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14 UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
15 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
16 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

17 In re
18 PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC
19 COMPANY, a California corporation,
20 Debtor.
21 Federal I.D. No. 94-0742640

Case No. 01 30923 DM

Chapter 11 Case

**KEKER & VAN NEST'S COVER SHEET
APPLICATION FOR ALLOWANCE AND
PAYMENT OF INTERIM
COMPENSATION AND
REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES FOR
THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2001
THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2001**

Judge: HON. DENNIS MONTALI

[No Hearing Scheduled]

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1 Keker & Van Nest, L.L.P. (the "Firm") submits its Cover Sheet Application (the
2 "Application") for Allowance and Payment of Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of
3 Expenses for the Period October 1, 2001 to October 31, 2001 (the "Application Period"). In
4 support of the Application, the Firm respectfully represents as follows:

5 1. The Firm is special counsel to Pacific Gas and Electric Company, the debtor in
6 possession in the above-referenced bankruptcy case (the "Debtor"). The Firm hereby applies to
7 the Court for allowance and payment of interim compensation for services rendered and
8 reimbursement of expenses incurred during the Application Period.

9 2. The Firm billed a total of \$22,556.70 in fees and expenses during the Application
10 Period. The total fees represent 62.575 hours expended during the period covered by this
11 Application. These fees and expenses break down as follows:

| Period | Fees | Expenses | Total |
|--|-------------|------------|-------------|
| October 1, 2001 through October 31, 2001 | \$21,504.24 | \$1,052.46 | \$22,556.70 |

12 3. Accordingly, the Firm seeks allowance of interim compensation in the amount of
13 a total of \$19,331.06 at this time. This total is comprised as follows:

14 \$18,278.60 (85% of the fees for services rendered)¹ plus

15 \$ 1,052.46 (100% of the expenses incurred).

16 4. For the post-petition period, the Firm has been paid to date as follows:
17 \$290,907.19.

18 5. To date, the Firm is owed as follows (excluding amounts owed pursuant to this
19 Application): \$9,759.15

20 6. With regard to the copies of this Application served on counsel for the
21 Committee, counsel for the Debtor and the Office of the United States Trustee, (a) attached as
22 Exhibit 1 hereto is the name of each professional who performed services in connection with this
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28 ¹ Payment of this amount would result in a "holdback" of \$3,225.64.

1 case during the period covered by this Application and the hourly rate for each such professional;
2 and (b) attached as Exhibit 2 are the detailed time and expense statements for the Application
3 Period that comply with all Northern District of California Bankruptcy Local Rules and
4 Compensation Guidelines and the Guidelines of the Office of the United States Trustee.

5 7. The Firm will serve a copy of this Application on the Special Notice List in this
6 case on or before November 30, 2001.

7 8. Pursuant to this Court's "ORDER ESTABLISHING INTERIM FEE
8 APPLICATION AND EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT PROCEDURE" which was entered on
9 or about July 26, 2001, the Debtor is authorized to make the payment requested herein without a
10 further hearing or order of this Court unless an objection to this Application is filed with the
11 Court by the Debtor, the Committee or the United States Trustee and served by the fifteenth day
12 of the month following the service of this Application. If such an objection is filed, Debtor is
13 authorized to pay the amounts, if any, not subject to the objection. The Firm is informed and
14 believes that this Cover Sheet Application was mailed by first class mail, post prepaid, on or
15 about November 30, 2001.

16 9. The interim compensation and reimbursement of expenses sought in this
17 Application is on account and is not final. Upon the conclusion of these cases, the Firm will seek
18 fees and reimbursement of the expenses incurred for the totality of the services rendered in this
19 case. Any interim fees or reimbursement of expenses approved by this Court and received by the
20 Firm (along with the Firm's retainer) will be credited against such final fees and expenses as may
21 be allowed by this Court.

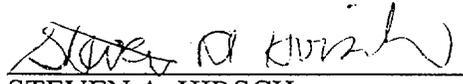
22 10. The Firm represents and warrants that its billing practices comply with all
23 Northern District of California Bankruptcy Local Rules and Compensation Guidelines and the
24 Guidelines of the Office of the United States Trustee. Neither the Firm nor any members of the
25 Firm has any agreement or understanding of any kind or nature to divide, pay over or share any
26 portion of the fees or expenses to be awarded to the Firm with any other person or attorney
27 except as among the members and associates of the Firm.
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1 WHEREFORE, the Firm respectfully requests that the Debtor pay compensation to the
2 Firm as requested herein pursuant to and in accordance with the terms of the "ORDER
3 ESTABLISHING INTERIM FEE APPLICATION AND EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT
4 PROCEDURE."

5 Dated: November 30, 2001

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7 By:


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