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 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.



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 U 39 E)

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) #: 5990-E-A

Tier Designation: 2

Subject of AL: Supplemental: Notice of Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Rate Filing for Annual Updates to the Transmission Revenue Balancing Account Adjustment, the Reliability Services Rates, and the End-Use Customer Refund Balancing Account Adjustment

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 #: E-3930

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: 1/1/21

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

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