

June 21, 2021

Advice 6233-E

(Pacific Gas and Electric Company ID U 39 E)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: Notification of the Location on PG&E's Website for Information on Where to Find Developer Instructions Regarding How to Request Eligibility for Participating in the Notification-Only Approach Pilot Pursuant to the Rulemaking 17-07-007 Phase 1, Working Group 4 Decision 21-06-002 Ordering Paragraph 2

Purpose

The purpose of this Tier 1 advice letter is to provide notice of where on PG&E's website interested developers will find instructions regarding how to request eligibility for participating in the Notification-Only Approach pilot, pursuant to the California Public Utilities Commission ("CPUC", "Commission") Decision ("D.") 21-06-002¹ Ordering Paragraph ("OP") 2.

Background**Rulemaking 17-07-007**

On July 13, 2017, the CPUC adopted Order Instituting Rulemaking (R.) 17-07-007 to consider refinements to Electric Tariff Rule 21 of Pacific Gas and Electric Company ("PG&E"), San Diego Gas & Electric Company ("SDG&E"), and Southern California Edison Company ("SCE") (jointly, "Utilities") regarding the interconnection of distributed energy resources.²

As stated by the CPUC, the primary objective of this proceeding is to streamline the interconnection application process.³

¹ [D. 21-06-002](#) - *Decision Addressing Remaining Phase I Issues* - Date of Issuance 6/4/2021

² The Rule 21 tariff describes the interconnection, operating, and metering requirements for certain generating and storage facilities seeking to connect to the electric distribution system. Rule 21 provides customers access to the electric grid to install generating or storage facilities while protecting the safety and reliability of the distribution and transmission systems at the local and system levels. ([R. 17-07-007](#) at p2.)

³ D. 21-06-002 p2

Assigned Commissioner Ruling Scoping Memo

On October 2, 2017, the CPUC issued *Scoping Memo of Assigned Commissioner and Administrative Law Judge* (Scoping Memo) which established the initial scope, phases, and schedule of the proceeding. The resolution of the various technical issues of the proceeding would be proposed and discussed at a series of working groups.⁴

This advice letter addresses issues pertaining to Working Group 4 (“WG4”) and other remaining Phase 1 issues.

Amended Scoping Memo

Part way through, R.17-07-007 on November 16, 2018 *Assigned Commissioner’s Amended Scoping Memo and Joint Administrative Law Judge Ruling* (Amended Scoping Memo) revised the scope and schedule in response to the *Motion of the California Solar & Storage Association to Update the Scope for the Proceeding and the Joint Motion of Southern California Edison Company, San Diego Gas & Electric Company and Pacific Gas and Electric Company to Revise Certain Deadlines*. With respect to WG4, the Amended Scoping Memo made the following modifications related to Issues F⁵, 11⁶ and 13.⁷ This advice letter pertains to portions of Issue 11 not addressed in earlier working groups 2 and 3, and so relegated to WG4.⁸

Working Group 4

WG4 began meeting February 12, 2020 and subsequently held twelve meetings to address the issues identified. On August 13, 2020, the final Working Group Four Report⁹ (“WG4 Report”) was filed. The Administrative Law Judge held a workshop on October 16, 2020, to ask clarifying questions.

D. 21-06-002

Based largely on the WG4 Report, on June 4, 2021, D. 21-06-002 was prepared and issued. D. 21-06-002 considers proposals recommended to resolve each of WG4’s assigned issues as well as two other issues that were not included in Working Group Four. One of those other issues, Issue 11, involved the use of a notification-only approach for non-exporting storage projects notifications in lieu of an interconnection application. This advice letter takes steps to implement a notification-only pilot phase.

⁴ The Smart Inverter Working Group (“SIWG”) grew out of a collaboration between the Commission and the California Energy Commission in early 2013. The collaboration identified the development of advanced inverter functionality as an important strategy to mitigate the impact of high penetrations of distributed energy resources. [as explained in footnote 2 in D. 20-09-035]

⁵ Issue F is related to accounting for the ability of DERMS and aggregator commands to address flexibility

⁶ Issue 11 is related to the adoption of a modified notification-only approach for non-export systems

⁷ Issue 13 is related to distribution upgrade cost sharing among developers.

⁸ D. 21-06-002 p3

⁹ [Working Group Four Report](#)

This Advice Letter

Pursuant to D. 21-06-002, OP 2 requires:

*2. No later than 15 days following the issuance of this decision, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, San Diego Gas & Electric Company and Southern California Edison Company (Utilities) shall each **file a Tier 1 Advice Letter indicating where on the utility's website interested developers will find instructions regarding how to request eligibility for participating in the Notification-Only Approach pilot.***

The eligibility request contents are limited to the following:

- i) the developer's name and contact information.*
- ii) a list of no less than 20 non-export projects in the utility's service territory that received a Permission To Operate and how each project meets each of the eligibility criteria for the Notification-Only Approach pilot adopted in Ordering Paragraph 1; and*
- iii) the two attestations regarding the networked secondary portion of the grid, as described in this decision. Utilities shall respond to a developer request no later than 10 business days after receiving the request.*

This Tier 1 advice letter is being submitted pursuant to D. 21-06-002 OP 2.

Location of the Website

PG&E proposes to place eligibility information for developers on the Notification-Only process for eligible non-export storage in two locations:

1. On PG&E's DG Program Webpage titled "Learn more about Interconnection and Renewables", subtitled "Find resources for your interconnection project"
https://www.pge.com/en_US/for-our-business-partners/interconnection-renewables/interconnections-renewables.page?WT.mc_id=Vanity_gen&ctx=large-business
The link is proposed to be near the bottom of the page, above the Ombudsman info.
2. On PG&E's ACE-IT Interconnection Application Portal
<https://www.egi-pge.com/legacy-home-ccsf/login>
The link is proposed to be located on the application portal page (for ACE-IT) to appear once applicant logs in and will be in a "drawer" where highlighted in the screenshot below.

Screenshot:

Application Portal: ACE-IT

Welcome to the Rule 21 Online Application Web Portal for electric generators.

It's easy: Submit your application anytime. This portal will guide you through the process to ensure that all required information is provided for a complete application. After submittal, you will receive a confirmation message that contains your application number.

PG&E recommends preparing all generating facility information and materials before starting the application. If the Interconnection Request is missing information or documents, PG&E will accept the application, but will deem it incomplete and provide a written list of deficiencies to the designated representative identified in your request.

Questions concerning the Rule 21 application and interconnection process can be directed to the Electric Generation Interconnection Department at rule21gen@pge.com.

Start New Application
 Start a new Rule 21 Generator Interconnection Application

My Projects
 View your active projects

Please review the following information regarding the ACE-IT application process:

- Solar Percentage Factor
- Template Single Line Diagrams
- Resiliency Project Interconnection
- New Smart Inverter Requirement

June 22, 2020

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 and 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 July 12, 2021, which is 21 days¹⁰ 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

¹⁰ The 20-day protest period concludes on a weekend; therefore, PG&E is moving this date to the following business day.

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, and OP 2 of D.21-06-002, 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 21, 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 lists for R.11-09-011 and R.17-07-007. 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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Sidney Bob Dietz II
Director, Regulatory Relations

cc: Service Lists R.11-09-011 and R.17-07-007



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

Contact Person: Kimberly Loo

Phone #: (415)973-4587

E-mail: PGETariffs@pge.com

E-mail Disposition Notice to: KELM@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) #: 6233-E

Tier Designation: 1

Subject of AL: Notification of the Location on PG&E's Website for Information on Where to Find Developer Instructions Regarding How to Request Eligibility for Participating in the Notification-Only Approach Pilot Pursuant to the Rulemaking 17-07-007 Phase 1, Working Group 4 Decision 21-06-002 OP 2

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.21-06-002

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: 6/21/21

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:

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

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Telephone (xxx) xxx-xxxx: (415)973-2093
Facsimile (xxx) xxx-xxxx: (415)973-3582
Email: PGETariffs@pge.com

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

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

AT&T
Albion Power Company

Alta Power Group, LLC
Anderson & Poole

Atlas ReFuel
BART

Barkovich & Yap, Inc.
California Cotton Ginners & Growers Assn
California Energy Commission

California Hub for Energy Efficiency
Financing

California Alternative Energy and
Advanced Transportation Financing
Authority
California Public Utilities Commission
Calpine

Cameron-Daniel, P.C.
Casner, Steve
Cenergy Power
Center for Biological Diversity

Chevron Pipeline and Power
City of Palo Alto

City of San Jose
Clean Power Research
Coast Economic Consulting
Commercial Energy
Crossborder Energy
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Davis Wright Tremaine LLP
Day Carter Murphy

Dept of General Services
Don Pickett & Associates, Inc.
Douglass & Liddell

East Bay Community Energy Ellison
Schneider & Harris LLP Energy
Management Service
Engineers and Scientists of California

GenOn Energy, Inc.
Goodin, MacBride, Squeri, Schlotz &
Ritchie
Green Power Institute
Hanna & Morton
ICF
IGS Energy
International Power Technology
Intestate Gas Services, Inc.
Kelly Group
Ken Bohn Consulting
Keyes & Fox LLP
Leviton Manufacturing Co., Inc.

Los Angeles County Integrated
Waste Management Task Force
MRW & Associates
Manatt Phelps Phillips
Marin Energy Authority
McKenzie & Associates

Modesto Irrigation District
NLine Energy, Inc.
NRG Solar

Office of Ratepayer Advocates
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
Semptra 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