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I, Michael J. Donnelly, declare as follows:

- 1. I am the Assistant Treasurer of Pacific Gas and Electric Company ("PG&E"), a position that I have held since September of 2000. Except as otherwise indicated, I make this declaration based upon my personal knowledge concerning the matters stated herein. If called as a witness, I could and would testify competently to the facts stated herein.
- 2. I make this declaration in support of PG&E's Motion for Authority to Pay Filing Fees and Printer's Costs in connection with the Filing of Registration Statements with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Motion").
- 3. PG&E, together with its parent corporation, PG&E Corporation, has proposed a Plan of Reorganization (as amended from time to time, the "Plan"), which has recently been voted on by creditors, along with the competing plan of reorganization proposed by the California Public Utilities Commission. The confirmation hearing has been scheduled to commence on November 18, 2002.
- 4. The Plan provides for the creation of three new companies, ETrans LLC, GTrans LLC and Electric Generation LLC (collectively, the "New Entities"), whereby PG&E will separate according to its four historical lines of business and functions. Thus, the Reorganized Debtor (referred to herein as "PG&E") will continue to operate the retail gas and electric distribution business, ETrans LLC ("ETrans") will operate the electric transmission business, GTrans LLC ("GTrans") will operate the gas transmission business, and Electric Generation LLC ("Gen") will operate the electric generation business.
- 5. A significant component of the Plan involves the issuance of various types of debt securities by the New Entities as part of the distributions to be made to holders of Allowed Claims (as defined in the Plan) and by PG&E and the New Entities as a means of raising the cash to pay Allowed Claims and otherwise implement the Plan.
- 6. As set forth in PG&E's Motion for Authority to Pay Fees of Designated Underwriter's Counsel, filed on October 1, 2002, PG&E will utilize underwriters and designated underwriter's counsel in connection with the securities offerings. Specifically, PG&E has requested authority to pay underwriter's counsel to assist with, among other

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the SEC by PG&E and each of the New Entities for the offerings of New Money Notes (as defined in the Plan) to the public and the potential resale of Long-Term Notes (as defined in the Plan) by holders of Allowed Claims to the public. As conditions precedent to the effectiveness of the Plan, (i) the registration statements for the New Money Notes and the Long-Term Notes must be declared effective by the SEC, and (ii) PG&E must have consummated the sale of its New Money Notes and

the New Money Notes of each of the New Entities shall have been priced and their trade

dates shall have occurred. Once the registration statements are filed, there may be a lengthy

SEC review process for the securities offerings before the registration statements are

declared effective. Therefore, in order to meet the foregoing conditions precedent to the

effectiveness of the Plan, PG&E intends to file the registration statements as soon as

items, the preparation of the registration statements and related prospectuses to be filed with

- Currently, the legal work and due diligence process is underway in connection 8. with the preparation of the registration statements and PG&E anticipates that the registration statements may be ready for filing by November 1, 2002.
- At the time the registration statements are filed, PG&E will be required to pay 9. filing fees to the SEC. PG&E estimates that the total filing fees will be approximately \$500,000, based on a total principal amount of \$5.36 billion in debt to be offered (the current SEC filing fee is \$92 for each \$1 million of debt offered). In addition, a professional printer will be needed to prepare and file the registration statements with the SEC in the electronic filing format required by SEC Regulation S-T. The printer's costs for these services are are a function of the size of the filings, the number of amendments required by the SEC staff and the number of individual revisions made in preparing the filings and amendments; as a result, these fees are difficult to estimate in advance. However, PG&E anticipates that the printer's costs for these services will not exceed \$800,000 prior to confirmation of the Plan. After confirmation, additional amendments will be required and preliminary and final prospectuses must be printed to conduct the offerings.

10. Sound business justifications support PG&E's request to pay the SEC filing fees and printer's costs described above. These costs must be incurred in order to file the registration statements with the SEC and to proceed with the process of obtaining SEC clearance for the debt securities offerings that are necessary to implement the Plan. PG&E believes that the registration statements must be filed promptly in order to ensure that PG&E can timely meet the conditions precedent to the effectiveness of the Plan. Finally, PG&E is solvent and has sufficient cash to pay these expenses without causing any detriment to its creditors. As reflected in PG&E's August 2002 Monthly Operating Report, PG&E held more than \$4.1 billion in cash reserves as of August 31, 2002.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 9th day of October, 2002, at San Francisco, California.

MICHAEL J. DONNEL

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