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April 26, 2023

Advice 6926-E

(Pacific Gas and Electric Company ID U 39 E)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

Subject: Diablo Canyon Independent Safety Committee (DCISC) Yearly Compensation Letter

Purpose

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) hereby submits its annual report (Attachment 1) for establishing the compensation levels for the members of the Diablo Canyon Independent Safety Committee (DCISC or Committee) in compliance with Decision (D.) 88-12-083, dated December 19, 1988, and Resolution E-3152, dated May 19, 1989.

Background

In D.88-12-083, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC or Commission) adopted the Diablo Canyon Settlement Agreement, which included among other things 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 is to review Diablo Canyon operations for the purpose of assessing the safety of operations and suggesting any recommendations for safe operation.

In Resolution E-3152, the CPUC adopted compensation rates for DCISC committee members which included:

- An annual retainer of \$8,000;
- An hourly fee of \$200 for committee work in excess of 40 hours per year;
- A flat fee of \$500 for each committee meeting attended; and
- Reimbursement of expenses incurred in performance of committee work.

Resolution E-3152 also established that committee member compensation be set at levels commensurate with fees paid by PG&E for comparable services, such as services received by PG&E from persons overseeing its Nuclear Decommissioning Trust Funds.

Since the Committee's creation, committee member compensation levels have been revised three times. Advice Letter 1857-E, submitted by PG&E on April 1, 1999, as approved by Resolution E-3608 revised the DCISC member compensation by replacing the meeting appearance flat fee of \$500 with an hourly fee. Advice Letter 3677-E-A, submitted by PG&E on April 1, 2011, as approved by the CPUC Energy Division Director

revised the annual retainer, hourly meeting fee and the hourly fee for work performed outside of committee meetings in excess of 40 hours per year. Advice letter 5797-E-A submitted by PG&E on May 8, 2020, approved by the CPUC Energy Division Director revised the hourly fee from \$250 per hour to \$260 per hour with an increase to the annual retainer from \$10,000 to \$10,400.

The 2020 DCISC Compensation Advice Letter (Advice Letter 5797-E-A) revised the compensation levels approved in Advice Letter 3677-E-A, which established the current DCISC member compensation as follows:

- An annual retainer of \$10,400;
- A fee of \$260 per hour for attendance at committee meetings;
- An hourly fee of \$260 for committee work performed outside of committee meetings in excess of 40 hours per year; and
- Reimbursement of expenses incurred in performance of committee work.

PG&E submitted Advice 5797-E-A and 6586-E in 2021 and 2022, respectively, and did not request an increase in compensation for DCISC members.

PG&E has again examined the current fees paid to members of the DCISC, in comparison to fees paid to members of the Nuclear Facilities Decommissioning Master Trust Committee and the Nuclear Safety Oversight Committee (NSOC). Based on the review, PG&E finds as compared to the compensation paid for comparable services (as defined in Finding #3B of the Resolution E-3152), PG&E finds the DCISC current hourly rates to be comparable and aligned across the committees. Thus, an increase to the hourly rate is not warranted at this time. Members' annual retainers are also aligned across committees. Thus, an increase in the members' annual retainer amount is not warranted at this time.

Protests

Anyone wishing to protest this submittal may do so by letter sent electronically via E-mail, no later than May 16, 2023, which is 20 days after the date of this submittal. Protests must be submitted to:

CPUC Energy Division
ED Tariff Unit
E-mail: EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov

The protest shall also be electronically sent to PG&E via E-mail at the address shown below on the same date it is electronically delivered to the Commission:

Sidney Bob Dietz II
Director, Regulatory Relations
c/o Megan Lawson
E-mail: PGETariffs@pge.com



ADVICE LETTER SUMMARY

ENERGY UTILITY



MUST BE COMPLETED BY UTILITY (Attach additional pages as needed)

Company name/CPUC Utility No.: Pacific Gas and Electric Company (U 39 E)

Utility type:

- ELC GAS WATER
 PLC HEAT

Contact Person: Stuart Rubio

Phone #: 415-973-4587

E-mail: PGETariffs@pge.com

E-mail Disposition Notice to: stuart.rubio@pge.com

EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE

ELC = Electric GAS = Gas WATER = Water
 PLC = Pipeline HEAT = Heat

(Date Submitted / Received Stamp by CPUC)

Advice Letter (AL) #: 6926-E

Tier Designation: 1

Subject of AL: Diablo Canyon Independent Safety Committee (DCISC) Yearly Compensation Letter

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Compliance

AL Type: Monthly Quarterly Annual One-Time Other:

If AL submitted in compliance with a Commission order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution #: D.88-12-083 and Res E-3152

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

Confidential treatment requested? Yes No

If yes, specification of confidential information:

Confidential information will be made available to appropriate parties who execute a nondisclosure agreement. Name and contact information to request nondisclosure agreement/ access to confidential information:

Resolution required? Yes No

Requested effective date: 4/26/23

No. of tariff sheets: 0

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: N/A

Service affected and changes proposed¹: N/A

Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets: N/A

¹Discuss in AL if more space is needed.

Protests and correspondence regarding this AL are to be sent via email and are due no later than 20 days after the date of this submittal, unless otherwise authorized by the Commission, and shall be sent to:

California Public Utilities Commission
Energy Division Tariff Unit Email:
EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov

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Clear Form

Attachment 1

DCISC Compensation Levels

DCISC Compensation Levels

I. Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide an evaluation of the compensation paid to persons who provide comparable services to those of the DCISC as delineated in Finding #3 of CPUC Resolution E-3152 and to make a recommendation regarding adjustments to be made, if any, to the compensation paid to DCISC members.

II. Background

Finding #7 of CPUC Resolution E-3152 "Diablo Canyon Independent Safety Committee - Standards for compensation and accounting guidelines" states the following:

7. PG&E should annually, on April 1, file a report and advice letter with CACD [Commission Advisory and Compliance Division of the CPUC] to update the compensation levels set forth in findings 3 and 4.

Findings 3 and 4 read as follows:

3. Comparable services are those received by PG&E from the persons overseeing its Nuclear Decommissioning Trust Funds and from expert consultants used by PG&E in connection with the Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant.
4. Under the above findings, appropriate levels of compensation for members of the committee are as follows. Each member should receive an annual retainer of \$8,000. Each member should receive an hourly fee of \$200 for hours of committee work in excess of 40 hours per year, except that each member should receive a flat fee of \$500 for each committee meeting that he or she attends. Each member should receive reimbursement, consistent with procedures for such reimbursement as established by the committee, of his or her expenses incurred in the performance of duties as committee member.

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III. Compensation Evaluation

A. Nuclear Facilities Decommissioning Master Trust Committee Member Compensation

The Nuclear Facilities Decommissioning Master Trust Committee is composed of two PG&E employee members and three non-PG&E affiliated members. The outside members are senior representatives from the financial community, including a retired chief investment officer and a retired chief financial officer. The outside member compensation level is \$12,000 annual retainer plus \$500 per meeting. Over the last several years, two meetings have been held per year on average with each meeting being approximately one hour in duration. It is estimated that about four hours is required by the committee members to prepare for each meeting.

B. Expert Consultant Compensation

Nuclear Safety Oversight Committee

There are currently four paid outside consultants to the Nuclear Safety Oversight Committee (NSOC). Outside consultants for the NSOC are selected on the basis of their nuclear industry experience and their ability to provide valuable insight to the committee relative to the safe operation of Diablo Canyon. The current consultants bring significant nuclear industry experience to the committee as exemplified by their former positions in the industry:

- One Retired Nuclear Industry Senior Vice President
- Two Retired Nuclear Industry Vice President
- One Retired Nuclear Industry Regulator

The current NSOC consultants receive compensation of \$250 - \$300 an hour for work performed on NSOC business. NSOC site visit frequency shall not be less than twice per year. The NSOC Site Visits are typically four days duration each. In addition to attendance at the Site Visits, the consultants are expected to review numerous plant documents in support of committee business.

C. Current DCISC Member Compensation

The DCISC is made up of three members. These members are selected on the basis of their nuclear experience and their ability to provide valuable insight to the committee relative to the safe operation of Diablo Canyon. The current membership consists of individuals with extensive nuclear experience from both the power industry and the academic community as follows:

- Retired NRC Administrative Judge
- Nuclear Utility Industry Consultant
- Major University Professor of Nuclear Engineering

The current compensation paid to the DCISC members as originally established by the CPUC in Resolution E-3152 and subsequently revised in Resolution E-3608 and modified in Advice Letter 3677-E-A and further modified in Advice Letter 5797-E-A remains appropriate. Each member receives an annual retainer of \$10,400. In addition, the members receive an hourly fee of \$260 for hours of committee work in excess of 40 hours per year. The members are also compensated for attendance at public meetings at an hourly rate of \$260. Typically, three one and one-half day public meetings are held each year with a plant tour accompanying each meeting.

IV. Recommendation

The compensation paid to the DCISC members for time spent on committee business as delineated above, is reasonable when compared to the compensation paid for comparable services as defined in the benchmarks above. No change is recommended.

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

AT&T
Albion Power Company

Alta Power Group, LLC
Anderson & Poole

Atlas ReFuel
BART

Barkovich & Yap, Inc.
Braun Blaising Smith Wynne, P.C.
California Cotton Ginners & Growers Assn
California Energy Commission

California Hub for Energy Efficiency
Financing

California Alternative Energy and
Advanced Transportation Financing
Authority
California Public Utilities Commission
Calpine

Cameron-Daniel, P.C.
Casner, Steve
Center for Biological Diversity

Chevron Pipeline and Power
City of Palo Alto

City of San Jose
Clean Power Research
Coast Economic Consulting
Commercial Energy
Crossborder Energy
Crown Road Energy, LLC
Davis Wright Tremaine LLP
Day Carter Murphy

Dept of General Services
Don Pickett & Associates, Inc.
Douglass & Liddell
Downey Brand LLP
Dish Wireless L.L.C.

East Bay Community Energy Ellison
Schneider & Harris LLP
Engineers and Scientists of California

GenOn Energy, Inc.
Green Power Institute
Hanna & Morton
ICF

iCommLaw
International Power Technology
Intertie

Intestate Gas Services, Inc.

Johnston, Kevin
Kelly Group
Ken Bohn Consulting
Keyes & Fox LLP
Leviton Manufacturing Co., Inc.

Los Angeles County Integrated
Waste Management Task Force
MRW & Associates
Manatt Phelps Phillips
Marin Energy Authority
McClintock IP
McKenzie & Associates

Modesto Irrigation District
NLine Energy, Inc.
NRG Solar

OnGrid Solar
Pacific Gas and Electric Company
Peninsula Clean Energy

Pioneer Community Energy

Public Advocates Office

Redwood Coast Energy Authority
Regulatory & Cogeneration Service, Inc.

Resource Innovations

SCD Energy Solutions
San Diego Gas & Electric Company

SPURR
San Francisco Water Power and Sewer
Sempra Utilities

Sierra Telephone Company, Inc.
Southern California Edison Company
Southern California Gas Company
Spark Energy
Sun Light & Power
Sunshine Design
Stoel Rives LLP

Tecogen, Inc.
TerraVerde Renewable Partners
Tiger Natural Gas, Inc.

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