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8 UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
9 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
10 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

11 In re
12 PACIFIC GAS and ELECTRIC
COMPANY, a California Corporation,
13 Debtor.
14 Federal I.D. No. 94-0742640

Chapter 11
Case No. 01-30923 DM
FIRST INTERIM APPLICATION FOR
COMPENSATION AND EXPENSE
REIMBURSEMENT BY COOLEY GODWARD LLP,
SPECIAL COUNSEL
(April 6, 2001 through July 31, 2001)
Date: October 11, 2001
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Place: 235 Pine Street, 19th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94104
Judge: Dennis Montali

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20 TO THE HONORABLE DENNIS MONTALI, UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE:

21 Pursuant to the Court's Order Establishing Interim Fee Application and Expense
22 Reimbursement dated July 26, 2001 ("Interim Fee Order"), Sections 330 and 331 of Title 11 of the
23 United States Bankruptcy Code ("Bankruptcy Code"), Rule 2016 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy
24 Procedures, and the Bankruptcy Local Rules for the Northern District of California, Cooley Godward
25 LLP, special counsel for debtor Pacific Gas and Electric Company ("Debtor") files this First Interim
26 Application for Compensation and Expense Reimbursement ("Application") and respectfully
27 represents:

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1 I. INTRODUCTION

2 1. Debtor: On April 6, 2001, Debtor filed a voluntary petition under Chapter 11 of the
3 Bankruptcy Code.

4 2. Employment: On May 8, 2001, the Court authorized the Debtor to employ the law
5 firm of Cooley Godward LLP ("Applicant"), as its special counsel herein ("Employment Order"). A
6 copy of the Employment Order is attached as Exhibit A to the Declaration of Martin S. Schenker in
7 Support of Cooley Godward LLP's First Interim Application for Compensation and Expense
8 Reimbursement ("Schenker Declaration").

9 3. Prior Compensation: This is the First Application for Interim Compensation and
10 Expense Reimbursement ("Application"). By this Application, Applicant requests interim
11 compensation in the amount of \$294,349.00¹ and cost reimbursement in the sum of \$10,856.04. As
12 previously disclosed to the Court, Applicant received a pre-petition retainer from the Debtor.
13 Pursuant to the Interim Fee Order, Applicant has drawn down or intends to draw down on the retainer
14 to pay 90% of the Debtor's fees covered by the Application, \$264,914.10, and 100% of costs,
15 \$10,856.04, with a hold back of approximately \$29,434.90 ("Holdback"). Applicant seeks approval
16 of 100% of the fees and costs, including the Holdback, and payment of said fees and costs incurred
17 during the First Interim Period, and an Order authorizing Applicant to draw down on the retainer
18 and/or directing the Debtor to pay to Applicant such compensation.

19 4. Current Compensation: During the course of representing the Debtor from April 6,
20 2001 through July 31, 2001 ("First Interim Period"), Applicant performed the services described in
21 this Application and the time summaries attached to the Schenker Declaration, and summarized in the
22 statements set forth in Exhibits A and B attached to the "Time Records Exhibit for the Period April
23 6, 2001 to July 31, 2001 by Cooley Godward LLP, Special Counsel" (hereinafter, "Time Records
24 Exhibit") Applicant also incurred the actual and necessary expenses itemized in the attached expense
25 itemization as set forth in Exhibits B and C attached to the Time Records Exhibit.

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27 ¹ The actual amount of fees incurred during the First Interim Period was \$295,717.00. However, a transition time
28 discount of \$1,368.00 was applied to litigation fees on invoice no. 200108-04428, reducing the aggregate fee
amount to \$294,349.00.

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1 5. Compliance with Guidelines: As a general rule, Applicant's billing practices and
2 hourly rates are identical for bankruptcy and non-bankruptcy clients. The costs charged to bankruptcy
3 clients are either identical to or less than the costs charged to non-bankruptcy clients.

4 6. 2016 Compensation Statement: Applicant has agreed not to share any compensation
5 awarded with any other person and the source of any award authorized will be estate funds.

6 **II. CURRENT SERVICES**

7 **A. Summary**

8 The services rendered by Applicant during the First Interim Period can be grouped
9 into the categories set forth below.² The attorneys and paraprofessionals who rendered services
10 relating to each category are identified, along with the number of hours for each individual and the
11 total compensation sought for each category, in Exhibit A attached to the Time Records Exhibit.

12 **B. Business Operations**

13 Applicant performed various services and advised Debtor in connection with matters
14 relating to the California energy markets and the government's response to the energy crisis. In
15 response to the energy crisis, the California Legislature has restructured California's electric industry
16 in numerous ways, including authorizing the State Department of Water Resources ("DWR") to
17 temporarily purchase power on the wholesale market and resell that power directly to Debtor's
18 customers. Among other things, the new statutory regime (i) authorizes DWR to issue a "revenue
19 requirement" identifying, among other things, the amount of money needed to pay for its actual and
20 projected electricity procurement costs; (ii) vests in DWR the California Public Utilities
21 Commission's ("CPUC's") traditional authority to determine whether procurement costs and charges
22 are "just and reasonable"; (iii) entitles DWR to recover its revenue requirement from California
23 ratepayers; (iv) authorizes DWR to issue bonds to finance the purchase of electric power; and (v)
24 extends the CPUC's rate regulation of Debtor's retained generation assets beyond the previous
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26 ² Applicant is assisting the Debtor in dealing with ongoing, highly sensitive and confidential matters. As a
27 consequence, Applicant is unable to specify in great detail the services it is providing to the Debtor, as doing so
28 could seriously compromise Debtor's future business and legal strategy. Applicant would be pleased to provide
the Court with additional details of the services it is providing to the Debtor *in camera* or by some other
mechanism that will ensure the maintenance of Debtor's confidential information.

1 expiration date for such regulation. The California Public Utilities Commission ("CPUC") also
2 continues to play an integral role in California's restructured electricity markets.

3 The manner in which this restructured market is implemented will have an enormous financial
4 effect on Debtor. Applicant performed services and advised the Debtor in connection protecting
5 Debtor's interests in this restructured electric market. These services include the following:

6 Recently, DWR issued a revenue requirement, pursuant to which DWR intends to bind
7 California ratepayers to repay billions of dollars of DWR's alleged power procurement costs. DWR
8 issued its revenue requirement without providing prior notice to all interested parties, an opportunity
9 to provide comments, or a public hearing on the reasonableness of the DWR's power purchase costs.
10 If the DWR's revenue requirement is excessive, California ratepayers, including PG&E, may be
11 forced to incur inflated electricity costs. To the extent that DWR's revenue requirement is not passed
12 on to ratepayers in the form of higher overall retail electricity rates, an inflated revenue requirement
13 will have the effect of diverting funds from Debtor to DWR.

14 Applicant performed services and advised the Debtor in connection with developing a
15 strategic plan and analyzing Debtor's legal options with respect to the DWR revenue requirement, a
16 related rate agreement that DWR plans to execute shortly with the CPUC, and other facets of the
17 restructured electricity market. These services include analyzing Debtor's claims associated with
18 DWR's issuance of a revenue requirement, analyzing Debtor's claims arising from the recent
19 Legislative enactments restructuring California's electricity markets, assisting Debtor in various
20 filings made with the CPUC, and preparing a Petition for Writ of Mandate Or, in the Alternative, Writ
21 of Administrative Mandamus, which Applicant filed in the Sacramento County Superior Court on
22 August 21, 2001.

23 Applicant performed services and advised Debtor in connection with analyzing
24 Debtor's legal options and developing a legal strategy for responding to potential conflicts between
25 orders issued by the CPUC and federal agencies. In a related matter, Applicant performed services
26 and advised Debtor in connection with Debtor's relationship with the CPUC relating to the Federal
27 Energy Regulatory Commission's Regional Transmission Operator proposal. The Federal Energy
28 Regulatory Commission ("FERC") recently directed California's investor-owned utilities, including

1 Debtor, to provide comments on FERC's consideration of a possible restructuring of the operation of
2 California's transmission grid. The CPUC directed Debtor to provide supply it with a preliminary
3 draft of Debtor's planned comments to FERC before filing these comments with FERC. Debtor
4 believed that the CPUC's request for an advance copy of the comments violated Debtor's First
5 Amendment rights and threatened to interfere with Debtor's efforts to petition government on a matter
6 of great importance to Debtor. Applicant analyzed Debtor's claims associated with the CPUC's
7 directive and advised Debtor on a legal strategy for ensuring that Debtor's right to petition FERC
8 would remain unencumbered.

9 For its services related to the above services, Applicant spent 639.85 hours, incurring
10 fees in the sum of \$207,140.00.

11 C. Litigation

12 BFM Claim:

13 Applicant represented Debtor in connection with Debtor's claims against the State of
14 California arising from the State's seizure of wholesale electricity contracts, known as Block Forward
15 Market Contracts ("BFM Contracts"). On or about January 31, 2001, Governor Gray Davis, acting
16 pursuant to an earlier declaration of emergency, issued an Executive Order seizing the BFM Contracts
17 from Debtor. These contracts gave Debtor the right to purchase electricity on various future dates at
18 fixed prices. When the wholesale price of electricity skyrocketed in late 2000, the BFM Contracts
19 entitled Debtor to purchase wholesale electricity at prices far below the then prevailing market prices
20 and, as such, were valuable assets. In addition, the California Power Exchange, a non-profit
21 corporation that until recently administered California's wholesale electricity market, along with
22 various electricity generators that sold electricity into that market, claimed an interest in the BFM
23 Contracts and also asserted claims in connection with the State's seizure of these contracts. Applicant
24 has advised Debtor in connection with obtaining compensation from the State for the seizure of its
25 contracts, has represented Debtor in formal proceedings before the California Victim Compensation
26 and Government Claims Board, and is representing the Debtor in an inverse condemnation lawsuit,
27 which Applicant filed on behalf of Debtor in the San Francisco Superior Court on July 16, 2001.
28 Applicant has also advised Debtor in connection with the implications of the Power Exchange and

1 generators' claims on the Debtor's action against the State.

2 For its services related to the above services, Applicant spent 221.50 hours, incurring
3 fees in the sum of \$68,669.50³.

4 D. Fee/Employment Applications

5 Applicant prepared its employment application, investigated facts, and prepared a
6 declaration in support thereof. Applicant also reviewed and prepared its monthly fee statements,
7 reviewed applicable guidelines in connection with this application, adjusted and organized its
8 monthly statements in accordance with such guidelines, collected documentation necessary for the
9 application, and began preparing this application and the supporting verification.

10 For its services related to the above services, Applicant spent 58.80 hours, incurring
11 fees in the sum of \$18,539.50 during the First Interim Period.

12 III. FUTURE SERVICES

13 Applicant expects that it will continue to assist the Debtor in connection with its claims
14 relating to the BFM Contracts, and by advising the Debtor on its legal and strategic options in
15 connection with actions by the State, including DWR and the CPUC, in California's restructured
16 electricity markets.

17 IV. ESTABLISHMENT OF FEES

18 "A compensation award based on a reasonable hourly rate multiplied by the number of hours
19 actually and reasonably expended is presumptively a reasonable fee." *In Re Manoa Finance*
20 *Company*, 853 F.2d. 687 (9th Cir. 1988). Establishing a reasonable hourly rate requires
21 consideration of market rates in the relevant community which are, in turn, at least partly a function of
22 the type of services rendered and the lawyer's experience, skill and reputation.

23 1. The members, associates, and paraprofessionals of Applicant who have rendered
24 professional services in this case are as follows: Stephen C. Neal, J. Michael Kelly, Martin S.
25 Schenker, Peter H. Carson, Robert L. Eisenbach III, John C. Dwyer, Linda F. Callison, Charles M.
26 Schaible, James C. Maroulis, Gregg S. Kleiner, J. Timothy Nardell, Clay C. Wheeler, Cory E.

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28 ³ As stated in footnote 1, a transition time discount of \$1,368.00 was applied to the litigation fees under invoice no.
200108-04428.

1 Manning, Monica K. Hoppe, Maureen P. Alger, Michele E. Moreland, Susan L. Ruebush, Susan E.
2 Gonzalez, Dominique N. Thomas, Daniel R. Kaleba, Jeannine A.R. Douglas, Margaret Baer, Kris
3 T. Cachia, Kelly M. Tanisawa, Sheree M. Cruz-Laucirica, and Tania Shershin.

4 2. Pursuant to Section (b)(3) of the United States Trustee's *Guidelines for Reviewing*
5 *Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed Under 11 U.S.C. § 330*, a
6 summary sheet of attorneys and paraprofessionals who have worked on this case, their status,
7 billing rate per hour, the total hours each devoted to the case and the total fees requested for each
8 professional, and summaries of the attorneys and paraprofessionals' qualifications are attached
9 hereto as Exhibit B to the Schenker Declaration.

10 **V. CONCLUSION AND PRAYER**

11 1. In performing the services described above during the First Interim Period,
12 Applicant spent 920.15 hours. Applicant believes that the sum of \$294,349.00¹ is reasonable
13 compensation for its services, calculated on the basis of the hours and hourly rates listed in the
14 attached summary and the time summaries attached to the Declaration.

15 2. In performing its services during the same time period, Applicant incurred actual
16 and necessary expenses of \$10,856.04. An itemized summary of these expenses is set forth on
17 Exhibit C to the Time Records Exhibit.

18 3. Kris Tsao Cachia is a paralegal who assisted Applicant in the preparation of this fee
19 Application. Ms. Cachia bills at the rate of \$110 per hour. Applicant submits that these efforts are
20 properly compensable under In Re Nucorp Energy, Inc. 764 F.2d. 655 (9th Cir. 1985).
21 Approximate fees incurred in preparing this fee application are as follows: Gregg S. Kleiner -
22 \$2,000.00; and Kris Tsao Cachia - \$2,200.00.

23 4. Applicant's First Fee Application, the Schenker Declaration, and Time Records Exhibit
24 were filed with the Court and served on or about September 17, 2001. Concurrently, Applicant
25 served the First Fee Application on the parties listed on the Special Notice List. Pursuant to
26 paragraph 8 of the Interim Fee Order, the time records can be accessed by the public at BMDS,
27 246 First Street, Suite 202, San Francisco, California 94105. In the event a party desires a copy of
28 the time records, that party should contact BMDS at the above address or telephonically at (415)

1 371-0232 or by facsimile at (415) 371-1973.

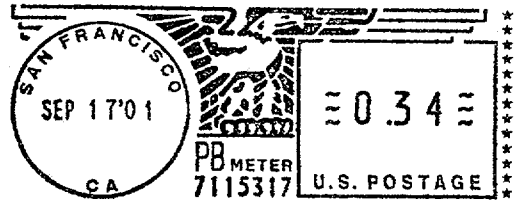
2 WHEREFORE, Cooley Godward LLP, prays for interim compensation in the sum of
3 \$294,349.00¹ and expense reimbursement in the sum of \$10,856.04 for the First Interim Period.

4 Dated: September 14, 2001

5 COOLEY GODWARD LLP

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7 By: /s/
8 Gregg S. Kleiner

9 Special Counsel for Debtor
10 PACIFIC GAS and ELECTRIC COMPANY



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