

**PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY
General Rate Case 2011 Phase I
Application 09-12-020
Data Response**

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SUBJECT: INCOME TAXES

QUESTION 1

In response to data request DRA-117, question 5, PG&E provided information re interest deductions taken in the PG&E standalone tax return for the years 2003-2008 indicating that PG&E Stand Alone Corporation borrowed \$280 Million dollars each year in the period 2005-2008 (Convertible Subordinate Notes). Please give details as to the use and purpose of these loans to PG&E, given the fact that PG&E does not have any significant subsidiaries as defined by Rule1-02 of Regulation S-X. (See PG&E CORP-FORM 8-K –EX-1.1 –November 18, 2009.)

ANSWER 1

PG&E Corporation, not the Utility, issued the \$280 million of convertible subordinate notes in 2002. The net proceeds of the issuance were used for the purposes of PG&E Corporation, such as to fund PG&E Corporation working capital, repay certain indebtedness of PG&E Corporation, and fund two interest reserve accounts of PG&E Corporation. The notes were issued once in 2002, not each year in the period 2005-2008. Only PG&E Corporation could use the proceeds of the notes, which were issued during the Utility's bankruptcy, a time when any associated financial dealing between the two companies would have had to be approved in advance by the U.S. Bankruptcy Court.