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**Advice Letter 3617-G/4685-E**

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**SUBJECT: Add Six New Sites to Hazardous Substance Mechanism**

Dear Mr. Jacobson:

Advice Letter 3617-G/4685-E is effective as of September 6, 2015.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edward Randolph".

Edward Randolph  
Director, Energy Division



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**Advice 3617-G/4685-E**

(Pacific Gas and Electric Company ID U 39 M)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

**Subject: Add Six New Sites to Hazardous Substance Mechanism**

**Purpose**

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) hereby requests California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) approval to include six additional sites in the Hazardous Substance Cost Recovery Account as referenced within Gas Preliminary Statement Part AN and Electric Preliminary Statement Part S, *Hazardous Substance*, in compliance with Decision (D.) 94-05-020.

PG&E has identified six facilities where historical operations included the use, storage, and/or repair of utility equipment that contained mercury and may have contained other hazardous substances. PG&E plans to conduct environmental assessments at these sites to identify and remediate hazardous substance releases which may have occurred in order to protect worker safety, public health, and the environment.

A description of all six additional sites is set forth in Attachment 1 to this filing. The sites are as follows:

<b>Site Name</b>	<b>Location</b>
Tionesta Compressor Station	Tionesta Road, Tionesta, Modoc County
Rock Creek Yard	1649 Canal Street, Auburn, Placer County
Watsonville Service Center	11 Walker Street, Watsonville, Santa Cruz County
Clearlake Highlands Service Center	14730 Olympic Dr., Clearlake, Lake County

Gas Transmission Line 301 A /Line 301 G	Various locations between Moss landing Power Plant, Monterey County to Hollister Meter Station, San Benito County
Gas Transmission Line 103	Various locations between Harkin Road Regulator Station in Monterey County to Bolsa Road Meter Station, San Benito County

### **Background**

D.94-05-020 requires California utilities to file an advice letter in order to include additional sites as part of the Hazardous Substance Mechanism. For each site the advice letter shall list: 1) the name of the site(s); 2) the location of the site(s); 3) the source, nature and approximate date of the contamination; 4) utility operations (historical and current) at the site(s), if any; and 5) environmental agency actions and oversight regarding the site(s), if any. In addition, D.96-07-016 requires utilities to demonstrate that: 1) clean-up costs for which recovery is being sought are not being recovered through base rates or through any other recovery procedure, and 2) all of the costs for which recovery is being sought are hazardous waste clean-up costs (including insurance costs) found appropriate for recovery in the Hazardous Substance Cleanup Cost Recovery Collaborative Report.

### **Protests**

Anyone wishing to protest this filing may do so by letter sent via U.S. mail, facsimile or E-mail, no later than August 27, 2015, which is 20 days after the date of this filing. 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:

Erik Jacobson  
Director, Regulatory Relations  
Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
77 Beale Street, Mail Code B10C  
P.O. Box 770000  
San Francisco, California 94177

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 Tier 2 advice filing become effective on September 6, 2015, which is 30 days after the date of filing.

### **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. Address changes to the General Order 96-B service list and all electronic approvals 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. Advice letter filings can also be accessed electronically at <http://www.pge.com/tariffs/>.

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/S/

Erik Jacobson  
Director, Regulatory Relations

cc: Robert Finkelstein - TURN (bfinkelstein@turn.org)

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: **Shirley Wong**

Phone #: **(415) 972-5505**

E-mail: **slwb@pge.com and PGETariffs@pge.com**

EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE

(Date Filed/ Received Stamp by CPUC)

ELC = Electric

GAS = Gas

PLC = Pipeline

HEAT = Heat

WATER = Water

Advice Letter (AL) #: **3617-G/4685-E**

**Tier: 2**

Subject of AL: **Add Six New Sites to Hazardous Substance Mechanism**

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): **Compliance, Hazardous Waster**

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

If AL filed in compliance with a Commission order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution #: **D. 94-05-020**

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: **September 6, 2015**

No. of tariff sheets: N/A

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: N/A

Service affected and changes proposed: N/A

Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets: 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:

**California Public Utilities Commission**

**Energy Division**

**EDTariffUnit**

**505 Van Ness Ave., 4<sup>th</sup> Flr.**

**San Francisco, CA 94102**

**E-mail: EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov**

**Pacific Gas and Electric Company**

**Attn: Erik Jacobson**

**Director, Regulatory Relations**

**77 Beale Street, Mail Code B10C**

**P.O. Box 770000**

**San Francisco, CA 94177**

**E-mail: PGETariffs@pge.com**

**Site Name:** Tionesta Compressor Station

**Location:** Tionesta Road, Tionesta, Modoc County

**Source, Nature, and Approximate Date of Contamination:** An environmental assessment identified historical operations at PG&E's Tionesta Compressor Station that may have resulted in a release of mercury and/or other hazardous substances. The exact date of any potential mercury release at this facility is unknown. However, PG&E estimates any mercury contamination likely occurred prior to 1991, as PG&E completed the removal of mercury-filled meters and controls from most of its sites by 1991.

**Utility Operations at the Site:** PG&E's Tionesta Compressor Station comprises a parcel that measures approximately 5.3 acres. It was constructed in 1970 to support the operations of the gas transmission system and various associated facilities. Site facilities include three major buildings used for gas transmission. There are numerous other small buildings that are used for storage or to protect the valve operators from the elements during the winter. Some of the control instrumentation contained mercury, and PG&E is exploring the possibility of a historical release at this site.

**Environmental Agency Actions:** There has been no agency involvement to date.

**Nature of Costs:** The costs for which PG&E is seeking HSM recovery are not being recovered in base rates, or through any other recovery procedure. All cleanup costs to be recorded by PG&E in the HSM balancing accounts will be hazardous waste cleanup costs found appropriate for recovery in the Hazardous Substance Cleanup Cost Recovery Collaborative Report.

**Site Name:** Rock Creek Yard

**Location:** 1649 Canal Street, Auburn, Placer County

**Source, Nature, and Approximate Date of Contamination:** An environmental site assessment identified historical operations at PG&E's Rock Creek Yard that may have resulted in a release of mercury and/or other hazardous substances. The exact date of any potential mercury release at this facility is unknown. However, PG&E estimates any mercury contamination likely occurred prior to 1991, as PG&E completed the removal of mercury-filled meters and controls from most of its sites by 1991.

**Utility Operations at the Site:** PG&E's Rock Creek Yard comprises approximately 12 acres. It was constructed in 1978 to provide utility support service for the surrounding area of Placer County. Site facilities include two buildings and nine trailers, currently used for offices and warehousing. PG&E is exploring the possibility of a historical release at this site.

**Environmental Agency Actions:** There has been no agency involvement to date.

**Nature of Costs:** The costs for which PG&E is now seeking HSM recovery are not being recovered in base rates, or through any other recovery procedure. All cleanup costs to be recorded by PG&E in the HSM balancing accounts will be hazardous waste cleanup costs found appropriate for recovery in the Hazardous Substance Cleanup Cost Recovery Collaborative Report.

**Site Name:** Watsonville Service Center

**Location:** 11 Walker Street, Watsonville, Santa Cruz County

**Source, Nature, and Approximate Date of Contamination:** An environmental site assessment identified historical operations at PG&E's Watsonville Service Center that may have resulted in a release of mercury and/or other hazardous substances. The exact date of any potential mercury release at this facility is unknown. However, PG&E estimates any mercury contamination likely occurred prior to 1991, as PG&E completed the removal of mercury-filled meters and controls from most of its sites by 1991.

**Utility Operations at the Site:** PG&E's Watsonville Service Center comprises approximately 1.4 acres. It was constructed in 1939 to provide gas and electric service for the surrounding area of Santa Cruz County. Site facilities include two buildings and a single trailer, currently used for offices, shops, and warehousing. PG&E is exploring the possibility of a historical release at this site.

**Environmental Agency Actions:** There has been no agency involvement to date.

**Nature of Costs:** The costs for which PG&E is now seeking HSM recovery are not being recovered in base rates, or through any other recovery procedure. All cleanup costs to be recorded by PG&E in the HSM balancing accounts will be hazardous waste cleanup costs found appropriate for recovery in the Hazardous Substance Cleanup Cost Recovery Collaborative Report.



**Site Name:** Clearlake Highlands Service Center

**Location:** 14730 Olympic Dr., Clearlake, Lake County

**Source, Nature, and Approximate Date of Contamination:** An environmental site assessment identified historical operations at PG&E's Clearlake Highlands Service Center that may have resulted in a release of mercury and/or other hazardous substances. The exact date of any potential mercury release at this facility is unknown. However, PG&E estimates any mercury contamination likely occurred prior to 1991, as PG&E completed the removal of mercury-filled meters and controls from most of its sites by 1991.

**Utility Operations at the Site:** PG&E's Clearlake Highlands Service Center comprises approximately 2.9 acres. It was constructed in 1960 to provide electric service for the surrounding area of Lake County. Site facilities include one buildings and a single trailer, currently used for offices, shops, and warehousing. PG&E is exploring the possibility of a historical release at this site.

**Environmental Agency Actions:** There has been no agency involvement to date.

**Nature of Costs:** The costs for which PG&E is now seeking HSM recovery are not being recovered in base rates, or through any other recovery procedure. All cleanup costs to be recorded by PG&E in the HSM balancing accounts will be hazardous waste cleanup costs found appropriate for recovery in the Hazardous Substance Cleanup Cost Recovery Collaborative Report.

**Site Name:** Gas Transmission Line 301 A /Line 301 G

**Location:** Various locations between Moss landing Power Plant, Monterey County to Hollister Meter Station, San Benito County. Specific locations are:

Moss Landing PP	<b>Longitude:</b> -121.774002/ <b>Latitude:</b> 36.802733	Monterey County
Dolan Road	<b>Longitude:</b> -121.734053/ <b>Latitude:</b> 36.797929	Monterey County
Wright Road	<b>Longitude:</b> -121.442848/ <b>Latitude:</b> 36.864635	San Benito County

**Source, Nature, and Approximate Date of Contamination:** An environmental site assessment identified historical operations along PG&E's Gas Transmission Lines 301 A & G that may have resulted in a release of mercury and/or other hazardous substances. The exact date of any potential mercury release at these facilities is unknown. However, PG&E estimates any mercury contamination likely occurred prior to 1991, as PG&E completed the removal of mercury-filled meters and controls from most of its sites by 1991.

**Utility Operations at the Site:** PG&E's Gas Transmission Lines 301 A & G span approximately 25 miles between the Moss Landing Power Plant and the Hollister Meter Station as they transmit natural gas to Northern California. The route contains numerous buildings which house valves and other equipment. A portion of these facilities may have utilized mercury containing devices. PG&E is exploring the possibility of a historical release at these specific sites.

**Environmental Agency Actions:** There has been no agency involvement to date.

**Nature of Costs:** The costs for which PG&E is now seeking HSM recovery are not being recovered in base rates, or through any other recovery procedure. All cleanup costs to be recorded by PG&E in the HSM balancing accounts will be hazardous waste cleanup costs found appropriate for recovery in the Hazardous Substance Cleanup Cost Recovery Collaborative Report.

**Site Name:** Gas Transmission Line 103

**Location:** Various locations between Harkin Road Regulator Station in Monterey County to Bolsa Road Meter Station, San Benito County. Specific locations are:

Harkin Rd Reg Stn	<b>Longitude:</b> -121.633802/ <b>Latitude:</b> 36.644812	Monterey County
California St	<b>Longitude:</b> -121.650864/ <b>Latitude:</b> 36.681381	Monterey County
Old Stage Rd s/o Herbert Rd	<b>Longitude:</b> -121.607096/ <b>Latitude:</b> 36.750553	Monterey County
Bolsa Rd Meter Stn	<b>Longitude:</b> -121.429975/ <b>Latitude:</b> 36.863932	San Benito County

**Source, Nature, and Approximate Date of Contamination:** An environmental site assessment identified historical operations along PG&E's Gas Transmission Line 103 that may have resulted in a release of mercury and/or other hazardous substances. The exact date of any potential mercury release at this facility is unknown. However, PG&E estimates any mercury contamination likely occurred prior to 1991, as PG&E completed the removal of mercury-filled meters and controls from most of its sites by 1991.

**Utility Operations at the Site:** PG&E's Gas Transmission Line 103 spans approximately 23 miles as it transmits natural gas between the cities of Hollister in San Benito County and Salinas in Monterey County. The route contains buildings which house valves and other equipment. A portion of these facilities may have utilized mercury containing devices. PG&E is exploring the possibility of a historical release at these specific sites along the Line 107 route.

**Environmental Agency Actions:** There has been no agency involvement to date.

**Nature of Costs:** The costs for which PG&E is now seeking HSM recovery are not being recovered in base rates, or through any other recovery procedure. All cleanup costs to be recorded by PG&E in the HSM balancing accounts will be hazardous waste cleanup costs found appropriate for recovery in the Hazardous Substance Cleanup Cost Recovery Collaborative Report.

**PG&E Gas and Electric  
Advice Filing List  
General Order 96-B, Section IV**

AT&T	Don Pickett & Associates, Inc.	Office of Ratepayer Advocates
Albion Power Company	Douglass & Liddell	OnGrid Solar
Alcantar & Kahl LLP	Downey & Brand	Pacific Gas and Electric Company
Anderson & Poole	Ellison Schneider & Harris LLP	Praxair
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Cenergy Power	Linde	Spark Energy
Center for Biological Diversity	Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force	Sun Light & Power
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City of San Jose	MRW & Associates	Tecogen, Inc.
Clean Power	Manatt Phelps Phillips	Tiger Natural Gas, Inc.
Coast Economic Consulting	Marin Energy Authority	TransCanada
Commercial Energy	McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP	Troutman Sanders LLP
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County of Tehama - Department of Public Works	Modesto Irrigation District	Utility Power Solutions
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Division of Ratepayer Advocates	Occidental Energy Marketing, Inc.	YEP Energy