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**Pacific Gas & Electric Company**  
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**As of June 18, 2021**

Subject: Changes to Residential Delivery Minimum Bill Amount Per Decision 20-03-003

Division Assigned: Energy

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Resolution Required: No

Resolution Number: None

Commission Meeting Date: None

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From: Energy Division PAL Coordinator

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Energy Division's Tariff Unit by e-mail to  
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June 2, 2021

**Advice 6213-E**

(Pacific Gas and Electric Company ID U 39 E)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

**Subject: Changes to Residential Delivery Minimum Bill Amount Per Decision  
20-03-003**

**Purpose**

This Advice Letter (AL) requests approval of changes to Pacific Gas & Electric Company's (PG&E's) residential Delivery Minimum Bill Amounts (DMBAs) for 2021 in compliance with Decision (D.) 20-03-003 (Decision), *Decision Addressing Proposed Fixed Charge For Residential Customers*.

**Background**

On March 19, 2020, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC or Commission) issued D.20-03-003 in Phase 3 of the consolidated 2018 Rate Design Window Proceeding of PG&E, Southern California Edison (SCE), and San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E).<sup>1</sup> While this Decision did not approve PG&E's fixed charge proposal it did permit PG&E to increase its residential DMBA to account for inflation.

PG&E did not implement an increase to the DMBA in 2020. For 2021, the Decision permits PG&E to increase the DMBA by the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for urban customers (CPI-U) between 2019 and 2020.<sup>2</sup> Table 1 shows the CPI-U values for each month of 2019 and 2020, with the last row in each column showing the average monthly CPI-U values for each year.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Consolidated Applications (A). 17-12-011, 17-12-012, and 17-12-013.

<sup>2</sup> See D.20-03-003, p. 26 and Conclusion of Law 5.

<sup>3</sup> Per D.20-03-003, PG&E is using the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Customers for the U.S. City Average for All Items (also known as CPI-U), prepared by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. See D.20-03-003, footnote 54, p. 25.

**Table 1**  
 Historical Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U):  
 U.S. City Average, All Items, By Month\*

Month	2019	2020
Jan	251.712	257.971
Feb	252.776	258.678
Mar	254.202	258.115
Apr	255.548	256.389
May	256.092	256.394
Jun	256.143	257.797
Jul	256.571	259.101
Aug	256.558	259.918
Sep	256.759	260.280
Oct	257.346	260.388
Nov	257.208	260.229
Dec	256.974	260.474
Annual Average	255.657	258.811

\* Source: <https://www.bls.gov/cpi/tables/supplemental-files/historical-cpi-u-202012.pdf>

The percentage increase in the CPI-U between the two years is calculated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Pct Change in CPI-U} &= (2020 \text{ Annual Average CPI-U}) / (2019 \text{ Annual Average CPI-U}) \\
 &= 258.811 / 255.657 \\
 &= 1.012
 \end{aligned}$$

In other words, the CPI increased by 1.2 percent from 2019 to 2020. Applying this 1.2 percent inflation rate to the current \$10.00 monthly DMBA applicable to non-California Alternate Rates for Energy (non-CARE) customers results in a \$10.12 DMBA for these non-CARE customers. In a similar fashion, applying this same 1.2 percent inflation rate to the \$5.00 monthly DMBA currently applicable to California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) provided under Schedule D-CARE, Family Electric Rate Assistance (FERA) provided under Schedule E-FERA, and Medical Baseline (Medical) customers (as

codified in the underlying tariff on which a Medical Baseline customer takes service) results in a \$5.06 DMBA for these three groups of customers.<sup>4</sup>

### **Implementation of the Proposed Rate Changes**

The increases to the DMBA for residential customers are designed to be revenue-neutral (i.e., not change the total amount of revenue collected from the residential class). To maintain revenue-neutrality, an increase to the DMBA must be offset by corresponding decreases in volumetric (cent per kWh) charges. In order to minimize the number of rate changes for its residential customers in 2021, PG&E does not propose to implement this small change to the DMBA as a stand-alone rate change. Instead, PG&E proposes to delay the small increases to the DMBA for non-CARE and CARE/FERA/Medical customers (and the associated very small decreases to volumetric rates) until the date PG&E next changes rates for its residential customers.<sup>5</sup> In the advice letter requesting those rate changes, PG&E will also implement the \$10.12 and \$5.06 DMBA for non-CARE and CARE/FERA/Medical customers, respectively on all of its residential rate schedules (and correspondingly reduce volumetric rates on those schedules) to reflect the then-current approved billing determinants and revenue requirements.

Other than the small increases to the DMBA described above, which are offset by decreases in volumetric rates to ensure revenue neutrality, this submittal would not increase any current rate or charge, cause the withdrawal of service, or conflict with any rate schedule or rule.

### **Protests**

**\*\*\*Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, PG&E is currently unable to receive protests or comments to this advice letter via U.S. mail or fax. Please submit protests or comments to this advice letter to [EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov) and [PGETariffs@pge.com](mailto:PGETariffs@pge.com)\*\*\***

Anyone wishing to protest this submittal may do so by letter sent via U.S. mail, facsimile or E-mail, no later than June 22, 2021, which is 20 days after the date of this submittal. Protests must be submitted to:

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<sup>4</sup> Thus the DMBA for CARE, FERA and Medical customers will continue to be discounted 50 percent compared to the DMBA paid by other residential customers.

<sup>5</sup> At present, PG&E anticipates that the next change to its residential rates will occur on August 1, 2021; however, there is some chance that the next residential rate change may occur later in 2021.

CPUC Energy Division  
ED Tariff Unit  
505 Van Ness Avenue, 4<sup>th</sup> 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:

Sidney Bob Dietz II  
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 (GO) 96-B, Rule 5.1, this advice letter is submitted with a Tier 1 designation. PG&E requests that this Tier 1 advice submittal become effective upon date of submittal, which is June 2, 2021. As described above, though, PG&E requests to delay implementation of these changes so that they may be made in conjunction with the next changes in residential rates that would otherwise occur (anticipated to be August 1, 2021).

**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/>.

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/S/

Sidney Bob Dietz II  
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) #: 6213-E

Tier Designation: 1

Subject of AL: Changes to Residential Delivery Minimum Bill Amount Per Decision 20-03-003

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.20-03-003

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: 6/2/21

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<sup>1</sup>: N/A

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

<sup>1</sup>Discuss 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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Attention: Tariff Unit  
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**PG&E Gas and Electric  
Advice Submittal List  
General Order 96-B, Section IV**

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Albion Power Company

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California Public Utilities Commission  
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Center for Biological Diversity

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Commercial Energy  
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Ritchie

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Intestate Gas Services, Inc.  
Kelly Group  
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Leviton Manufacturing Co., Inc.

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Waste Management Task Force  
MRW & Associates  
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NLine Energy, Inc.  
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OnGrid Solar  
Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
Peninsula Clean Energy

Pioneer Community Energy

Redwood Coast Energy Authority  
Regulatory & Cogeneration Service, Inc.  
SCD Energy Solutions  
San Diego Gas & Electric Company

SPURR  
San Francisco Water Power and Sewer  
Sempra Utilities

Sierra Telephone Company, Inc.  
Southern California Edison Company  
Southern California Gas Company  
Spark Energy  
Sun Light & Power  
Sunshine Design  
Tecogen, Inc.  
TerraVerde Renewable Partners  
Tiger Natural Gas, Inc.

TransCanada  
Utility Cost Management  
Utility Power Solutions  
Water and Energy Consulting Wellhead  
Electric Company  
Western Manufactured Housing  
Communities Association (WMA)  
Yep Energy