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June 21, 2011

Mr. Honesto Gatchalian  
California Public Utilities Commission  
Energy Division  
Tariff Files, Room 4005  
DMS Branch  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102

**Re: Substitute Sheets – PG&E's Advice 3210-G/3850-E, Establish Gas and Electric Meter Reading Costs Balancing Accounts, Update SmartMeter™ Project Revenue Requirements and Revise the SmartMeter™ Balancing Accounts and Benefits Realization Mechanism in Compliance with Decision 11-05-018**

Dear Mr. Gatchalian:

Enclosed are an original and 4 copies of substitute sheets for Advice 3210-G/3850-E, "Establish Gas and Electric Meter Reading Costs Balancing Accounts, Update SmartMeter™ Project Revenue Requirements and Revise the SmartMeter™ Balancing Accounts and Benefits Realization Mechanism in Compliance with Decision 11-05-018" in PG&E's General Rate Case Phase I.

PG&E submits these substitute sheets to change the requested effective date of the advice letter from January 1, 2011 to May 31, 2011 on page 4 of the advice letter and the summary sheet. The Preliminary Statements are also revised to reflect the May 31, 2011 effective date and a cost recovery date beginning January 1, 2011, consistent with the 2011 GRC Decision and with Decision 10-11-018, which ordered that PG&E's "general rate case revenue requirement for the 2011 test year, as determined in this proceeding, shall be effective as of January 1, 2011, even if the Commission issues a final decision in this proceeding after that date" (page 5).

Please telephone me at (415) 973-7817 should you have any questions regarding these substitute sheets.

Conor Doyle  
Operations Proceedings

cc: Service List for A.09-12-020  
Don Lafrenz, CPUC Energy Division

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Electric Meter Reading Costs Balancing Account (MRCBA-E) to track and record costs for actual meter reading, revise the benefits calculation mechanism, update the SmartMeter™ Project revenue requirements for 2011-2013, and revise the SmartMeter™ Balancing Accounts.

### **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 **June 20, 2011**, which is 20 days after the date of this filing. Protests should be mailed to:

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505 Van Ness Avenue  
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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:

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Vice President, Regulation and Rates  
Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
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San Francisco, California 94177

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### **Effective Date**

PG&E requests that this advice filing become effective on **May 31, 2011**. Per Decision 11-05-018, Ordering Paragraph 3, PG&E submits this advice letter as a Tier 1 filing.

# 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: Conor Doyle

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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) #: **3210-G/3850-E**

Tier: **1**

Subject of AL: **Establish Gas and Electric Meter Reading Costs Balancing Accounts, Update SmartMeter™ Project Revenue Requirements and Revise the SmartMeter™ Balancing Accounts and Benefits Realization Mechanism in Compliance with Decision 11-05-018**

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): **GRC/General Rate Case, Balancing Account**

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

If AL filed in compliance with a Commission order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution #: **D.11-05-018**

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:

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Resolution Required?  Yes  No

Requested effective date: **May 31, 2011**

No. of tariff sheets: **11**

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: **New Gas Preliminary Statement Part CR, Gas Preliminary Statement Part BP, New Electric Preliminary Statement Part FQ, Electric Preliminary Statements Parts EI and FN.**

Service affected and changes proposed:

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**

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**ATTACHMENT 1  
Advice 3210-G**

<b>Cal P.U.C. Sheet No.</b>	<b>Title of Sheet</b>	<b>Cancelling Cal P.U.C. Sheet No.</b>
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**GAS PRELIMINARY STATEMENT PART BP**  
**SMARTMETER PROJECT BALANCING ACCOUNT-GAS**

Sheet 1

BP. SmartMeter™ Project Balancing Account-Gas (SBA-G)

1. **PURPOSE:** The purpose of the SmartMeter™ Project Balancing Account-Gas (SBA-G) is to record and recover the incremental Operations and Maintenance (O&M) and Administrative and General (A&G) expenditures, capital-related costs, capital-related revenue requirements, benefits, and revenues associated with the SmartMeter™ Project as authorized by the Commission in Decision (D.)06-07-027 and D.11-05-018. Upon Commission approval, PG&E will transfer the balance from the AMIMA-G to this account (SBA-G) for rate recovery. Any under- or over-collection in this account will be incorporated into core transportation rates as part of the next Annual Gas True-up Advice Letter. (N)
2. **APPLICABILITY:** The SBA-G applies to all core gas transportation rate schedules and contracts subject to the jurisdiction of the CPUC, except for those schedules and contracts specifically excluded by the CPUC.
3. **REVISION DATE:** Disposition of the balance in this account shall be determined in the Annual Gas True-up Advice Letter, or as otherwise authorized by the Commission.
4. **RATES:** The SBA-G rate component is included in the effective rates set forth in the Gas Preliminary Statement, Part B, as applicable.
5. **ACCOUNTING PROCEDURE:** Beginning January 1, 2011, PG&E shall maintain the SBA-G by making entries to this account at the end of each month as follows: (N)
  - a. A credit entry equal to the revenues from the SmartMeter™ Project rate component, excluding the allowance for Franchise Fees and Uncollectible (FF&U) Accounts expense.
  - b. A credit entry for the calculated benefits achieved through the SmartMeter™ Project, as set forth in the SmartMeter™ Project Application (A.05-06-028) and the 2011 General Rate Case (A.09-12-020), and subsequently approved in Decision 06-07-027 and D.11-05-018. (N)
  - c. A debit entry equal to PG&E's incremental O&M and A&G expenses and capital-related costs incurred for the SmartMeter™ Project, excluding FF&U. Capital-related revenue requirements include depreciation expense, the return on investment, federal and state income taxes, and property taxes associated with the costs of installed equipment. These capital-related revenue requirements and O&M and A&G costs may relate to numerous activities or organizations, including but not limited to the following areas:
    - SmartMeter™ Project management, including contract management and development, communications, budget and accounting management, human resource management, process redesign, and other related areas
    - Communication systems, including network controllers and telecommunications links
    - Customer outreach and customer care
    - Data collector hardware and software
    - Development of training materials and procedures
    - Evaluation and planning
    - Facilities
    - Gas and electric meters, transmitting modules, and related equipment
    - Logistics management tools and activities
    - Meter installation, including customer data exceptions processing
    - Network operations staff
    - Operations center hardware and systems
    - Site surveys and development
    - System design, programming, and other upgrades/enhancements for integrated systems including billing, records, customer information and other information systems using meter information

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**GAS PRELIMINARY STATEMENT PART BP**  
**SMARTMETER PROJECT BALANCING ACCOUNT-GAS**

Sheet 2

BP. SmartMeter™ Balancing Account-Gas (SBA-G)

5. ACCOUNTING PROCEDURE: (Cont'd.)

c. (Cont'd.)

- Technical support staff and operations
- Testing of systems and processes
- Training
- Commission consultant evaluation costs (N)
- Commission independent audit costs (N)

d. A debit or credit entry, as appropriate, to record the transfer of amounts from other accounts to the SBS-G for recovery in rates, upon approval by the CPUC. (N)/(D)  
 (N)/(D)

e. An entry equal to the interest on the average of the balance in the account at the beginning of the month and the balance in the account after the above entries, at a rate equal to one-twelfth the interest rate on three-month Commercial Paper for the previous month, as reported in the Federal Reserve Statistical Release, H.15, or its successor.

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**GAS PRELIMINARY STATEMENT PART CR**  
**GAS METER READING COSTS BALANCING ACCOUNT**

Sheet 1 (N)  
 (N)

CR. METER READING COSTS BALANCING ACCOUNT - GAS (MRCBA-G)

(N)

1. **PURPOSE:** The purpose of the MRCBA-G is to record and recover gas meter reading costs, including Energy Delivery Services (EDS) meter reading costs and severance costs, up to an annual cap of \$76.2 million, pursuant to Commission Decision 11-05-018 on PG&E's 2011 General Rate Case. (N)
2. **APPLICABILITY:** The MRCBA-G 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 through the Annual Gas True-Up (AGT) advice letter process via the Core Fixed Cost Account (CFCA), or its successor, or through another proceeding as authorized by the Commission. |
4. **RATES:** The MRCBA-G 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 or credit entry, as appropriate, to record the transfer of amounts from other accounts to the MRCBA-G, upon approval by the CPUC. |
  - b) A debit or credit entry equal to the gas portion of PG&E's fully burdened costs and expenses incurred for meter reading, including Energy Delivery Services (EDS) meter reading costs and severance costs. |
  - c) A debit or credit entry equal to any other amounts authorized by the Commission to be recorded in this account. |
  - d) A debit or credit entry to transfer the balance, upon approval by the CPUC, to other regulatory accounts as appropriate for rate recovery. |
  - e) 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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Cal. P.U.C. Sheet No. 29059-G\*  
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**ELECTRIC PRELIMINARY STATEMENT PART EI**  
**SMARTMETER PROJECT BALANCING ACCOUNT-ELECTRIC**

Sheet 1

**EI. SmartMeter™ Project Balancing Account-Electric (SBA-E)**

1. **PURPOSE:** The purpose of the SmartMeter™ Project Balancing Account-Electric (SBA-E) is to record and recover the incremental Operations and Maintenance (O&M) and Administrative and General (A&G) expenditures, capital-related costs, capital-related revenue requirements, benefits, and revenues associated with the SmartMeter™ Project as authorized by the Commission in Decision (D.) 06-07-027, and modified in D.09-03-026 and D.11-05-018. (The "SmartMeter™ Project" herein refers collectively to both the original project in Application (A.)05-06-028 and the upgrade program in A.07-12-009.) Any under- or over-collection in this account will be incorporated into distribution rates as part of the next Annual Electric True-up Advice Letter. However, any Information Technology costs associated with the development and implementation of Peak Time Rebate (PTR) rates shall be limited to \$4 million in the SBA-E as authorized in D.09-03-026. Any incremental PTR Information Technology costs above \$4 million, as well as all other PTR development and implementation costs, shall be recorded in Dynamic Pricing Memorandum Account Electric Preliminary Statement Part EX section 4a. (N)
2. **APPLICABILITY:** The SBA-E applies to all customer classes, except for those specifically excluded by the Commission.
3. **REVISION DATE:** Disposition of the balance in this account shall be determined in the Annual Electric True-up Advice Letter, or as otherwise authorized by the Commission.
4. **RATES:** The SBA-E rate component is included in the effective rates set forth in the Electric Preliminary Statement, Part I, as applicable.
5. **ACCOUNTING PROCEDURE:** Beginning January 1, 2011, PG&E shall maintain the SBA-E by making entries to this account at the end of each month as follows: (N)
  - a. A credit entry equal to the revenues from the SmartMeter™ Project rate component, excluding the allowance for Franchise Fees and Uncollectible (FF&U) Accounts expense.
  - b. A credit entry for the calculated benefits achieved through the SmartMeter™ Project, as set forth in the SmartMeter™ Project Application (A.05-06-028), the SmartMeter™ Upgrade Program Application (A.07-12-009), and the 2011 General Rate Case (A.09-12-020), and subsequently approved in D.06-07-027, D.09-03-026, and D.11-05-018. (D)  
(N)  
(N)

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**ELECTRIC PRELIMINARY STATEMENT PART EI**  
**SMARTMETER PROJECT BALANCING ACCOUNT-ELECTRIC**

Sheet 2

EI. SmartMeter™ Balancing Account-Electric (SBA-E)

5. ACCOUNTING PROCEDURE: (Cont'd.)

c. A debit entry equal to PG&E's incremental O&M and A&G expenses and capital-related costs incurred for the SmartMeter™ Project, excluding FF&U. Capital-related revenue requirements include depreciation expense, the return on investment, federal and state income taxes, and property taxes associated with the costs of installed equipment. These capital-related revenue requirements and O&M and A&G costs may relate to numerous activities or organizations, including but not limited to the following areas:

- SmartMeter™ Project management, including contract management and development, communications, budget and accounting management, human resource management, process redesign, and other related areas
- Communication systems, including network controllers and telecommunications links
- Customer outreach and customer care
- Data collector hardware and software
- Development of training materials and procedures
- Evaluation and planning
- Facilities
- Gas and electric meters, transmitting modules, and related equipment
- Logistics management tools and activities
- Meter installation, including customer data exceptions processing
- Network operations staff
- Operations center hardware and systems
- Site surveys and development
- System design, programming, and other upgrades/enhancements for integrated systems including billing, records, customer information and other information systems using meter information
- Technical support staff and operations
- Testing of systems and processes
- Training
- Peak Time Rebate (PTR) Information Technology costs
- Commission consultant evaluation costs
- Commission independent audit costs

(N)  
(N)

d. A debit or credit entry, as appropriate, to record the transfer of amounts from other accounts to the SBA-E for recovery in rates, upon approval by the CPUC.

e. An entry equal to the interest on the average of the balance in the account at the beginning of the month and the balance in the account after the above entries, at a rate equal to one-twelfth the interest rate on three-month Commercial Paper for the previous month, as reported in the Federal Reserve Statistical Release, H.15, or its successor.

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**ELECTRIC PRELIMINARY STATEMENT PART FQ**  
**METER READING COSTS BALANCING ACCOUNT (MRCBA-E)**

Sheet 1 (N)  
 (N)

**FQ. METER READING COSTS BALANCING ACCOUNT – ELECTRIC (MRCBA-E)** (N)

1. **PURPOSE:** The purpose of the MRCBA-E is to record and recover electric meter reading costs, including Energy Delivery Services (EDS) meter reading costs and severance costs, up to an annual cap of \$76.2 million, pursuant to Commission Decision 11-05-018 on PG&E's 2011 General Rate Case. (N)
2. **APPLICABILITY:** The MRCBA-E shall apply to all electric customers except for those specifically excluded by the Commission.
3. **REVISION DATE:** Disposition of the balance in the account shall be through the Annual Electric True-Up (AET) advice letter process via the Distribution Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (DRAM), or its successor, or through another proceeding as authorized by the Commission.
4. **RATES:** The MRCBA-E 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 or credit entry, as appropriate, to record the transfer of amounts from other accounts to the MRCBA-E, upon approval by the CPUC.
  - b) A debit or credit entry equal to the electric portion of PG&E's fully burdened costs and expenses incurred for meter reading, including Energy Delivery Services (EDS) meter reading and severance costs.
  - c) A debit or credit entry equal to any other amounts authorized by the Commission to be recorded in this account.
  - d) A debit or credit entry to transfer the balance, upon approval by the CPUC, to other regulatory accounts as appropriate for rate recovery.
  - e) 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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