

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company
To Revise Its Electric Marginal Costs, Revenue
Allocation, and Rate Design. (U 39 M)

Application 04-06-024
(Filed June 17, 2004)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING
ON ELECTRONIC SERVICE**

About three months ago, on December 16, 2004, the Commission adopted new rules regarding service of documents by electronic mail. (Attachment C to Decision 04-12-057 in Rulemaking 04-01-005.) The key changes are found in revised Rule 2.3 and new Rule 2.3.1. Changes in other rules were also made to maintain consistency. The changes do not affect the Commission's rules for filing. That is, the adopted changes only involve service, not filing.

The new rules, with minor modifications, have now been approved by the Office of Administrative Law (OAL). These new rules take effect on March 24, 2005.

The OAL-approved rules will be available on the Commission's website this week. You may also wish to review the Commission's website for other relevant information. For example, an announcement will likely be placed under "recent announcements" with suggestions regarding the resetting of spam filters.

I believe the new rules on electronic service are compatible with the electronic service protocols adopted in the August 27, 2004 Scoping Memo for this proceeding. For example, the "Notice of Posting" in this proceeding is similar to the "Notice of Availability" referenced in the new rules.

Consistent with the Scoping Memo and the new rules, parties may choose to send a “Notice of Posting” in lieu of sending a copy of the full document by electronic mail to the entire service list. Whether transmitted by a “Notice of Posting” or as an attachment to an electronic mail message, parties should continue to serve a copy of each document on applicant at GRC2003documents@pge.com so that applicant may post the item on its document website.

Consistent with the new rules, I encourage parties to use a common approach for the subject line of the electronic mail transmittal note. The information for the subject line is to be in the following order: the docket number, Notice of Availability or Posting (if applicable), brief name of proceeding, and brief identification of the document being served with the name of the serving party. (Rules 2.3(c) and 2.3.1(c).) The new rules adopt this order for items in the subject line based on some parties’ comments in R.04-01-005 in order to facilitate searches and organization of notes. For example, the subject line might be:

1. If a Notice of Posting is used: “A.04-06-024 Notice of Posting (PG&E GRC Ph 2) Proposed Rebuttal Testimony of PG&E.”
2. If the document is attached to the electronic mail note: “A.04-06-024 (PG&E GRC Ph 2) Proposed Rebuttal Testimony of PG&E.”

IT IS RULED that parties shall take notice of the Commission's new electronic service rules. The electronic service protocols in this proceeding shall continue to apply. To the fullest extent feasible, parties shall use the common approach described herein for the subject line of electronic mail messages.

Dated March 22, 2005, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ BURTON W. MATTSON
Burton W. Mattson
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail, and by electronic mail to the parties to which an electronic mail address has been provided, this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling on Electronic Service on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated March 22, 2005, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ FANNIE SID

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N O T I C E

Parties should notify the Process Office, Public Utilities Commission, 505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 2000, San Francisco, CA 94102, of any change of address to insure that they continue to receive documents. You must indicate the proceeding number on the service list on which your name appears.