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SUBJECT: SAFETY, HEALTH AND CLAIMS DEPARTMENT AND OTHERS COSTS -

Information Technology Projects

QUESTION 1

SH&C Efficiency Program: PG&E's testimony states: "The 'Electronic Fax' solution will receive faxes, automatically store the document as an image and route it to a pre-designated e-mail recipient. This project will eliminate the current need for labor to receive a fax, then scan it manually, and then e-mail it. Currently SH&C spends approximately \$4,000 per year to have a contractor scan a received by fax and then e-mail it." How did PG&E determine that it spends \$4,000 per year for its current method? Where is the savings reflected in SH&C forecast?

ANSWER 1

PG&E contracted Pitney Bowes to perform this extra service (see attachment GRC2011-Ph-I_DR_DRA_224-Q01_Atch01.pdf). Actual payments made to Pitney Bowes against this contract for 2008 are:

2008: \$3,824.64

The savings from the Electronic Fax are included in the 2011 forecast and are shown as a reduction of expense for Workers Comp in account 923.