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

12 In re  
13 PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC  
14 COMPANY, a California corporation,  
15 Debtor.  
16 Federal I.D. No. 94-0742640  
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Case No. 01 30923 DM  
**Chapter 11 Case**  
**KEKER & VAN NEST, L.L.P.'S SECOND  
INTERIM FEE APPLICATION FOR  
ALLOWANCE AND PAYMENT OF  
INTERIM COMPENSATION AND  
REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES FOR  
THE PERIOD AUGUST 1, 2001 TO  
NOVEMBER 30, 2001**

Date: February 26, 2002  
Time: 9:30 a.m.  
Place: 235 Pine Street  
San Francisco, CA

Judge: HON. DENNIS MONTALI

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1 Name of Applicant Keker & Van Nest, L.L.P.

2 Authorized to Provides Professional Services Pacific Gas and Electric Company, debtor and  
3 to: debtor in possession

4 Date of Retention Order: June 11, 2001

5 Period for Which Compensation and August 1, 2001 through November 30, 2001  
6 Reimbursement is Sought:

7 Amount of Compensation Sought as Actual,  
8 Reasonable and Necessary:

9 Amount of Expense Reimbursement Sought as  
10 Actual, Reasonable and Necessary:

11 This is an:  X  Interim   Final application

12 Prior Application: First Interim Application for the period April 6, 2001 through July 31, 2001  
13 filed September 25, 2001.

14 **TIME SUMMARY TO KEKER & VAN NEST, L.L.P.'S  
15 SECOND INTERIM FEE APPLICATION FOR ALLOWANCE  
16 AND PAYMENT OF INTERIM COMPENSATION AND  
17 REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES FOR THE PERIOD  
18 AUGUST 1, 2001 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2001**

<u>Name<sup>1</sup></u>	<u>Year of Admission</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<b><u>Partners:</u></b>				
Robert A. Van Nest	1978	\$550.00	70.625	\$38,843.75
James M. Emery	1991	\$350.00	0.250	\$ 87.50
Steven A. Hirsch	1994	\$300.00	64.375	\$19,312.50
<b>Total Partners</b>			<b>135.250</b>	<b>\$58,243.75</b>

<b><u>Associates:</u></b>				
G. Whitney Leigh	1991	\$280.00	48.375	\$13,545.00
Roy L. Austin	2000	\$255.00	2.750	\$ 701.35
Clement S. Roberts	2000	\$215.00	99.830	\$21,463.45

27 <sup>1</sup> The resume for each attorney is attached as Exhibit 1 to this Application. (This exhibit is not  
28 attached to the service copies of this document. Copies of this exhibit may be obtained through  
the Keker & Van Nest website at www.kvn.com.

	<u>Name<sup>1</sup></u>	<u>Year of Admission</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Amount</u>
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2	<b>Total Associates</b>			150.955	\$35,709.80
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4	<b><u>Paraprofessionals:</u></b>				
5	Brian D. Loper	N/A	\$125.00	11.500	\$ 1,437.50
6	Cathleen A. Crane	N/A	\$140.00	1.000	\$ 140.00
7	<b>Total Paraprofessionals</b>			12.500	\$ 1,577.50
8	<b><u>GRAND TOTAL</u></b>			298.705	\$95,531.05

**DISBURSEMENTS**

11	Computer Legal Reasearch	\$1,496.53
12	Copying Charges	\$2,909.43
13	Courier/Express/Postage	\$1351.71
14	Books and Publications	\$343.00
15	Business Travel, Lodging, Meals, Parking	\$3,364.03
16	Professional Fees (Infotreive, Inc., Boalt	
17	Express, Integral Solutions, video	
17	conferencing)	
18	Conference calls	\$634.80
19	Pcerks	\$195.00
20	<b>CLIENT TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,294.50</b>

21           Keker & Van Nest, L.L.P. ("KVN") submits this application under 11 U.S.C. § 330 and  
22 Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2016 for compensation for the services that it performed as special counsel to  
23 Pacific Gas and Electric Company, debtor and debtor in possession in this case ("PG&E" or the  
24 "Debtor"), from August 1, 2001 through November 30, 2001 (the "Application Period"), and for  
25 reimbursement of its charges and disbursements during that period. KVN submits this  
26 Application for (a) allowance of reasonable compensation for professional services rendered by  
27 KVN and (b) reimbursement of actual and necessary charges and disbursements incurred by  
28 KVN in rendering professional services on behalf of Debtor.

1 INTRODUCTION

2 PG&E is a utility providing gas and electric services to more than 4.5 million customers  
3 in Central and Northern California, serving a population of approximately 13 million. The  
4 Debtor employs over 19,000 people and has in excess of 30,000 trade creditors. On April 6,  
5 2001 (the "Petition Date"), PG&E filed its Chapter 11 petition. PG&E continues to operate its  
6 business in the ordinary course of a debtor in possession under Sections 1107(a) and 1008 of the  
7 Bankruptcy Code.

8 **A. Retention of KVN**

9 PG&E applied to retain KVN to act as its special counsel in this Chapter 11 case, in  
10 accordance with section 327(e) of the Bankruptcy Code (the "Retention Application") to  
11 represent the Debtor with respect to a task on which KVN had been retained by the Debtor prior  
12 to commencement of this case. That task ("the Matter") requires KVN to consider and analyze  
13 potential litigation between PG&E and other parties concerning excessive charges for electric  
14 power in the California electric-power market. Because no action has been filed and all  
15 communications regarding the Matter are privileged, PG&E and KVN cannot publicly disclose  
16 any additional information about the Matter. If the Court believes that it needs additional  
17 information, KVN can submit that information to the Court, under seal, pursuant to Federal Rule  
18 of Bankruptcy Procedure 9018.

19 On June 11, 2001 the Court entered its Order approving PG&E's retention of KVN as  
20 special counsel in this case.

21 **B. Compliance With Guidelines**

22 Kecker & Van Nest's billing practices and hourly rates are identical for bankruptcy and  
23 non-bankruptcy clients (of which PG&E is the only one). The costs charged to PG&E are either  
24 identical to or less than the costs charged to non-bankruptcy clients.

1 **C. 2016 Compensation Statement**

2 KVN has agreed not to share any compensation awarded with any other person and the  
3 source of any award authorized will be estate funds.

4 **D. Summary of Services**

5 The events encompassing the Debtor's bankruptcy case are set out in the application of  
6 the Debtor's general bankruptcy counsel, Howard, Rice, Nemerovski, Canady, Falk & Rabkin  
7 ("Howard Rice"). During the Application Period, KVN has considered and analyzed potential  
8 litigation between PG&E and other parties concerning excessive charges for electric power in the  
9 California electric-power market. As part of that task, KVN has worked with experts and with  
10 other counsel to PG&E who are pursuing other remedies for the excessive charges.

11 **E. Compensation Requested**

12 KVN's fees for its services rendered during the Application Period are \$95,531.05. In  
13 addition, KVN seeks reimbursement of \$10,294.50 in charges and disbursements actually  
14 incurred during the Application Period, for a total of \$105,825.55. The firm does not hold a  
15 prepetition retainer.

16 KVN requests that the Court (i) approve this Application in full and (ii) authorize and  
17 direct the Debtor to pay KVN all amounts requested in this Application.

18 **I.**

19 **INFORMATION REQUIRED BY BANKRUPTCY**  
20 **RULES AND GUIDELINES**

21 **A. Brief History of Present Posture of the Case and Significant Events During**  
22 **Application Period**

23 On April 6, 2001, PG&E filed its Chapter 11 petition. The significant events occurring  
24 during the Application Period are set out in Howard Rice's fee application.

25 KVN has worked with PG&E in connection with considering and analyzing potential  
26 litigation between PG&E and other parties concerning excessive charges for electric power in the  
27 California electric-power market. As part of that task, KVN also has worked with experts and  
28 with other counsel to PG&E who are pursuing other remedies for the excessive charges.

KVN expects that it will continue to assist the Debtor in connection with the Matter.

1 **B. Listing of Amount of Fees and Expenses Previously Requested, Approved, and**  
2 **Received**

3 **1. The Court's Order Approving KVN's Retention**

4 This Court granted PG&E's application for authorization to retain KVN as its special  
5 counsel on June 11, 2001. The firm's services began on August 30, 2000.

6 **2. Court's Approval of Compensation for First Interim Period**

7 On November 6, 2001, this Court approved Kecker & Van Nest's entire request for  
8 compensation for the First Interim Period (April 6, 2001 through July 31, 2001). The Court  
9 approved \$218,413.46 in fees and \$11,844.84 in costs.

10 **3. The Request for Compensation for the Second Interim Period**

11 By this Application, KVN seeks approval of compensation and reimbursement of  
12 expenses in the total amount of \$105,825.55, which consists of \$95,531.05 in fees and  
13 \$10,294.50 in costs and disbursements for the period August 1, 2001 through November 30,  
14 2001.

15 **C. Major Activity Codes Used**

16 KVN has been engaged in only a single Matter, described above. Accordingly, all time  
17 has been billed to that Matter, and no activity codes were necessary or employed.

18 **D. Time Records**

19 KVN has filed separately the detailed time records in support of this Application. KVN's  
20 time records consist of chronological time records showing individual professional's services on  
21 a particular date, the time devoted to those services, and month summaries.

22 **E. Client Declaration**

23 KVN delivered the text of this Application to PG&E's management before the filing.  
24 PG&E has previously received and reviewed monthly invoices for the period covered by this  
25 Application and did not object to the amounts set forth in those invoices. KVN will file and  
26 serve PG&E's declaration as soon as it is available.  
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II.

**NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF SERVICES RENDERED  
AND TIME EXPENDED FOR EACH CATEGORY**

During the Application Period, KVN considered and analyzed potential litigation between PG&E and other parties concerning excessive charges for electric power in the California electric-power market. As part of that task, KVN worked with experts and with other counsel to PG&E who are pursuing other remedies for the excessive charges.

KVN is assisting the Debtor in dealing with ongoing, highly sensitive and confidential matters. As a consequence, Applicant is unable to specify in great detail the services it is providing to the Debtor, as doing so could seriously compromise Debtor's future business and legal strategy. Applicant would be pleased to provide the Court with additional details of the services its is providing to the Debtor *in camera* or by some other mechanism that will ensure the maintenance of Debtor's confidential information.

III.

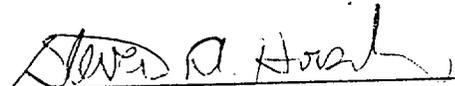
**EXPENSES**

KVN charges clients \$0.10 per page for copying and no charge for incoming facsimiles. For outgoing facsimiles, KVN charges its actual telephone charges, as reflected in its phone bill. KVN bills each client's telephone and postage charges at cost. For computer-assisted research, the firm takes the total flat rate that it pays every month, discounts that amount to reflect *pro bono* and other nonbillable usage, and then allocates the remainder to each client based on its percentage of the remaining usage for that month.

Dated: January 14, 2002

KEKER & VAN NEST, L.L.P.

By:

  
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