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SUBJECT: HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT AND OTHER COSTS

QUESTION 1

On page 14-12, PG&E states: "PG&E anticipates continued changes to the workforce based on restructuring to achieve operating efficiencies. PG&E's severance costs in 2008 were \$14.7 million for the Utility and it requests funding of \$11.2 million for 2011." How did PG&E derive this \$11.2 million forecast? Please provide the spreadsheet with supporting calculations showing the development of this forecast.

Answer 1

This 2011 forecast of \$11.2 million for utility severance is based on the following:

- A preliminary 2009 forecast for the Utility of 80-85 headcount reduction at a cost of \$110,000 to \$120,000 per headcount, for a total of \$9.6 million (80 X \$120,000 = \$9.6 million).
- In addition, \$1 million was forecast for 2009 for Corporation severances, based on a minimal number of severances at the director level and above. This forecast was established before the Corporation to Utility transfer.
- After the Corporation to Utility transfer, 79% of the severance costs set aside for Corporation severance (79% X \$1 million = \$790,000) were transferred to the Utility forecast. This resulted in a Utility severance forecast of \$10.390 million (i.e., \$9.6 million + \$790,000).
- For 2010 and 2011, the 2009 forecasts are escalated at 3.75% annually, resulting in the 2011 forecast of \$11.2 million.

Please see GRC2011-Ph-I_DR_DRA_180-Q01Atch01.xls for the Excel spreadsheet calculations.