<u>Subject</u>: Energy Division data request for additional information for Advice Letter (AL) 3583-E, which concerns PG&E's request for approval of three power purchase agreements (PPAs) with Shell Energy North America (US) L.P..

Please provide a detailed response by COB on **Tuesday**, **March 30**, **2010**. Once you have prepared a response, please contact Sean Simon; <a href="mailto:svn@cpuc.ca.gov">svn@cpuc.ca.gov</a> to schedule a call to discuss your response. Also, any questions related to the data request should be directed to Sean Simon.

- 1. Why wasn't the Independent Evaluator (IE) able to directly observe the negotiations between PG&E and Shell Energy?
- 2. How will PG&E hedge against price variability for these contracts?
- 3. Is the Combine Hills II facility operational?
  - 3 (a). If not, when is it expected to be operational?
- 4. Are the transmission upgrades associated with the Combine Hills II facility completed?
  - 4 (a). If not, when are they expected to be completed?
- 5. How did Shell determine the value of the Green Attributes for each contract?
  - 5 (a). Why are the Green Attributes priced differently for each facility?
- 6. For the Wheat Field contract, why does the delivery rate double in the months of November and December?
  - 6 (a). What are the benefits to ratepayers for an increase in delivery in these months?
- 7. What are the risks to ratepayers of a December true-up if, as the IE notes, December 2010 and 2011 are currently expected to have higher power prices at COB than the average for the year?
  - 7 (a). Does PG&E intend to hedge for this particular risk?
  - 7 (b). Is there another more cost effective way to implement the true-up?