

PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY
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Data Response

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SUBJECT: ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE EXPENSES FOR MWC BF, BG, AND BK

QUESTION 3N

PG&E forecasted \$40.712 million for MWC BF. This is an increase of \$7.487 million or 22.53% over 2008 recorded adjusted expenses of \$33.225 million. PG&E's MWC BF includes individual forecasts for ten subaccounts/line items. The questions below relate to the following five subaccounts/line items and forecast: \$5.641 million for Overhead Line Equipment Inspected and Tested, \$1.131 million for Underground Line Equipment Inspected and Tested, \$2.923 million for Network Transformers Inspected, \$0.311 million for Special Patrols, and \$0.881 million for Miscellaneous Maintenance Items.

- n) PG&E forecasted 6,000 units and \$0.311 million in expense for special patrols. PG&E states that in "2009 PG&E began increasing post-outage patrols" and that "prior to 2009 this work was charged to various work categories such as OH Patrols, OH Infrared, or OH Notifications". DRA notes that PG&E did not show any recorded expenses for 2004 through 2008 for these special patrols that were charged to various work categories but states its "forecasted units are based on program management judgment of recorded data". Provide the historical expenses for 2004 through 2008 for these special patrols.

ANSWER 3N

Recorded historical costs for 2004 through 2008 for special patrols are not available because PG&E did not create a separate cost tracking mechanism (e.g., order or MAT code) until 2009. However, PG&E is aware that prior to 2009, when divisions needed to perform special patrols after an outage, personnel charged their time to OH Patrols, OH Notifications, or OH Infrared (when utilizing the OH Infrared van and specialized equipment) because a separate cost tracking mechanism was not available.

Note, 2010 and 2011 forecasted costs for OH Patrols, OH Notification, and OH Infrared do not include special patrols work since the forecasts are based on projected future

applicable work (as opposed to specific historical completed work where special patrols may have been recorded). Also, since no historical cost is available, see below for additional information regarding the 2010 and 2011 forecast.

Per Table 2-4 and Table 2-5 (Exhibit (PG&E-3), page 2-20 and Workpapers, WP page 2-39			Additional Information
Description	2010	2011	
Unit Costs	\$50	\$52	At an approximate \$150 standard rate, this unit cost equates to 20 minutes.
Units	6,082	6,000	Based on 19 divisions and forecasted 20 minutes time for a special patrol, this represents approximately 26 units per division per month (6,000 units /19 division = 316 /12 months = 26)
Total	\$304,000	\$311,000	