

Decision 00-06-058 June 22, 2000

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company to establish performance-based ratemaking for electric and gas utility distribution service effective January 1, 2000. (U 39 M)

Application 98-11-023
(Filed November 13, 1998;
Petition filed March 30, 2000)

OPINION

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), on March 30, 2000, submits its Petition To Withdraw Application (Petition) in this distribution performance-based ratemaking (PBR) proceeding. PG&E filed this Petition in accordance with Decision (D.) 00-02-046, the Commission's decision in PG&E's 1999 test year General Rate Case, Application (A.) 97-12-020.

In D.00-02-046, we said:

"PG&E filed its current application for Performance Based Ratemaking, A.98-11-023, on November 13, 1998. We do not intend to proceed with PBR for PG&E at this time. That proceeding should not move forward to create a structure of financial incentives or financial benchmarks at this time. The application should not be dismissed. Rather, it should be narrowed to provide a basis for adopting specific operating and performance standards applicable to PG&E relating to outage frequency (SAIFI), outage duration (SAIDI) and other reliability and performance measures that correspond to the standards we have already adopted for PG&E's sister utilities. When coupled with the service quality standards we have already adopted, we will have a solid basis for measuring the quality of PG&E's performance, and for linking that to costs under conditions of prudent management in the post-2002 period." (D.00-02-046, pp. 477-78.)