

October 15, 2010

**Advice 3154-G**

(Pacific Gas and Electric Company ID U 39 G)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

**Subject:            Establish Gas Preliminary Statement CE, San Bruno  
Independent Review Panel Memorandum Account**

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) hereby submits this Advice Letter to establish Gas Preliminary Statement CE, the *San Bruno Independent Review Panel Memorandum Account (SBIRPMA)*.

**Purpose**

PG&E files this Advice Letter in compliance with Ordering Paragraph 3 of Resolution L-405, which authorizes PG&E to establish the SBIRPMA to record the costs that will be incurred by the Independent Review Panel.

**Background**

On September 23, 2010, the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission, CPUC) adopted Resolution L-403, establishing an Independent Review Panel tasked with conducting a comprehensive study and investigation of the September 9, 2010 explosion and fire along a PG&E natural gas transmission pipeline in San Bruno, California. The investigation by the Panel will include a technical assessment of events, their root cause, and recommendations for action by the Commission to best ensure such an incident is not repeated elsewhere. The Panel will also review the facts gathered and make recommendations to the Commission for the improvement of the safe management of PG&E's natural gas transmission lines.

On October 14, 2010, the Commission identified the members of the Independent Review Panel and adopted Resolution L-405, which declared that an emergency exists requiring immediate action by the Commission to hire expert consultants immediately to assist the Panel to investigate the safety of increasing the pressure of PG&E's pipeline to its normal operating pressure during the winter of 2010 through 2011, or whether other measures should be taken to ensure a sufficient supply of natural gas to PG&E customers on the San Francisco Peninsula and the City and County of San Francisco.

In Resolution L-405, the Commission ordered that PG&E pay for the costs of the Independent Review Panel and record such costs in a memorandum account. Resolution L-405 further stated that issues regarding the allocation of costs of the Panel between shareholders and customers shall be determined later.

### **Proposed Preliminary Statement**

Pursuant to OP 3 of Resolution L-405, PG&E is requesting Commission authority to establish Gas Preliminary Statement CE, the SBIRPMA for gas (SBIRPMA-G), and record the costs of the Independent Review Panel.

### **Protests**

Anyone wishing to protest this filing may do so by letter sent via U.S. mail, by facsimile or electronically, any of which must be received no later than **October 25, 2010**, which is 10 days after the date of this filing<sup>1</sup>. Protests should be mailed to:

CPUC Energy Division  
Tariff Files, Room 4005  
DMS Branch  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, California 94102

Facsimile: (415) 703-2200  
E-mail: [jnj@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:jnj@cpuc.ca.gov) and [mas@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:mas@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 also should be sent via U.S. mail (and by facsimile and electronically, if possible) to PG&E at the address shown below on the same date it is mailed or delivered to the Commission:

Jane K. Yura  
Vice President, Regulation and Rates  
Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
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P.O. Box 770000  
San Francisco, California 94177

Facsimile: (415) 973-6520  
E-mail: [PGETariffs@pge.com](mailto:PGETariffs@pge.com)

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<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to General Order 96-B, Section 1.3, in a specific instance and for good cause, the Director of the appropriate Industry Division may shorten the protest and reply period under the General Rules.

**Effective Date**

PG&E requests that this Tier 2 advice filing become effective as of October 6, 2010, so that the costs billed to and paid by PG&E for the Independent Review Panel beginning on October 6, 2010, can be tracked in the SBIRPMA.

**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 A.09-09-013 and A.09-12-020. Address changes to the General Order 96-B service list should be directed to e-mail 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>.



Vice President - Regulation and Rates

cc: Service Lists for A.09-09-013 and A.09-12-020

Attachments

# CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

## ADVICE LETTER FILING 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 M)**

Utility type:

ELC       GAS  
 PLC       HEAT       WATER

Contact Person: Olivia Brown

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EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE

ELC = Electric      GAS = Gas        
 PLC = Pipeline      HEAT = Heat      WATER = Water

(Date Filed/ Received Stamp by CPUC)

Advice Letter (AL) #: 3154-G

Tier: 2

Subject of AL: San Bruno Independent Review Panel Memorandum Account

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Compliance, Memorandum Account

AL filing type:  Monthly  Quarterly  Annual     One-Time     Other \_\_\_\_\_

If AL filed in compliance with a Commission order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution #: Resolution L-405

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

Is AL requesting confidential treatment? If so, what information is the utility seeking confidential treatment for: No

Confidential information will be made available to those who have executed a nondisclosure agreement: N/A

Name(s) and contact information of the person(s) who will provide the nondisclosure agreement and access to the confidential information: N/A

Resolution Required?  Yes     No

Requested effective date: October 6, 2010

No. of tariff sheets: 3

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). N/A

Tariff schedules affected: new Electric Preliminary Statement CE

Service affected and changes proposed: N/A

Protests, dispositions, and all other correspondence regarding this AL are due no later than 20 days after the date of this filing, unless otherwise authorized by the Commission, and shall be sent to:

**CPUC, Energy Division**

**Tariff Files, Room 4005**

**DMS Branch**

**505 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, CA 94102**

**[jnj@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:jnj@cpuc.ca.gov) and [mas@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:mas@cpuc.ca.gov)**

**Pacific Gas and Electric Company**

**Attn: Jane K. Yura, Vice President, Regulation and Rates**

**77 Beale Street, Mail Code B10B**

**P.O. Box 770000**

**San Francisco, CA 94177**

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**ATTACHMENT 1  
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Sheet No.**

**Title of Sheet**

**Cancelling Cal  
P.U.C. Sheet No.**

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SAN BRUNO INDEPENDENT REVIEW PANEL  
MEMORANDUM ACCOUNT (SBIRPMA)  
Sheet 1

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**GAS PRELIMINARY STATEMENT CE**  
**SAN BRUNO INDEPENDENT REVIEW PANEL MEMORANDUM ACCOUNT**  
**(SBIRPMA)**

Sheet 1 (N)  
 (N)

CE. SAN BRUNO INDEPENDENT REVIEW PANEL MEMORANDUM ACCOUNT (SBIRPMA) (N)

1. **PURPOSE:** The purpose of the SBIRPMA is to record the costs of an Independent Review Panel (Panel) of experts established by the Commission under Resolution L-403, adopted on September 23, 2010. The Independent Review Panel was established for the purposes of conducting a comprehensive study and investigation of the September 9, 2010 explosion and fire along a PG&E natural gas transmission pipeline in San Bruno, California. The Panel's investigation shall include a technical assessment of the events and their root causes, and recommendations for action by the Commission to best ensure such an accident is not repeated elsewhere. The Panel's recommendations may include changes to design, construction, operation, maintenance, and replacement of natural gas facilities, management practices at PG&E in the areas of pipeline integrity and public safety, regulatory changes by the Commission itself, statutory changes to be recommended by the Commission, and other recommendations deemed appropriate by the Panel. The Panel will also review the facts gathered and make recommendations to the Commission for the improvement of the safe management of PG&E's natural gas transmission lines. The allocation of costs of the Panel between PG&E shareholders and customers shall be determined by the Commission in a future proceeding.
2. **APPLICABILITY:** The SBIRPMA shall apply to all gas customers except for those specifically excluded by the Commission.
3. **REVISION DATE:** Disposition of the balance in the account shall be determined by the Commission in a future proceeding.
4. **RATES:** The SBIRPMA does not have a separate rate component.
5. **ACCOUNTING PROCEDURE:**  
 PG&E shall make entries at the end of each month as follows:
  - a) A debit entry equal to any cost of the Independent Review Panel of experts for the purposes of conducting a comprehensive study and investigation of the September 9, 2010 explosion and fire along a PG&E natural gas transmission pipeline in San Bruno, California.
  - b) A debit or credit entry equal to any other amounts authorized by the Commission to be recorded in this account.
  - c) A debit or credit entry equal to any amount authorized by the Commission to transfer amounts to other regulatory accounts, as appropriate, for rate recovery.
  - d) A debit or credit entry equal to the interest on the average balance in the account at the beginning of the month and the balance after the above entry, at a rate equal to one-twelfth of the rate on three-month Commercial Paper for the previous month, as reported in the Federal Reserve Statistical Release, H.15, or its successor.

(N)

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 Vice President  
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