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# Advice 3444-G/4342-E

(Pacific Gas and Electric Company ID U 39 M)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

# Subject:Request for One-Year Extension to Pacific Gas and Electric<br/>Company's Bill Relief Program for Customers Affected by the San<br/>Bruno Accident

# <u>Purpose</u>

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) hereby submits this Advice Letter to request an additional one-year extension of the authorization granted in Resolution G-3450 to provide bill relief to PG&E customers affected by the San Bruno accident. In addition, PG&E requests a limited revision, effective February 1, 2014, to Gas and Electric Rule 9, *Rendering and Payment of Bills*, to reflect this extension. This bill relief will continue to be shareholder-funded by PG&E.

PG&E requests approval of this advice letter on or before January 31, 2014, with an effective implementation date of February 1, 2014.

## Background

On September 28, 2010, PG&E filed Advice 3155-G/3739-E requesting California Public Utilities Commission (Commission or CPUC) authorization to provide immediate bill relief to those customers impacted directly by the September 9, 2010, San Bruno accident. PG&E requested that such bill relief be effective through December 2010 and be funded by PG&E's shareholders. To implement the bill relief, PG&E requested that the Commission approve a one-time deviation from Gas and Electric Rule 9, *Rendering and Payment of Bills*.

On October 14, 2010, the Commission's Energy Division requested that PG&E file a supplemental advice letter for Advice 3155-G/3739-E to describe PG&E's bill relief plan in greater detail. On October 20, 2010, PG&E filed supplemental Advice 3155-G-A/3739-E-A, which superseded Advice 3155-G/3739-E in its entirety. The Commission issued Resolution G-3450 on October 28, 2010 approving PG&E's request, including the proposed tariff revisions to Gas and Electric Rule 9.

On September 29, 2011 and December 20, 2012 PG&E filed Advice Letters 3239-G/3914-E and 3350-G/4166-E to request one-year extensions of the authorization granted in Resolution G-3450 to provide bill relief to PG&E customers affected by the San Bruno accident. In addition, PG&E requested a limited revision, effective February 1, 2012, to Gas and Electric Rule 9, *Rendering and Payment of Bills*, to clarify the terms of the extended bill relief program, which would continue to be shareholder-funded. PG&E received approval of these advice letters on December 1, 2011 and January 29, 2013, with effective implementation dates of February 1, 2012 and February 1, 2013, respectively.

PG&E submits this advice letter to request another one-year extension of the San Bruno bill relief approved in Resolution G-3450.

#### **Extension of Bill Relief**

In Advice 3155-G-A/3739-E-A, PG&E requested authorization to provide bill relief to customers directly impacted by the San Bruno accident. Consistent with Resolution G-3450, PG&E provided bill relief to non-displaced customers through the December 2010 billing cycle, and PG&E plans to continue to provide bill relief to displaced customers through the January 2015 billing cycle. PG&E has identified customers associated with 17 addresses that are currently eligible to receive the bill relief through the January 2015 billing cycle.

As the Commission recognized in Resolution G-3450, it may take many months to rebuild. PG&E anticipates that 13 customers may still be displaced (i.e., their homes will not have been rebuilt) by the end of the January 2014 billing cycle. In order to mitigate the harm caused by the San Bruno accident and to help return the community back to normalcy, PG&E requests authorization to extend bill relief to these displaced customers by one year -- through the end of the January 2015 billing cycle.

#### Bill Relief Extension Terms

The extended bill relief program will continue to be governed by the terms below:

Customers of record who were considered "Displaced from Service Address" and were eligible for rate relief through the January 2014 billing cycle will not be billed through the January 2015 billing cycle, unless the following occurs:

- 1) Homeowners return to their homes; or
- 2) Homeowners sell their eligible property.

If either of the above conditions occurs during the February 2014 through January 2015 billing period, the rate relief for those customers will end effective on the date of such occurrence.

The identified homeowners' bill relief will extend to their temporary residences, including, but not limited to, residences that the customer temporarily occupies with family or friends. The bill relief will be applicable to one temporary residence at one service address for each affected San Bruno residence.

All associated energy charges and applicable taxes for the temporary residence will be covered consistent with the PG&E proposal adopted in Resolution G-3450, using PG&E's shareholder funds. In short, the customer will receive no bill. The customer will work directly with their specific Claims Manager, Relationship Manager or the PG&E Contact Center, to inform PG&E of any changes in temporary housing during the bill relief period.

PG&E will continue to handle complex or unique situations on a case-by-case basis.

#### Accounting Procedure

PG&E will continue to use the same accounting procedure proposed in Advice 3155-G-A/3739-E-A and approved in Resolution G-3450.

## Tariff Revisions

PG&E requests a further revision of Gas and Electric Rule 9, *Rendering and Payment of Bills*, to implement the one-year extension. Please see the attached tariff sheets for revisions to Gas and Electric Rule 9, effective February 1, 2014.

## PG&E's Bill Relief Program Report

In Resolution G-3450, the CPUC required PG&E to issue a written report describing the results of the program within 60 days following the conclusion of the bill relief program. PG&E requests that the due date for this report be extended as part of the extension of the program, such that the report will be due within 60 days following the January 2015 billing cycle.

## Protests

Anyone wishing to protest this advice letter may do so by letter sent via U.S. mail, facsimile, or E-mail, no later than January 27, 2014, which is 21 days<sup>1</sup> after the date of this submission. Protests must be submitted to:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The 20-day protest period concludes on a weekend. PG&E is hereby moving this date to the following business day.

CPUC Energy Division E D Tariff Unit 505 Van Ness Avenue, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor San Francisco, California 94102

Facsimile: (415) 703-2200 E-mail: EDTariffUnit@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 shall also be sent to PG&E either via E-mail or U.S. mail (and by facsimile, if possible) at the address shown below on the same date it is mailed or delivered to the Commission:

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Facsimile: (415) 973-7226 E-mail: PGETariffs@pge.com

Any person (including individuals, groups, or organizations) may protest or respond to an advice letter. (General Order 96-B, Section 7.4.) The protest shall contain the following information: specification of the advice letter protested; grounds for the protest; supporting factual information or legal argument; name, telephone number, postal address, and (where appropriate) e-mail address of the protestant; and statement that the protest was sent to the utility no later than the day on which the protest was submitted to the reviewing Industry Division (General Order 96-B, Section 3.11).

## Effective Date

PG&E requests that this advice filing be approved on or before January 31, 2014, with an effective implementation date of **February 1, 2014**. If such approval is not granted by the requested date, PG&E will conditionally provide bill relief beyond the January 2014 billing period as described in this extension request until the Commission addresses this request.

Pursuant to Resolution G-3450, which provided that "Any minor changes PG&E requests to the bill relief program adopted herein filed by AL may be approved or rejected by ED staff based upon its assessment of the request's reasonableness and if no valid protests were filed," PG&E submits this as a Tier 2 advice letter.

#### <u>Notice</u>

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 service list for R.11-02-019. Affected customers as described in this Advice Letter will be notified. Address changes to the General Order 96-B service list and all electronic approvals should be directed to email PGETariffs@pge.com. For changes to any other service list, please contact the Commission' Process Office at (415) 703-2021 or at Process\_Office@cpuc.ca.gov. Advice letter filings can also be accessed electronically at http://www.pge.com/tariffs.

Brian Cherry KHC

Vice President – Regulatory Relations

#### Attachments

cc: Commission President Michael Peevey Commissioner Mark Ferron Commissioner Mike Florio Commissioner Carla Peterman Commissioner Catherine Sandoval Paul Clanon, Executive Director - CPUC Jack Hagan, Director of Safety and Enforcement Division - CPUC Frank Lindh, General Counsel - CPUC Joe Como, Acting Director, ORA - CPUC Mark Toney, Executive Director - TURN Service List for R.11-02-019

# CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION ADVICE LETTER FILING SUMMARY ENERGY UTILITY

MUST BE COM	PLETED BY UTILITY (A	Attach additional pages as needed)	
Company name/CPUC Utility No. Pacific (	Gas and Electric Comp	any (ID U39 M)	
ility type: Contact Person: <u>Kingsley Cheng</u>			
☑ ELC	Phone #: (415) 973-5265		
□ PLC □ HEAT □ WATER	E-mail: <u>k2c0@pge.co</u>	n and PGETariffs@pge.com	
EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TY	/PE	(Date Filed/ Received Stamp by CPUC)	
ELC = ElectricGAS = GasPLC = PipelineHEAT = Heat	WATER = Water		
		Tier: <u>2</u> Gas and Electric Company's Bill Relief Program for	
<u>Customers Affected by th</u>			
Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): <u>Bill</u>			
AL filing type: $\Box$ Monthly $\Box$ Quarterly $\Box$ And			
If AL filed in compliance with a Commission or	-		
Does AL replace a withdrawn or rejected AL?	· • •		
Summarize differences between the AL and the			
Is AL requesting confidential treatment? If so, v	what information is the ut	lity seeking confidential treatment for: No	
Confidential information will be made available	to those who have execut	ed a nondisclosure agreement: <u>N/A</u>	
Name(s) and contact information of the person(s information:	s) who will provide the no	ndisclosure agreement and access to the confidential	
Resolution Required? □Yes ☑No			
Requested effective date: February 1, 2014		No. of tariff sheets: 6	
Estimated system annual revenue effect (%): N/	<u>A</u>		
Estimated system average rate effect (%): <u>N/A</u>			
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Tariff schedules affected: Gas Rule 9 and Elect	tric Rule 9		
Service affected and changes proposed: $N/A$			
Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff	sheets: <u>N/A</u>		
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Energy Division		ttn: Brian K. Cherry ice President, Regulatory Relations	
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