

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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February 4, 2022

Advice Letter 6443-E

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SUBJECT:

Advice Letter 6443-E – Notice of Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Rate Filing for Annual Updates to the Transmission Access Charge Balancing Account Adjustment

Dear Mr. Dietz,

The Commission is in receipt of Advice Letter (AL) 6443-E, which pertains to PG&E's Notice of Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Rate Filing for Annual Updates to the Transmission Access Charge Balancing Account Adjustment (FERC Docket ER22-659). Consistent with Commission Resolution E-3930, which establishes a process whereby the Commission authorizes the pass-through of rate changes for transmission-related costs that have been filed with and become effective at FERC, subject to refund (in both FERC and Commission jurisdictional rates)¹, the Commission approves this Advice Letter as of the date of this letter, understanding that the rate change will be reflected in the 2022 TACBAA rates at FERC, which will be effective on March 1, 2022.

BACKGROUND

As explained in Advice Letter 6443-E:

The total revenue requirement ("RRQ") used in the development of the 2022 TACBAA rate is \$319,239,716, which is the sum of the projected balance of the TACBA, which is a credit of \$18,398,171, the forecasted TACBA costs and customer usage volumes for the next rate period, which is a charge of \$334,310,291, and the RF&U adjustment, which is a charge of \$3,327,596. The corresponding TACBAA rate is \$0.00409/kWh. This represents an increase from the March 1, 2020 TACBAA RRQ of \$59,626,327 and the corresponding rate of \$0.000760/kWh.

No protests were filed in response to AL 6443-E.

DISPOSITION

The Energy Division approves AL 6443-E with an effective date of the date of this letter for the updated revenue requirement and rates subject to refund. The CPUC's authorization to pass through

¹ 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 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.²

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Simon Baker in black ink, followed by the text "(for)" in parentheses.

Simon Baker
Interim Deputy Executive Director for Energy & Climate Policy
Director of Cost, Rates & Planning
Energy Division, CPUC

cc:

² As explained in Commission Resolution E-3930, "[t]he CPUC routinely files as an intervener in the proceedings at FERC." The Commission will continue to represent California ratepayers in any FERC proceedings related to these or any other advice letter filings, as the Commission deems necessary, including, but not limited to circumstances in which errors in the filings are subsequently identified and/or other issues arise.

December 21, 2021

Advice 6443-E

(Pacific Gas and Electric Company U 39 E)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: Notice of Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Rate Filing for Annual Updates to the Transmission Access Charge Balancing Account Adjustment

Purpose

Pacific Gas and Electric Company ("PG&E") submits this advice letter to provide the California Public Utilities Commission ("Commission" or "CPUC") with notice of PG&E's recent filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") requesting a transmission rate change for its retail electric customers, in compliance with Resolution E-3930 (Resolution). PG&E's FERC filing requests approval of the annual update to the Transmission Access Charge Balancing Account Adjustment ("TACBAA") with a requested effective date of March 1, 2022.

Background

On December 15, 2021, PG&E filed its TACBAA annual update with FERC in Docket No. ER22-659-000.

TACBAA

The TACBAA is a ratemaking mechanism designed to ensure that the difference in the amount of costs billed to PG&E as a load-serving entity and the revenues paid to PG&E as a Participating Transmission Owner ("PTO") under the California Independent System Operator Corporation ("CAISO") Tariff is recovered from, or returned to, PG&E's End-Use customers.

Section 5.7 of PG&E's Transmission Owner ("TO") Tariff describes the items to be included in the Transmission Access Charge Balancing Account ("TACBA") and sets forth the procedure for revising the TACBAA rate on an annual basis. As described in PG&E's TO Tariff, the effective date for the updated TACBAA rate is March 1 of each year. The 2022 TACBAA rate consists of three components: (1) the projected balance

of the TACBA as of February 28, 2022, including interest; (2) the forecasted TACBA costs and customer usage volumes for the next rate period; and (3) an amount for Revenue Fees and Uncollectible Accounts (“RF&U”).

The total revenue requirement (“RRQ”) used in the development of the 2022 TACBAA rate is \$319,239,716, which is the sum of the projected balance of the TACBA, which is a credit of \$18,398,171, the forecasted TACBA costs and customer usage volumes for the next rate period, which is a charge of \$334,310,291, and the RF&U adjustment, which is a charge of \$3,327,596. The corresponding TACBAA rate is \$0.00409/kWh. This represents an increase from the March 1, 2020 TACBAA RRQ of \$59,626,327 and the corresponding rate of \$0.000760/kWh.

Compliance with Resolution E-3930

PG&E submits this advice letter pursuant to Process Element 3 of Resolution E-3930. Consistent with past practice, by service to the Commission’s Legal Division, PG&E also provided the Commission with a complete copy of the 2022 TACBAA annual update filing on the same date that it was filed with FERC.

In this advice letter, PG&E requests authority to revise each corresponding transmission rate component of its Commission-jurisdictional tariffs on the date FERC ultimately authorizes these changes to become effective, or as soon thereafter as possible, subject to refund, and to make corresponding adjustments to its total applicable Commission jurisdictional rates. Adjustments to total residential rates will be made pursuant to CPUC Decisions D.15-07-001 on residential rate reform and D18-08-013 on transition to time-of-use rates.

As anticipated under Process Element 4 of Resolution E-3930, PG&E will supplement this advice letter, or indicate in a separate advice letter that coincides with other retail rate changes, when the requested TACBAA rate change is accepted, modified, rejected, or otherwise acted upon by FERC.

This FERC rate change will generally affect the rates of all bundled, Direct Access, and Community Choice Aggregation customers. Typically, the TACBAA rate change will be consolidated into other rate changes scheduled to be filed in late February for an effective date of March 1, 2022. At that time, PG&E will also provide complete updated tariff sheets.

Protests

Anyone wishing to protest this filing may do so by letter sent via U.S. mail, facsimile, or E-mail, no later than **January 10, 2022**, which is 20 days after the date of this filing. Protests must be submitted to:

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:

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77 Beale Street, Mail Code B10C
P.O. Box 770000
San Francisco, California 94177

Facsimile: (415) 973-7226
E-mail: PGETariffs@pge.co

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

PG&E requests that this Tier 2 advice filing become effective as soon as practicable after FERC authorizes the TACBAA annual update changes to become effective, which PG&E expects to be on or after **March 1, 2022**. PG&E proposes to consolidate the electric rate changes resulting from the 2022 TACBAA 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 the 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. Send all electronic approvals to PGETariffs@pge.com. Advice letter filings can also be accessed electronically at: <http://www.pge.com/tariffs/>.

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Sidney Bob Dietz II
Director, Regulatory Relations

Attachments



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 (U 39 E)

Utility type:

☒ ELC ☐ GAS ☐ WATER
☐ PLC ☐ HEAT

Contact Person: Stuart Rubio

Phone #: (415) 973-4587

E-mail: PGETariffs@pge.com

E-mail Disposition Notice to: SHR8@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) #: 6443-E

Tier Designation: 2

Subject of AL: Notice of Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Rate Filing for Annual Updates to the Transmission Access Charge 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 #:

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: N/A

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: 3/1/22

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
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San Francisco, CA 94102
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**PG&E Gas and Electric
Advice Submittal List
General Order 96-B, Section IV**

AT&T Albion Power Company	East Bay Community Energy Ellison Schneider & Harris LLP Energy Management Service Engineers and Scientists of California	Pioneer Community Energy Public Advocates Office
Alta Power Group, LLC Anderson & Poole		Redwood Coast Energy Authority Regulatory & Cogeneration Service, Inc. SCD Energy Solutions San Diego Gas & Electric Company
Atlas ReFuel BART	GenOn Energy, Inc. Goodin, MacBride, Squeri, Schlotz & Ritchie Green Power Institute Hanna & Morton ICF International Power Technology	SPURR San Francisco Water Power and Sewer Semptra Utilities
Barkovich & Yap, Inc. California Cotton Ginners & Growers Assn California Energy Commission		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.
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Chevron Pipeline and Power City of Palo Alto		
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