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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

After almost 25 years working for various companies owned by PG&E Corporation, I will retire on July 1 of this year.

Judging by the reaction I have received inside my company, I know this may be a surprise to many of you that I have worked with over the years. In early April, I finished another monumental project. This time on PG&E's distribution system. It was a major undertaking that was successfully completed. For me it brought me closer to a long planned life goal -- to retire early. I have moved around a lot in my career, put in long hours and gave my heart and soul to help projects succeed, improve the delivery of energy and improve relationships with my customers and stakeholders. Now, I want to improve my backhand and play more tennis.

When I left Fort Worth, Texas in 1974 to go graduate school in Los Angeles, California I was embarking on a life long dream to go west. I never thought I would make a career in energy, but a degree in economics and gasoline lines all over Los Angeles soon after I arrived inspired me to put my education to work. I put that inspiration to work and convinced the engineers running the rate department at Southern California Edison to hire me in 1977. I believe I was the first economist they ever hired in the rate department, but others in my class may dispute that claim. I loved it and I never left energy.

That path first brought me to first PG&E in 1980 for four years and again in 1990 after six years of independent consulting. Since coming back to PG&E in 1990, I have worked on great projects in California; Alberta, Canada; Baja California, Mexico; throughout the great State of Texas; Queensland, Australia and trips to Moscow, Amsterdam and Germany. All of you have played a some part with me in making something work better and I thank each of you for all those great memories and the part you played in the success of those projects.

I will be returning to Portland, Oregon to enjoy the great summer, my family and friends in my old neighborhood. We will make our home in Portland and will still have our places in San Francisco, California and Sisters, Oregon. We would love to see you whenever you are close by.

I hope we can stay in touch. You can reach me by email or cell phone anytime at:

email: [Redacted]
cell: [Redacted]

I will be working and available at PG&E until June 30. After that, I will make my way back home.

All the best,

Bob