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July 19, 2010

Advice Letter 3579-E

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**Subject: Confirmation of PG&E's Nominee to the Committee of its
Nuclear Decommissioning Trust Fund**

Dear Ms. Yura:

Advice Letter 3579-E is effective June 24, 2010 per Resolution E-4318.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie A. Fitch".

Julie A. Fitch, Director
Energy Division



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December 18, 2009

Advice 3579-E

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (U 39 M)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

**Subject: Confirmation of PG&E's Nominee to the Committee of its
Nuclear Decommissioning Trust Fund**

Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) hereby submits for filing this update to PG&E's Committee for Nuclear Decommissioning Trust established pursuant to Decision (D.)87-05-062 and Resolution E-3048.

Purpose

PG&E is requesting California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) confirmation of the reappointment of its nominee, William E. Downing, to the Committee of PG&E's Nuclear Decommissioning Trust Funds.

Background

In response to Commission D.87-05-062 and Resolution E-3048, PG&E negotiated with the Commission staff and the Trustee of its decommissioning trusts to develop trust agreements for its nuclear decommissioning costs in accordance with guidelines set forth in that Decision. Two trust agreements were required, one for the decommissioning funds which qualify for an income tax deduction under Section 468A of the Internal Revenue Code (Qualified Trust) and one for the remaining funds (Non-Qualified Trust). The two agreements are collectively referred to herein as the "Trusts."

Both of the Trusts require, among other things, that they be managed by a Committee composed of five members, three of whom are not affiliated with PG&E. The Trusts require that the Committee members be nominated by the management of PG&E, and confirmed by its Board of Directors. Additionally, the Trusts require that the Committee members not affiliated with PG&E be confirmed by the Commission. By this filing, PG&E is requesting Commission reconfirmation

of one member not affiliated with PG&E, in accordance with the provisions set forth in the Trusts.

PG&E has nominated Mr. Downing to serve as a PG&E non-affiliated Committee member for both trusts for another five-year term.

Mr. Downing will complete his most recent five-year term as a non-affiliated Committee member on May 2, 2010, and has served on the Committee since October 5, 2006. Mr. Downing has indicated his willingness to serve another term on the Committee if confirmed by the Commission, and PG&E requests that the Commission approve his reappointment for the period May 3, 2010 through May 2, 2015. The re-nomination of Mr. Downing was confirmed by PG&E's Board of Directors on December 16, 2009.

The issues in this filing are limited to the qualifications of the nominee to serve on the Committee of PG&E's Trusts, and the fee arrangement for the nominee's service. As described below, the qualifications of the nominee and all of the information necessary for the Commission to determine the existence of any conflict of interest are fully set forth herein. The Commission has previously approved this individual's appointment.

The education and professional background of the nominee is set forth in Attachment A, included herein. Also, Attachment B contains the "conflict of interest" declaration from the nominee, as required by the Trusts. The recommended fee is \$12,000 per year and \$500 per meeting, and PG&E requests that the Commission confirm that these fees are reasonable.

This filing will not increase any rates or charges, conflict with any schedules or rules, nor cause withdrawal of service.

Protests

Anyone wishing to protest this filing may do so by sending a letter by January 7, 2010, which is 20 days from the date of this filing. The protest must state the grounds upon which it is based, including such items as financial and service impact, and should be submitted expeditiously. Protests should be mailed to:

CPUC Energy Division
Attention: Tariff Unit, 4th Floor

505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, California 94102

Facsimile: (415) 703-2200
E-mail: mas@cpuc.ca.gov and jnj@cpuc.ca.gov

Copies should also be mailed to the attention of the Director, Energy Division, Room 4005 and Honesto Gatchalian, Energy Division, at the address shown above.

The protest also should be sent via U.S. mail (and by facsimile and electronically, if possible) to PG&E at the address shown below on the same date it is mailed or delivered to the Commission.

Pacific Gas and Electric Company
Attention: Brian Cherry
Vice President, Regulatory Relations
77 Beale Street, Mail Code B10C
P.O. Box 770000
San Francisco, California 94177

Facsimile: (415) 973-7226
E-Mail: PGETariffs@pge.com

Effective Date

PG&E requests that this advice filing be approved as soon as possible, with the effective date of May 3, 2010.

Notice

In accordance with General Order 96-B, Section IV, a copy of this advice letter excluding the confidential appendices is being sent electronically and via U.S. mail to parties shown on the attached list and the service list for Application 09-04-007. Address changes should be directed to PGETariffs@pge.com. Advice letter filings can also be accessed electronically at: <http://www.pge.com/tariffs>.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian K. Cherry". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the typed name.

Brian K. Cherry
Vice President - Regulatory Relations

cc: Service List for Application 09-04-007

Attachment

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: Megan Lawson

Phone #: (415) 973-1877

E-mail: mehr@pge.com

EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE

ELC = Electric

GAS = Gas

PLC = Pipeline

HEAT = Heat

WATER = Water

(Date Filed/ Received Stamp by CPUC)

Advice Letter (AL) #: 3579-E

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Subject of AL: Confirmation of PG&E's Nominee to the Committee of its Nuclear Decommissioning Trust Fund

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Nuclear

AL filing type: Monthly Quarterly Annual One-Time Other _____

If AL filed in compliance with a Commission order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution #: 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: May 3, 2010

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:

Service affected and changes proposed:

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:

**CPUC, Energy Division
Tariff Files, Room 4005
DMS Branch**

**505 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, CA 94102
jn@cpuc.ca.gov and mas@cpuc.ca.gov**

**Pacific Gas and Electric Company
Attn: Brian K. Cherry, Vice President, Regulatory
Relations**

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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

In the Matter of the Advice Filing of Pacific Gas)
and Electric Company (U 39 E) for Approval of)
Appointment of William E. Downing to Serve on)
the Committee of its Nuclear Decommissioning)
Trust Funds)
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(U 39 E))
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Advice Filing No. _____

**PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY
DECLARATION OF WILLIAM E. DOWNING**

I, William E. Downing, declare as follows:

1. That I have been nominated by Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) to serve on the Nuclear Facilities Decommissioning Master Trust Committee (the Committee) for its Nuclear Decommissioning Trust Funds (Funds);
2. That I have indicated my willingness to continue to serve on the Committee;
3. That I have reviewed the requirements and restrictions on Committee members not affiliated with PG&E contained in the trust agreement for each of the Funds;
4. That I am retired as Executive Vice President of Pacific Telesis Group;
5. That my personal and professional background is briefly described on the biography I have attached hereto;
6. That I own no PG&E stock or other PG&E securities, except possibly indirectly through a mutual fund;
7. That, other than through my prior employer, Pacific Telesis Group, which had routine business relationships with PG&E, I have no prior business relationship with PG&E;
8. That I am not an employee, officer, or agent of PG&E; and,
9. That I have no financial or other interest that will conflict with the discharge of my responsibilities as a Committee member.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated:

12/10/09

William E. Downing

WILLIAM E. DOWNING

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF

WILLIAM E. DOWNING

Education

- Oklahoma State University - BSEE 1962
- Stanford University - MBA with concentration in finance 1970

Career Summary

- Texas Instruments (1962-65; 1997) – Designed ground support systems for NASA space program; trained personnel from tracking stations around the world to operate and maintain data demodulator systems.
- Electronic Instrumentation (1965-66) - Designed one of the first digital oil exploration systems for a major exploration company.
- Bell System (1970-82) – Held a variety of assignments at Pacific Bell and at AT&T headquarters, including:
 - ~ District Manager - forecasted system-wide earnings and financing requirements
 - ~ Division Manager - developed corporate pension fund management guidelines
 - ~ Assistant Vice President, Resource Planning - improved corporate resource allocation
 - ~ Assistant Vice President, Planning - transformed AT&T into a customer-focused competitor
 - ~ Assistant Vice President, Planning - planned for the break-up of the Bell System
- Pacific Telesis Group (1982-98) – Held a variety of positions, including:
 - ~ Assistant Vice President, Corporate Strategy - developed business strategy for the newly divested Pacific Telesis Group
 - ~ Vice President and Treasurer - managed the company's pension and health benefit funds
 - ~ Vice President, Corporate Strategy - created business development strategic plan
 - ~ General Manager, Bay Area - managed all service operations in the Bay Area except for Marin County
 - ~ Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Pacific Bell
 - ~ Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Pacific Telesis Group
- Retired April 1, 1998 following the acquisition of Pacific Telesis Group by SBC Corporation

Other Activities

- San Francisco Museum of Modern Art - Member of Board
- The Marine Mammal Center – Capital Campaign Chairman

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

Alcantar & Kahl	Defense Energy Support Center	North Coast SolarResources
Ameresco	Department of Water Resources	Northern California Power Association
Anderson & Poole	Department of the Army	Occidental Energy Marketing, Inc.
Arizona Public Service Company	Dept of General Services	OnGrid Solar
BART	Division of Business Advisory Services	Praxair
BP Energy Company	Douglas & Liddell	R. W. Beck & Associates
Barkovich & Yap, Inc.	Douglass & Liddell	RCS, Inc.
Bartle Wells Associates	Downey & Brand	Recon Research
C & H Sugar Co.	Duke Energy	SCD Energy Solutions
CA Bldg Industry Association	Dutcher, John	SCE
CAISO	Ellison Schneider & Harris LLP	SMUD
CLECA Law Office	FPL Energy Project Management, Inc.	SPURR
CSC Energy Services	Foster Farms	Santa Fe Jets
California Cotton Ginners & Growers Assn	G. A. Krause & Assoc.	Seattle City Light
California Energy Commission	GLJ Publications	Sempra Utilities
	Goodin, MacBride, Squeri, Schlotz & Ritchie	Sierra Pacific Power Company
California League of Food Processors	Green Power Institute	Silicon Valley Power
California Public Utilities Commission	Hanna & Morton	Silo Energy LLC
Calpine	Hitachi	Southern California Edison Company
Cameron McKenna	International Power Technology	Sunshine Design
Cardinal Cogen	Intestate Gas Services, Inc.	Sutherland, Asbill & Brennan
Casner, Steve	Los Angeles Dept of Water & Power	Tabors Caramanis & Associates
Chamberlain, Eric	Luce, Forward, Hamilton & Scripps LLP	Tecogen, Inc.
Chevron Company	MBMC, Inc.	Tiger Natural Gas, Inc.
Chris, King	MRW & Associates	Tioga Energy
City of Glendale	Manatt Phelps Phillips	TransCanada
City of Palo Alto	Matthew V. Brady & Associates	Turlock Irrigation District
Clean Energy Fuels	McKenzie & Associates	U S Borax, Inc.
Coast Economic Consulting	Merced Irrigation District	United Cogen
Commerce Energy	Mirant	Utility Cost Management
Commercial Energy	Modesto Irrigation District	Utility Specialists
Consumer Federation of California	Morgan Stanley	Verizon
Crossborder Energy	Morrison & Foerster	Wellhead Electric Company
Davis Wright Tremaine LLP	New United Motor Mfg., Inc.	Western Manufactured Housing Communities Association (WMA)
	Norris & Wong Associates	eMeter Corporation