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PUC APPROVES PG&E'S WINTER GAS BILL REBATE PROGRAM

SAN FRANCISCO, September 20, 2007 - The California Public Utilities Commission (PUC) today approved a proposal by Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) to offer customers a gas bill rebate for reducing their natural gas usage during January and February 2008.

PG&E's 10/20 Plus program provides residential and commercial gas customers with a gas bill rebate if they reduce their gas consumption as compared to their average consumption over the same monthly period during the past three years. The maximum rebate is 20 percent, which is earned by achieving a 10 percent or more reduction in natural gas usage. Customers who conserve less than 10 percent will receive a rebate equal to their gas consumption reduction. PG&E anticipates \$64 million in rebates will be issued.

"Energy conservation is a major priority for California," said PUC President Michael R. Peevey. "The PUC has made a commitment to reducing California's energy consumption, and PG&E's rebate program has shown to be a valuable tool in rewarding customers who conserve while also providing significant environmental benefits to the state."

Commissioner Timothy Alan Simon said, "The 10/20 proposal doubles your money back - cut consumption 10 percent; cut your bills 20 percent. Great for consumers!"

The PUC has approved similar PG&E programs in the past two years. For winter 2005-2006, PG&E reported that 20 percent of eligible customers received a gas bill rebate with an average decline in usage of 28 percent. In 2006-2007, PG&E reported that 44 percent of eligible customers received a rebate with an average decline in usage of 19 percent.

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