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Subject: Revised Date for Mandatory Transition to New Time of Use Periods for Commercial and Industrial Customers

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) submits this advice letter to revise its electric Commercial and Industrial (C&I) rate schedules to change the date C&I customers will be defaulted to the rates with new Time of Use (TOU) periods that were adopted by Decision (D.) 18-08-013 in Phase II of PG&E's General Rate Case (GRC). Specifically, PG&E proposes to change the date customers will be defaulted to the rates with new TOU periods from November of 2020 to March of 2021.

Purpose

The purpose of this Advice Letter is to revise the date that eligible C&I customers will be defaulted to the rates with new TOU periods adopted by D.18-08-013. PG&E proposes to revise the date of mandatory transition to the C&I rates with new TOU Periods (Schedules B-1, B-6, B-10, B-19 and B-20) from the current date of November 2020 (as specified in Settlement Agreements adopted by D.18-08-013), to March 2021. This change impacts the rate schedules with new TOU periods as listed above, as well as similar references to the November 2020 transition date in Schedules A-1, A-6, A-10, E-19, E-20 and S.

Background

Decision 18-08-013 adopted rates with new TOU periods for C&I customers as part of several Settlement Agreements in PG&E's 2017 GRC Phase II proceeding. Specifically, the Small Light and Power Rate Design Settlement Agreement and the Standby and Medium and Large Light and Power Rate Design Settlement Agreement provided that C&I rates with new TOU periods would become available on an opt-in basis in November 2019, and would become mandatory for eligible C&I customers one year later in November 2020. These settlement agreements also specified that this mandatory transition date would be the date that Peak Day Pricing (PDP) would be available to customers on Schedules B-1, B-6, B-10, B-19 and B-20. In addition, according to the Settlement Agreement on TOU Rates for Grandfathered Solar Customers, the mandatory transition date for C&I customers was also the date that the legacy schedules (Schedules A-1, A-6, A-10, E-19, and E-20) would be available only to solar customers eligible for grandfathered service on these schedules and to customers without an interval meter. Subsequently, PG&E filed tariffs which included November 2020 as the mandatory date for transition of eligible C&I customers to the rates with new TOU periods as adopted by D. 18-08-013. Advice Letters 5625-E (legacy schedules) and 5626-E (schedules for rates with new TOU periods) were adopted by the Commission by letters from the Executive Director dated October 22, 2019 and October 23, 2019, respectively.

By this Advice Letter, PG&E proposes to make March 2021 the effective date for all of the following C&I rate initiatives: (1) C&I customer mandatory transition to rates with new TOU periods (on their billing cycle date), (2) PDP with a new event period available on the C&I rates with new TOU periods, and (3) revised C&I legacy rates for solar customers eligible for TOU period grandfathering. This will not impact the current availability of the new C&I TOU rates for opt-in or the March 1, 2021 Agricultural mandatory transition to rates with new TOU periods, availability of PDP on the Agricultural rates with new TOU periods, or revision of Agricultural rates for solar customers that are eligible for TOU period grandfathering.

The rates with new TOU periods became available for opt-in for C&I customers on November 1, 2019, and would have become mandatory starting in November 2020. This date is four months before the planned mandatory transition to rates with new TOU periods for the agricultural customer class, starting March 1, 2021, under the Agricultural Settlement Agreement. While evaluating the significant system changes required to implement the mandatory transitions for the non-residential and agricultural customer classes, PG&E has determined that making the mandatory transition starting dates for these classes effective on the same date would be better for performing the system work necessary for implementation.

PG&E has determined that the settlements give PG&E flexibility to deviate from the timetables anticipated in the Settlements to implement *structural and system changes in a manner consistent with smooth operations of the systems involved.*[1] PG&E has reviewed the changes with the Settling Parties to the Small Light and Power Rate Design Settlement Agreement, the Standby and Medium and Large Light and Power Rate Design Settlement Agreement and the Settlement Agreement on TOU Rates for Grandfathered Solar Customers. No party has objected to these changes.

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[1] Small Light and Power Rate Design Supplemental Settlement Agreement, January 29, 2018, p.15, and Standby and Medium and Large Light and Power Rate Design Supplemental Settlement Agreement, January 31, 2018, p. 15.

Tariff Revisions

The revised tariffs are provided in Attachment 1. For the convenience of the parties, redline versions of these tariff changes are provided in Attachment 2.

This submittal would not increase any current rate or charge, cause the withdrawal of service, or conflict with any rate schedule or rule.

Protests

Anyone wishing to protest this submittal may do so by letter sent via U.S. mail, facsimile or E-mail, no later than April 10, 2020, which is 20 days after the date of this submittal. Protests must be submitted to:

CPUC Energy Division
ED Tariff Unit
505 Van Ness Avenue, 4th 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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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

Pursuant to General Order (GO) 96-B, Rule 5.2 this advice letter is submitted with a Tier 2 designation. PG&E requests that this Tier 2 advice submittal become effective on regular notice, April 19, 2020, which is 30 calendar days after the date of submittal.

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 list for A.16-06-013. Address changes to the General Order 96-B service list should be directed to PG&E at email address 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 submittals can also be accessed electronically at: http://www.pge.com/tariffs/.

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Attachments

cc: Service List A.16-06-013