# **Gas Accord History Briefing**

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# Gas Accord structure addresses more than just gas transmission and storage revenue requirement

- Terms of service (e.g. tariff provisions, balancing rules, operational flow orders)
- Rate design and differentials between rates
- Core transportation settlement/consumer protections

# Background

### **Gas Accord History**



<u>Gas Accord I</u> – Contested settlement

Gas Accord II – Only fully litigated GT&S rate case

Gas Accord III – Uncontested settlement negotiated after PG&E filed its case and other parties filed reply testimony

<u>Gas Accord IV</u> – Uncontested settlement negotiated before PG&E filed its case

# **Basic Components of the Gas Accords**

**Gas Accord Structure Overview** 

- 1. Backbone service
  - Unbundled from local transmission/distribution
  - Four paths
    - Redwood
    - Baja
    - Silverado
    - Mission
  - Structured like interstate pipeline service
    - Firm and as-available path-specific contracts
    - 2-part firm rates, 1-part as-available rates
    - Standard and negotiated rates
    - Secondary market
    - Rate certainty
    - All revenues at risk except reserv charges under long-term contracts
  - Citygate delivery point

# **Basic Components of the Gas Accords (cont)**

**Gas Accord Structure Overview (cont)** 

- 2. Local transmission service
  - A component of end-user service
  - Service priorities determined by Rule 14 diversion/curtailment rules
  - Not bypassable except under limited circumstances
  - Two rates: Core (100% reserv charge) and Noncore (usage charge)
  - Rate certainty
  - Noncore revenues at risk
- 3. Storage service
  - Storage capacity and costs allocated to: core storage service, Market Storage service, and pipeline balancing
  - Rates: Core (100% reserv charge), Market Storage (negotiated), pipeline balancing (in backbone rates)
  - Rate certainty
  - Market Storage and pipeline balancing revenues at risk

## **Gas Accord Market Structure/Participants**



Yellow designates GT&S/Gas Accord assets

# **Gas Accord Cost Recovery**

### PG&E Gas Transmission and Storage (GT&S) has two types of customers:

- □ Core procurement customers (residential and small commercial)
- □ Non-core customers (large commercial, industrial, and energy suppliers)

### **PG&E recovers GT&S costs through the following rates:**

- 1. Backbone Transmission Service:
  - All revenues at risk except reservation charges under long-term contracts

### 2. Local Transmission Service:

- Core (100% reservation charge)
- Noncore (usage charge)
  - Non-core local transmission revenues at risk

#### 3. Storage Services

- Core (100% reservation charge)
- Market Storage negotiated (revenues at risk)