New Interim Rate Option
PG&E Rate Equalization

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C&I Opt-Out Concerns...

- SVCE is a new agency
  - “SVCE rates are lower than PG&E, but will they stay that way”?

- If SVCE’s rates became non-competitive, opting out may require a customer to pay:
  - a higher rate that could negate any accumulated savings with SVCE
  - a rate that is complex and constantly changing
Current Interim rate Options when Opting Out...

- PG&E ‘Transitional Rate’ for six months
  - Changes weekly based on market rates
  - Varies by rate component – e.g. Peak, Part-Peak, Off-Peak
  - May be higher or lower than PG&E standard rate

- SVCE standard rates for additional six months
  - Six months after opt-out request, rate transitions from SVCE rate to PG&E standard rate
A New Interim Rate Option

- For C&I customers opted out for more than a year and rejoining SVCE service, establish a new ‘PG&E Equalization’ interim rate option:
  - if opting out later, customer pays SVCE rates for six months
  - at the end of the six months, SVCE bills or pays the difference between standard PG&E and SVCE rates
  - ensures customer pays standard PG&E gen rate during this period
  - available to large commercial and industrial accounts (E-20, E-19, AG-5) opted out, and rejoining SVCE service before Dec 31, 2018
  - customer must sign separate agreement for this option
Example Scenarios

Scenario 1: Eligible customer subsequently opts out, and PG&E rates are lower than SVCE

At the end of the six month period, SVCE credits customer for the net cost savings that would have been realized at PG&E’s lower generation rate, applied to all usage over the period (shaded area)
Example Scenarios

**Scenario 2: Eligible customer subsequently opts out, and PG&E rates temporarily lower than SVCE**

At the end of the six month period, SVCE bills or credits customer for net difference between usage at SVCE’s higher gen rate (credit for months 1-2) and PG&E’s higher gen rate (debit for months 3-6)
Financial Impact

- Financial benefits and potential exposure
  - current SVCE operating margin benefit of $250k+ per $1M in annual returning customer revenue
  - in a worst-case scenario of SVCE gen charges (including PCIA) 10% higher than PG&E over 6 months, exposure would be $75k per $1M in opted out revenue from eligible customers
Recommendation

• Authorize CEO to develop and pilot a new interim rate option, for large C&I accounts currently opted out for at least one year

Questions?