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October 29, 2010

**Advice Letter 3732-E** 

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Subject: Approval of PG&E's Investment Management Agreement for the Qualified Nuclear Decommissioning Trusts

Dear Ms. Yura:

Advice Letter 3732-E is effective October 11, 2010.

Sincerely,

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Julie A. Fitch, Director Energy Division



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Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

**Subject:** Approval of PG&E's Investment Management Agreement for the

**Qualified Nuclear Decommissioning Trusts** 

#### **Purpose**

Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) hereby submits the Investment Management Agreement with EARNEST Partners, a minority-owned business, for approval to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC or the Commission) pursuant to Decision (D.) 95-07-055.

## **Background**

In response to 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 the guidelines set forth in that Decision. Two trust agreements were required: one for the decommissioning funds, which qualifies 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."

On November 25, 1987, PG&E's trust agreements were approved by the Commission in Resolution E-3048 providing for the establishment of the Nuclear Facilities Decommissioning Master Trust Committee (Committee) consisting of five members, at least three of whom cannot be affiliated with PG&E. Pursuant to Sections 3.04 and 5.01 of the trust agreements and subject to Commission approval of the investment management agreements, the Committee is authorized to appoint one or more investment managers to direct the investments of all or part of the trust assets. By this filing, PG&E is requesting Commission approval of an Investment Management Agreement with EARNEST Partners, a minority-owned business, for the Qualified Trust. This proposed Investment Management Agreement is substantially the same as agreements with other investment managers that have been previously approved by the Commission.

This filing will not increase any management fee schedules, impact rates, conflict

with any schedules or rules, nor cause withdrawal of service.

## **Confidential Attachment 1**

In support of this Advice Letter, PG&E submits Confidential Attachment 1, Investment Management Agreement with EARNEST Partners

This agreement contains market sensitive information on investment management fees that, if disclosed, could negatively impact PG&E's future contract negotiations. Therefore, in accordance with CPUC General Order 96-B, Section 9.3, Confidential Treatment, PG&E is requesting confidential treatment for Attachment 1, which will be provided to the Energy Division with this Advice Letter. All other parties on the service list will be served the Advice Letter only.

#### **Protests**

Anyone wishing to protest this filing may do so by sending a letter by **September 30, 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, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor 505 Van Ness Avenue San Francisco, California 94102

Facsimile: (415) 703-2200

E-mail: mas@cpuc.ca.gov and inj@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: Jane K. Yura Vice President, Regulatory Relations 77 Beale Street, Mail Code B10B P.O. Box 770000 San Francisco, California 94177

Facsimile: (415) 973-6520 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 **October 11, 2010**, which is 31 days after the filing.

## **Notice**

In accordance with G.O. 96-B, Section IV, a copy of this advice letter is being sent electronically and via U.S. mail to parties shown on the attached list and the service list for A.09-04-007. Address changes to the G.O. 96-B service list should be directed to e-mail PGETariffs@pge.com. For changes to any other service list, please contact the Commission's Process Office at (415) 703-2021 or at Process\_Office@cpuc.ca.gov. Send all electronic approval letters to PGETariffs@pge.com. Advice letter filings can also be accessed electronically at: http://www.pge.com/tariffs.

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cc: Service List for A.09-04-007

Paul Phillips, California Public Utilities Commission

#### **Attachments:**

Confidential Attachment 1: Investment Management Agreement with

**EARNEST Partners** 

# 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:	ontact Person: <u>Olivia Brown</u>
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□ PLC □ HEAT □ WATER E	-mail: oxb4@pge.com
EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE (Date Filed/ Received Stamp by CPUC)	
ELC = Electric GAS = Gas D PLC = Pipeline HEAT = Heat WA	TER = Water
Advice Letter (AL) #: 3732-E  Subject of AL: Approval of PG&E's Investment Management Agreement for the Qualified Nuclear  Decommissioning Trusts  Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Compliance, Nuclear  AL filing type:   Monthly  Quarterly  Annual  One-Time  Other  If AL filed in compliance with a Commission order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution #: D.87-05-	
062 and Resolution E-3048	
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: N/A	
Is AL requesting confidential treatment? If so, what information is the utility seeking confidential treatment for: Yes, Investment Management Agreement with EARNEST Partners	
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: $\underline{N/A}$	
Resolution Required?   Yes   No	
Requested effective date: October 11, 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). $\underline{N/A}$	
Tariff schedules affected: N/A	
Service affected and changes proposed: <u>N/A</u>	
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 9 jnj@cpuc.ca.gov and mas@cpuc.ca.gov	Pacific Gas and Electric Company Attn: Jane K. Yura, Vice President, Regulation and Rates 77 Beale Street, Mail Code B10B P.O. Box 770000 San Francisco, CA 94177 E-mail: PGETariffs@pge.com

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