

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**505 VAN NESS AVENUE  
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94102-3298

February 21, 2023

**Advice Letter 6793-E**Sidney Bob Dietz II  
Director, Regulatory Relations  
c/o Megan Lawson  
Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
77 Beale Street  
San Francisco, California 94177**SUBJECT:****Advice Letter 6793-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 6793-E, which pertains to the Notice of Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Rate Filing for Annual Updates to the Transmission Access Charge Balancing Account Adjustment. 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)<sup>1</sup>, the Commission approves the effective date of this Advice Letter as the date of this letter.

**BACKGROUND**

On December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022, PG&E filed Transmission Owner Tariff Transmission Access Charge Balancing Account with FERC in Docket No. ER23-595-00. In that filing, PG&E requested an effective date of March 1, 2023, for the updated revenue requirements and rates.

The proposed 2023 Transmission Access Charge Balancing Account Adjustment (TACBAA) is a charge to End-Use customers of \$482,784,029. The TACBAA in 2022 was a charge to End-Use customers of \$319,239,716.

No protests were filed in response to AL 6793-E.

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<sup>1</sup> 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.”).

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**505 VAN NESS AVENUE  
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94102-3298**DISPOSITION**

The Energy Division approves AL 6793-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 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.<sup>2</sup>

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Leuwam Tesfai in black ink, with the initials "(foi)" written in parentheses to the right.

Leuwam Tesfai  
Deputy Executive Director for Energy and Climate Policy/  
Director, Energy Division

cc: PG&E Tariff Unit ([PGETariffs@pge.com](mailto:PGETariffs@pge.com))  
ED Tariff Unit ([EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov))  
Pete Skala, Energy Division  
Elaine Sison-Lebrilla, Energy Division

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<sup>2</sup> 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 16, 2022

**Advice 6793-E**

(Pacific Gas and Electric Company ID 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, 2023.

**Background**

On December 9, 2022, PG&E filed its TACBAA annual update with FERC in Docket No. ER23-595-000.

**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 2023 TACBAA rate consists of three components: (1) the projected balance

of the TACBA as of February 28, 2023, 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 2023 TACBAA rate is \$482,784,029, which is the sum of the projected balance of the TACBA, which is a charge of \$26,846,729, the forecasted TACBA costs and customer usage volumes for the next rate period, which is a charge of \$450,805,879, and the RF&U adjustment, which is a charge of \$5,131,422. The corresponding TACBAA rate is \$0.00618/kWh. This represents an increase from the March 1, 2022 TACBAA RRQ of \$319,239,716 and the corresponding rate of \$0.00409/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 2023 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, 2023. At that time, PG&E will also provide complete updated tariff sheets.

### **Protests**

Anyone wishing to protest this submittal may do so by letter sent electronically via E-mail, no later than January 5, 2022, which is 20 days after the date of this submittal. Protests must be submitted to:





# 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

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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) #: 6793-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:

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 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 correspondence regarding this AL are to be sent via email and are due no later than 20 days after the date of this submittal, unless otherwise authorized by the Commission, and shall be sent to:**

California Public Utilities Commission  
Energy Division Tariff Unit Email:  
[EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov)

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Title: Director, Regulatory Relations  
Utility/Entity Name: Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
  
Telephone (xxx) xxx-xxxx: (415)973-2093  
Facsimile (xxx) xxx-xxxx:  
Email: PGETariffs@pge.com

Contact Name:  
Title:  
Utility/Entity Name:  
  
Telephone (xxx) xxx-xxxx:  
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Email:

CPUC  
Energy Division Tariff Unit  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
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

Alta Power Group, LLC  
Anderson & Poole

Atlas ReFuel  
BART

Barkovich & Yap, Inc.  
Braun Blasing Smith Wynne, P.C.  
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  
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  
Crown Road Energy, LLC  
Davis Wright Tremaine LLP  
Day Carter Murphy

Dept of General Services  
Don Pickett & Associates, Inc.  
Douglass & Liddell  
Dish Wireless L.L.C.

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

GenOn Energy, Inc.  
Goodin, MacBride, Squeri, Schlotz &  
Ritchie  
Green Power Institute  
Hanna & Morton  
ICF

iCommLaw  
International Power Technology  
Intertie

Intestate Gas Services, Inc.

Johnston, Kevin  
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  
McClintock IP  
McKenzie & Associates

Modesto Irrigation District  
NLine Energy, Inc.  
NRG Solar

OnGrid Solar  
Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
Peninsula Clean Energy

Pioneer Community Energy

Public Advocates Office

Redwood Coast Energy Authority  
Regulatory & Cogeneration Service, Inc.

Resource Innovations

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  
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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