

April 6, 2001

ADVICE 2097-E

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: Compensation Levels for Diablo Canyon Independent Safety Committee

Purpose

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) hereby submits its annual report (Attachment I) of compensation levels for the members of the Diablo Canyon Independent Safety Committee (DCISC) in compliance with Decision (D.) 88-12-083, dated December 19, 1988, and Resolution E-3152, dated May 19, 1989.

Background

D. 88-12-083 adopted the Diablo Canyon Settlement Agreement, which included the establishment of the DCISC, to be made up of persons with knowledge, background, and experience in the field of nuclear power facilities. The DCISC reviews Diablo Canyon operations, assesses the safety of operations, and makes recommendations for safety improvements.

Resolution E-3152 established permissible compensation levels for members of the DCISC, commensurate with fees PG&E pays for other services. Resolution E-3152 found the appropriate compensation level for DCISC members to be:

- An annual retainer of \$8,000, plus a fee of \$500 per meeting;
- Reimbursement of expenses incurred in performance of committee work;
- A \$200 per hour fee for committee business performed in excess of 40 hours.

Resolution E-3608 eliminated the flat fee of \$500 per committee meeting in favor of reimbursement of the committee members at their normal rate of \$200 per hour for attendance at meetings.

The annual report examines the current fees paid to members of the DCISC, in comparison to fees paid to members of the Nuclear Facilities Decommissioning Master Trust Committee, the Nuclear Safety Oversight Committee, and the President's Nuclear Advisory Committee. No change in compensation is recommended.

This filing will not increase any rate or charge, cause the withdrawal of service, or conflict with any rate schedule or rule.

Effective Date

PG&E requests that this advice letter become effective on **May 16, 2001**, which is 40 days after the date of filing.

Protests

Anyone wishing to protest this advice letter may do so by sending a letter within twenty (20) days after the date of this filing. Protests should be mailed to:

IMC Branch Chief
Energy Division
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 4002
San Francisco, California 94102
Facsimile: (415) 703-2200

Copies should also be mailed to the attention of the Director, Energy Division, and to Juanita Porter of the Energy Division at the address above. A copy of the protest should be sent by U.S. mail and via facsimile to:

Pacific Gas and Electric Company
Attention: Les Guliasi
Director, Regulatory Relations
77 Beale Street, Mail Code B10C
P.O. Box 770000
San Francisco, California 94177
Facsimile: (415) 973-7226

The protest shall set forth the grounds upon which it is based, and shall be submitted expeditiously. There is no restriction on who may file a protest.

Notice

In accordance with Section III, Paragraph G, of General Order 96-A, PG&E is mailing copies of this advice letter to the utilities and interested parties shown on the attached list. For mailing list changes, please telephone Nelia Avendano at (415) 973-3529.

Vice President - Regulatory Relations

Attachments