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AUTHORITY TO INCUR MISCELLANEOUS IMPLEMENTATION  
19 EXPENSES; MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES  
20 IN SUPPORT THEREOF

21 [SUPPORTING DECLARATIONS OF MICHAEL SCHONHERR,  
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1 implementation projects and anticipates that, for the majority of these projects, its spending  
2 will be within or below the approved amounts. However, for certain projects, as better  
3 information became available during the course of work, PG&E has identified new required  
4 tasks or the need to increase the scope of previously identified tasks. Therefore, many of the  
5 expenses described in this Motion involve additional costs related to specific projects that  
6 have been the subject of previous implementation expense motions approved by the Court.

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8 **A. Additional Accounting Expenses (Cost Estimate: \$800,000).**<sup>2</sup>

9 PG&E previously filed a Motion for Authority to Incur Additional Miscellaneous  
10 Implementation Expenses on September 12, 2002, which was approved by Order entered on  
11 October 2, 2002. The motion included expenses of \$1.5 million to be incurred by PG&E in  
12 connection with PricewaterhouseCoopers' ("PWC") development of accounting processes  
13 and procedures for the New Entities. PG&E now anticipates that this project will require  
14 approximately \$800,000 in additional expenses.

15 As described in the previous motion, by the Effective Date under the Plan ("Plan  
16 Effective Date"), the New Entities will require accounting systems and applications that are  
17 fully implemented and operational in order to commence business operations, including the  
18 maintenance of books and records. These accounting systems and applications require  
19 associated processes and procedures to capture, record and validate all transactions. Since  
20 October 2002, PWC has been assisting PG&E in reviewing its existing accounting processes  
21 and procedures and in the development of new processes and procedures for use by the New  
22 Entities. While the project has not changed since the previous motion was filed, it has  
23 become better defined and quantifiable as a result of the work that has been performed by  
24 PWC for the last four months. There are over 82 individual accounting processes to be  
25 reviewed and adapted for use by the New Entities. Initially, PG&E identified approximately  
26 70 individual accounting processes that needed to be reviewed and adapted for use by the

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28 <sup>2</sup> See Declaration of Stephanie Maggard filed concurrently herewith.

1 New Entities. Also, PG&E now understands that many of these processes are more complex  
2 to document than originally anticipated, or require more substantial modification for use by  
3 the New Entities than previously anticipated. As a result, PWC will incur additional fees  
4 completing the services. PG&E therefore requests authority to incur approximately  
5 \$800,000 in additional costs for this project.<sup>3</sup>  
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7 **B. Additional Land-Related Expenses (Cost Estimate: \$1.5 million).**<sup>4</sup>

8 PG&E previously filed a Motion for Authority to Incur Land-Related Expenses  
9 on April 12, 2002 (the "Land Motion"), which was approved by Order entered on May 17,  
10 2002. PG&E subsequently filed its Third Motion for Authority to Incur Miscellaneous  
11 Implementation Expenses (the "Third Miscellaneous Motion") on October 18, 2002, which  
12 included additional land-related expenses (at pp. 4-6) and was approved by Order entered on  
13 November 8, 2002. The Land Motion described expenses to be incurred by PG&E in  
14 connection with title review and analysis, and survey work, for a total estimated cost of \$5.5  
15 million, while the Third Miscellaneous Motion disclosed additional land-related work for a  
16 an estimated cost of \$750,000. As stated in the Land Motion, this work arises out of  
17 PG&E's large portfolio of real estate assets, including approximately 250,000 acres of land,  
18 more than six million square feet of support service space (service centers, offices and  
19 warehouses) and hundreds of real property leases (collectively, the "Land"), along with  
20 thousands of related real property rights, including: rights-of-way and easements,  
21 prescriptive rights, possessory interests, unrecorded rights and other land-related agreements,  
22 and associated maps and drawings (collectively, the "Land Rights"). This work is necessary  
23 to prepare for the transfers of Land and Land Rights to the New Entities in connection with

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25 <sup>3</sup> PWC and each of the other consultants described below are subject to PG&E's  
26 standard contractual provisions, which do not guarantee future work or any minimum  
27 amount of revenue. Except as specifically noted otherwise, PG&E maintains the right to  
28 terminate the work at any time without cause, in which case PG&E is liable only for work  
performed to the date of termination plus costs reasonably incurred by the consultant in  
terminating any work in progress.

<sup>4</sup> See Declaration of Michael Schonherr filed concurrently herewith.

1 the implementation of the Plan.

2 Since the Land Motion and Third Miscellaneous Motion were filed, PG&E has  
3 determined that the land-related work to be performed by the contractors will require more  
4 time than previously estimated. The nature of the work has not changed from that described  
5 in the Land Motion and Third Miscellaneous Motion and will be completed by the same  
6 consultants identified in the prior motions. However, PG&E estimates that the completion  
7 of this project could require approximately \$1.4 million in additional expenses, as described  
8 in Section B.1 below. Section B.2 below describes a new project that has been identified as  
9 necessary to commence prior to Plan confirmation and is related to the Land and Land  
10 Rights' transfers, with an estimated cost of \$100,000.

11 1. Additional Land and Land Rights Analysis and Reconciliation. The work  
12 described in the Land Motion and Third Miscellaneous Motion has not changed but has  
13 proven to be more substantial and complex than PG&E had previously estimated. First,  
14 more exhibits, maps, title descriptions and other documents pertaining to Land Rights were  
15 needed than previously contemplated, in connection with both transfer agreements and  
16 various regulatory filings. Second, the title analysis work associated with gas-related assets  
17 and telecommunications facilities has resulted in increased costs. For example, the records  
18 for most of the new gas lines identified for transfer are not centrally stored or managed and  
19 therefore, the process of locating these records has involved more of the contractors' time  
20 than previously anticipated; in addition, increased contractor time has been required in  
21 assessing the Land Rights associated with the gas lines and determining how these Land  
22 Rights should be transferred. These problems were not known until PG&E and the  
23 contractors located and examined various documents. Third, PG&E and its contractors  
24 found that the work associated with the properties to be divided between ETrans and PG&E  
25 under the Plan (including subdivision and lot line adjustments and title analysis work) was  
26 also more complex than previously anticipated. Based on the foregoing, PG&E estimates  
27 that an additional \$1.4 million in expenses will be incurred in connection with the work  
28 associated with the transfer of Land and Land Rights.



1           2.    Development of a Real Estate Recording Plan. The transfers of Land and  
2 Land Rights to the New Entities in connection with the implementation of the Plan will  
3 involve real estate assets located in 47 counties in California and in Klamath County,  
4 Oregon. Real estate documents transferring these assets to each of the New Entities will  
5 need to be recorded with each county recorder's office on the Plan Effective Date. Because  
6 the volume of documents to be recorded is large (approximately 10,000 pages for the 48  
7 counties), the process of timing and sequencing of the recording will be complex. PG&E  
8 believes it is imperative to begin planning for these activities now so that a comprehensive  
9 plan can be developed well in advance of the Plan Effective Date. The development of a  
10 real estate recording plan is expected to take up to three months.

11           PG&E has selected NSI Consulting & Development, Inc. ("NSI") to develop a  
12 detailed plan for the timely and accurate recording of the real estate transfer documents. NSI  
13 is a real estate consulting firm with expertise in assisting utilities with separation of land and  
14 land rights related to the disaggregation of transmission and distribution businesses, such as  
15 would be required for PG&E upon Plan confirmation. PG&E will work with NSI to develop  
16 prototype packages for presentation to a few test counties. Based on feedback received from  
17 the initial discussions with the test counties, NSI will work with PG&E to develop final  
18 standardized recording packages for each county. NSI will then coordinate with each county  
19 to develop the form, content and final process (including the payment of all required fees  
20 and expenses) for recording the real estate transfer documents, ensuring that all parties are  
21 prepared to take the necessary steps to successfully transfer the Land and Land Rights by the  
22 Plan Effective Date. PG&E estimates that the cost for NSI's services will be approximately  
23 \$100,000.

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25           **C.    Additional Facility Separation Costs (Cost Estimate: \$626,300).**<sup>5</sup>

26           In the Third Miscellaneous Motion, PG&E explained that, in connection with

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28           <sup>5</sup> See Declaration of My Nguyen filed concurrently herewith.

1 implementation of the Plan, it anticipated: (i) leasing seven new buildings, which would  
2 need to be prepared for occupancy by the New Entities, and (ii) modifying 30 existing  
3 PG&E-owned buildings for use by PG&E and the New Entities.<sup>6</sup> PG&E obtained authority  
4 to incur \$425,000 in connection with hiring construction project managers in order to  
5 prepare the new buildings for occupancy and to modify the existing PG&E buildings to  
6 serve multiple entities. PG&E explained that actual construction would not take place until  
7 after confirmation of the Plan, but that the construction project managers were needed in  
8 order to assess the construction needs and plan for the construction work. Specifically, the  
9 preliminary work includes: (i) determining the scope of work for each building; (ii)  
10 preparing and submitting local building permit and conditional use permit applications; (iii)  
11 development of detailed site-specific work schedules; and (iv) preparing contract  
12 specifications, selecting qualified contractors, and negotiating contract terms. Set forth in  
13 Section C.1 below is a description of additional costs of approximately \$535,000 that PG&E  
14 now anticipates will be incurred in connection with the construction project managers.

15 Also in the Third Miscellaneous Motion, PG&E obtained authority to incur  
16 \$100,000 in pre-construction costs related to permits and engineering, noting: "Until the  
17 construction project managers . . . begin work, PG&E will not have a precise estimate of the  
18 total pre-construction costs." (at p. 8:13-14). Set forth in Section C.2 below are additional  
19 pre-construction projects for total additional expenses of approximately \$91,300.

20 1. Additional Costs for Construction Project Managers. Since November  
21 2002, PG&E has discovered that the pre-construction planning work will be more extensive  
22 and time-consuming than originally estimated at the project's inception. Now that PG&E  
23 has identified specific buildings to lease (as described in the Lease Extension Motion), and  
24 as planning has progressed in preparing existing PG&E buildings and sites for occupancy by

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26 <sup>6</sup> More recently, PG&E filed the Motion for Authority to Incur Lease Extension Fees  
27 on January 17, 2003 (the "Lease Extension Motion"), identifying six specific properties to  
28 be leased by the New Entities, for which PG&E requested authority to pay lease extension  
fees to retain the right to enter into long-term leases for these properties upon Plan  
confirmation.

1 the New Entities, it has become clear that more work will be required of the construction  
2 project managers. For example, instead of using trailers on existing PG&E sites to house  
3 certain employees and functions of the New Entities, as originally planned, six of the PG&E  
4 sites will require the construction of new metal buildings since PG&E has determined that  
5 the trailers cannot accommodate the space needs of the groups targeted to occupy them.  
6 Furthermore, at many of the existing PG&E buildings, more substantial modifications will  
7 be required than originally anticipated to prepare these facilities to be shared by employees  
8 of PG&E and employees of the New Entities. Therefore, PG&E now estimates that an  
9 additional \$535,000 will be required to enable the construction project managers to complete  
10 the pre-construction planning tasks.

11 2. Additional Site Preparation Costs. The costs described in subsections a. and  
12 b. below, once incurred, will not be recoverable or subject to termination as these costs are  
13 not subject to the standard contractual provisions of PG&E's consulting agreements  
14 summarized in footnote 3 above.

15 a. Woodland Site. At the Woodland site (described at page 7 of the  
16 Lease Extension Motion), PG&E has identified the need to obtain switching devices for  
17 telephone lines and telecommunications equipment for a total cost of approximately  
18 \$36,300.<sup>7</sup> Although this property is not yet subject to a long-term lease by PG&E, it has  
19 been identified as a critical site to lease and was therefore included in the Lease Extension  
20 Motion. Orders must be placed promptly for the switching device (\$6,300) and  
21 telecommunications equipment (\$30,000) because several months' lead time is required to  
22 obtain the necessary equipment and allow time to install the telecommunications  
23 infrastructure. The telecommunications infrastructure must be in place by the time  
24 construction at the site begins, which is expected to occur promptly after Plan confirmation.

25 b. Vaca-Dixon Substation. PG&E anticipates that the Vaca-Dixon

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27 <sup>7</sup> In the event that Plan implementation does not occur or the Woodland site is not  
28 ultimately leased by PG&E, PG&E anticipates that it will have other uses for the  
telecommunications equipment in the ordinary course of business.

1 Substation, an existing PG&E property, will be utilized by ETrans for materials storage. In  
2 order to prepare Vaca-Dixon Substation for use by ETrans, approximately \$55,000 is needed  
3 to perform site grading and preparation to eliminate ponding in the storage area, to provide  
4 electrical service to the yard area, and to install safety barriers (removable bollards). This  
5 work must be completed before further construction can be performed at the site, in order to  
6 meet environmental and safety concerns, and to prepare the site for construction related to  
7 preparation of the site for the storage of materials and equipment. Even if Plan  
8 implementation does not occur, this work should be beneficial to PG&E in preparing the  
9 Vaca-Dixon Substation for additional storage uses by PG&E.

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11 **D. ETrans Billing Software (Cost Estimate: \$360,000).**<sup>8</sup>

12 In connection with the implementation of the Plan, PG&E and ETrans will enter  
13 into an Electric Energy Determination and Billing Agreement (“EEDBA”) to handle billing  
14 and settlements for electric transmission service to be provided by ETrans to PG&E. PG&E  
15 has recently identified a need for specialized software to support the implementation of the  
16 EEDBA. This software will be purchased from, and installed and configured by, Itron, Inc.,  
17 an industry leader in providing automated meter polling and data management software to  
18 utilities. This software will provide the functionality necessary for ETrans to provide meter  
19 data management (including data validation, version control management and data  
20 aggregation) to PG&E. These functions are needed to support the transmission billing and  
21 settlement processes required by PG&E and ETrans. PG&E believes that this project must  
22 start promptly as the process of installing, configuring and testing the software is expected to  
23 take approximately three months and must be completed in advance of the Plan Effective  
24 Date in order for ETrans to commence business operations.

25 PG&E estimates that the license, configuration and installation of this software  
26 by Itron will cost approximately \$360,000. \$150,000 of the foregoing amount constitutes a

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28 <sup>8</sup> See Declaration of Lance Maeda filed concurrently herewith.

1 license fee that would be paid up front, while the remainder is based on estimated consulting  
2 fees related to the installation and configuration of the software as well as maintenance fees.  
3 The consulting fees and maintenance fees are subject to termination if necessary, without  
4 penalty, pursuant to the general contract provisions summarized in footnote 3 of this Motion.  
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6 **E. Additional RMD Expenses (Cost Estimate: \$115,000).**<sup>9</sup>

7 On May 24, 2002, PG&E filed its Motion for Authorization to Incur Data  
8 Management Expenses, which was approved by Order entered on June 20, 2002. One  
9 portion of this Motion concerned data management services related to existing records, maps  
10 and drawings ("RMD") that will be needed by the New Entities, such as engineering and  
11 construction records, customer records, facility maps and drawings, and financial records.  
12 PG&E explained that it required the services of ZIA Information Analysis Group, Inc.  
13 ("ZIA") in order to identify and compile the anticipated millions of RMD documents, and to  
14 develop and maintain a database with the RMD data. Total costs of approximately \$436,000  
15 were approved for this project.

16 ZIA and PG&E have been engaged in the RMD work for many months and it is  
17 now evident that the work will require more time than previously estimated. The work is  
18 more complex and time-consuming than PG&E or ZIA originally anticipated, particularly  
19 due to the tasks of determining the type and level of information required by the New  
20 Entities as well as the review of the various RMD documents for accuracy and  
21 completeness. PG&E estimates that it will incur approximately \$115,000 more than the  
22 amount originally authorized so that ZIA can complete this project.<sup>10</sup>  
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25 <sup>9</sup> See Declaration of Stephanie Maggard filed concurrently herewith.

26 <sup>10</sup> In addition to ZIA's work on this project, an individual consultant who is a former  
27 PG&E employee, Fred Holmes, is assisting PG&E and ZIA in reviewing and analyzing  
28 RMD documents. Based on his past experience working for PG&E, Mr. Holmes is  
knowledgeable about RMD documents and approximately \$15,000 of the additional  
\$115,000 may be incurred in connection with Mr. Holmes' services.

1           F. Additional HRMS Expenses (Cost Estimate: \$425,000).<sup>11</sup>

2           PG&E previously filed a Motion for Authorization to Incur Human Resources  
3 Management System Expenses (“HRMS Motion”) on May 10, 2002, which was approved  
4 by Order entered on May 31, 2002. In the HRMS Motion, PG&E explained that the New  
5 Entities would require human resources and payroll systems to support the payroll and  
6 related functions needed for a company employing thousands of employees with benefits  
7 comparable to PG&E’s existing benefits, and the restrictions of collective bargaining  
8 agreements among other complexities. Further, PG&E explained that the New Entities  
9 would use an integrated human resources system to be implemented by PeopleSoft, Inc. and  
10 referred to as the Human Resources Management System (“HRMS”). PG&E anticipated at  
11 that time that approximately \$2.2 million would be required for the HRMS implementation  
12 in connection with PeopleSoft’s services.

13           . Since May 2002, PeopleSoft has been working on the HRMS project. As  
14 explained in more detail below, the HRMS project has proven more complex and time-  
15 consuming than either PeopleSoft or PG&E had anticipated at its inception in May 2002.  
16 PG&E now estimates that an additional \$425,000 will be required for the HRMS project.

17           The reasons for the increased costs on this project include: (i) more HRMS  
18 software customization is required than originally anticipated as a result of a more complete  
19 understanding of the factors used to implement collective bargaining agreements relating to  
20 compensation of union employees, as well as a more complete understanding of the New  
21 Entities’ business requirements; (ii) more work is involved than originally anticipated in  
22 building internal and external interfaces between HRMS and other systems or organizations  
23 (internal interfaces include links to the general ledger and to the group handling workers’  
24 compensation matters; external interfaces include links to benefits providers, 401(k)  
25 financial managers and payroll tax service providers); (iii) more work is required than  
26 originally anticipated in connection with adapting the HRMS to handle data conversion and

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28           <sup>11</sup> See Declaration of Bruce Bowen filed concurrently herewith.

1 benefits enrollment activities over a period of time; instead of using a traditional cutover  
2 plan (converting all data at one time), PG&E requires a complex set of data conversion  
3 activities to permit identification and conversion of non-bargaining unit and bargaining-unit  
4 employee data and to convert payroll and benefits data at different times; and (iv) PG&E has  
5 not been able to devote as many internal resources to this project as originally anticipated,  
6 which has increased PeopleSoft's time spent on the project.

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8 **II.**  
9 **THE ADDITIONAL IMPLEMENTATION EXPENSES SHOULD BE APPROVED**  
10 **PURSUANT TO SECTION 363(B)(1) OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE**

11 PG&E seeks approval for the various implementation expenses set forth above as  
12 a use of estate property that is outside of the ordinary course of business under Bankruptcy  
13 Code Section 363(b)(1). Since these projects are related to the implementation of the Plan,  
14 PG&E believes that the purpose and scope of the expenditure may be characterized as  
15 outside of the ordinary course of business and therefore requires Court approval.<sup>12</sup>

16 The Court has considerable discretion in approving a request pursuant to Section  
17 363(b)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code (“[t]he trustee, after notice and a hearing, may use, sell or  
18 lease, other than in the ordinary course of business, property of the estate”). See In re  
19 Montgomery Ward Holding Corp., 242 B.R. 147, 153 (D. Del. 1999) (affirming the  
20 bankruptcy court's decision to approve expenditure for employee incentive programs, noting  
21 that bankruptcy court has considerable discretion in approving a Section 363(b) motion).

22 In determining whether to authorize a transaction under Section 363(b)(1), courts  
23 require a debtor to show that a sound business purpose justifies such actions, applying the  
24 business judgment test. See, e.g., Stephens Indus., Inc. v. McClung, 789 F.2d 386, 389-90  
25 (6th Cir. 1986); Committee of Equity Sec. Holders v. Lionel Corp. (In re Lionel Corp.), 722

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27 <sup>12</sup> PG&E believes that the various consultants described in this Motion should not be  
28 considered “professional persons” requiring approval under Bankruptcy Code Section  
327(a). This is due both to the nature of the services to be provided and to the consultants’  
limited role in connection with PG&E’s reorganization proceeding.

1 F.2d 1063, 1071 (2d Cir. 1983); see also 3 Lawrence P. King, Collier on Bankruptcy  
2 ¶363.02[1][g] (15th ed. rev. 1998).

3           Once the debtor has articulated a rational business justification, a presumption  
4 attaches that the decision was made “on an informed basis, in good faith and in the honest  
5 belief that the action taken was in the best interest of the [debtor].” See, e.g., Official  
6 Comm. of Subordinated Bondholders v. Integrated Res., Inc. (In re Integrated Res., Inc.),  
7 147 B.R. 650, 656 (S.D.N.Y. 1992) (citing Smith v. Van Gorkom, 488 A.2d 858 (Del.  
8 1985)).

9           Sound business justifications exist for approval of the various implementation  
10 costs described above. PG&E does not have sufficient capacity or skills in-house to perform  
11 and complete the work without the assistance of the outside consultants. Also, PG&E is  
12 solvent and has sufficient cash to pay the expenses described herein without causing any  
13 detriment to its creditors.<sup>13</sup>

14           Consistent with PG&E’s previous implementation expense requests, PG&E has  
15 included only those projects that have been identified as critical for completion by or in  
16 advance of the Plan Effective Date, and which require long lead time or must be completed  
17 before subsequent, related implementation work can be performed. Furthermore, PG&E  
18 continues to enter into contracts with consultants that allow PG&E to terminate without  
19 cause and without any penalty, so that in the event that the implementation work is no longer  
20 necessary, PG&E can minimize its costs. PG&E believes that the implementation projects  
21 described herein are necessary and should be approved so that work can commence  
22 promptly. As to all previously-approved projects for which PG&E is requesting increased  
23 expenses, based on the explanations set forth in Sections I.A. through I.F. above, sound  
24 business justifications support each request to increase costs.

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27 <sup>13</sup> As reflected in PG&E’s November 2002 Monthly Operating Report, PG&E held  
28 more than \$4.1 billion in cash reserves as of November 30, 2002.



1 **CONCLUSION**

2 For all of the foregoing reasons, PG&E respectfully requests that the Court  
3 approve the costs described above and grant such other and further relief as may be just and  
4 appropriate.

5 DATED: February 7, 2003

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