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10 PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY

11 UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
12 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
13 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

14 In re

Case No. 01 30923 DM

15 PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC
16 COMPANY, a California corporation,

Chapter 11 Case

17 Debtor.

18 KEKER & VAN NEST'S COVER SHEET
19 APPLICATION FOR ALLOWANCE AND
20 PAYMENT OF INTERIM
21 COMPENSATION AND
22 REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES FOR
23 THE PERIOD AUGUST 1, 2002
24 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2002

25 Federal I.D. No. 94-0742640

26 Judge: HON: DENNIS MONTALI

27 [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 August 1, 2002 to August 31, 2002 (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 \$28,701.72 in fees and expenses during the Application
 10 Period. The total fees represent 74.375 hours expended during the period covered by this
 11 Application. These fees and expenses break down as follows:

Period	Fees	Expenses	Total
August 1, 2002 through August 31, 2002	\$ 28,522.46	\$179.26	\$28,701.72

15 3. Accordingly, the Firm seeks allowance of interim compensation in the amount of
 16 a total of \$24,423.35 at this time. This total is comprised as follows:

17 \$24,244.09 (85% of the fees for services rendered)¹ plus
 18 \$179.26 (100% of the expenses incurred).

19 4. For the post-petition period, the Firm has been paid to date as follows:
 20 \$654,179.83.

21 5. To date, the Firm is owed as follows (excluding amounts owed pursuant to this
 22 Application): \$92,305.53 (plus the pre-petition amount of \$23,879.70).

23 6. With regard to the copies of this Application served on counsel for the
 24 Committee, counsel for the Debtor and the Office of the United States Trustee, (a) attached as
 25 Exhibit 1 hereto is the name of each professional who performed services in connection with this
 26 case during the period covered by this Application and the hourly rate for each such professional;
 27 and (b) attached as Exhibit 2 is an Account Summary. The detailed time and expense statements
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1 for the Application Period that comply with all Northern District of California Bankruptcy Local
2 Rules and Compensation Guidelines and the Guidelines of the Office of the United States
3 Trustee have been submitted in electronic form to the Office of the United States Trustee and
4 mailed to counsel for the Committee and to the Debtor.

5 7. The Firm will serve a copy of this Application on the Special Notice List in this
6 case on September 30, 2002.

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, and the "AMENDED ORDER ESTABLISHING INTERIM FEE
10 APPLICATION AND EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT" which was entered on or about
11 November 8, 2001, the Debtor is authorized to make the payment requested herein without a
12 further hearing or order of this Court unless an objection to this Application is filed with the
13 Court by the Debtor, the Committee or the United States Trustee and served by the fifteenth day
14 of the month following the service of this Application. If such an objection is filed, Debtor is
15 authorized to pay the amounts, if any, not subject to the objection. The Firm is informed and
16 believes that this Cover Sheet Application will be mailed by first class mail, post prepaid, on or
17 about September 30, 2002.

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

24 WHEREFORE, the Firm respectfully requests that the Debtor pay compensation to the
25 Firm as requested herein pursuant to and in accordance with the terms of the "ORDER
26 ESTABLISHING INTERIM FEE APPLICATION AND EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT
27 PROCEDURE" as amended.

28 ¹ Payment of this amount would result in a "holdback" of \$4,278.37.
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CERTIFICATION

I, Steven A. Hirsch, declare:

(a) That I am a member of Kecker & Van Nest LLP ("the Firm") and of the bar of the States of California, New York, and Connecticut, and of the bar of the District of Columbia.

(b) That I am familiar with and have read the above Cover Sheet Application and that the facts therein are true to my knowledge and belief. The copies of the billing statements attached to this Cover Sheet Application are true and correct copies of the billing statements of Pacific Gas and Electric Company ("the Debtor") for the matters in which the Firm is currently retained by the Debtor ("the Matters").

(c) That the Firm has not been paid or promised any compensation from any other source for services rendered in connection with the Matters.

(d) That the Firm has not entered into any agreement or understanding with any other entity for the sharing of compensation received or to be received for services rendered and/or to be rendered in connection with the Matters.

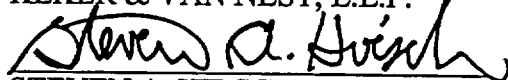
(e) That to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, the compensation and expense reimbursement sought herein is in conformity with the *Guidelines for Compensation and Expense Reimbursement of Professionals and Trustees* for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of California, except for the following: The Firm's computer system is not set up to bill in tenths of an hour. Instead, the Firm is required to bill in eighths of an hour. This does not result in the rounding up of total time billed to the Debtor.

(f) That the compensation and expenses sought herein were billed at rates no less favorable than those customarily billed by the Firm and generally accepted by the Firm's clients.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this certification was executed this 30th day of September, 2002 at San Francisco, California.

KEKER & VAN NEST, L.L.P.

By:



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Special Counsel to Debtor in Possession
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