PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY General Rate Case 2011 Phase I Application 09-12-020 Data Response

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

QUESTION 2B

PG&E forecasted \$7.313 million in 2011 for overhead equipment requiring repair which is an increase of 48.37% over 2008 recorded expenses of \$4.929 million. PG&E forecasted \$2.184 million in 2011 for underground equipment requiring repair which is an increase of 27.20% over 2008 recorded expenses of \$1.717 million. PG&E claims that this work "addresses inoperative equipment.

b) In 2011 PG&E forecasted an increase of 146.69% in units over 2008 for overhead equipment requiring repair from 876 to 2,161 with a decrease in unit cost from \$5,627 to \$3,384. Provide the documentation that explains in detail the specific reasons for the overhead equipment requiring repair increase in units to 2,161 from 876. PG&E's four year average for the period is 1,354 units.

ANSWER 2B

The recorded 2008 units for overhead equipment requiring repair (ERR) reflect the number of units completed based on individual division prioritization of work and available resources.

The increase in the number of forecasted units for 2011 units represent PG&E's change in the ERR program to assign a higher priority to bringing inoperative equipment on-line to meet operational needs. The forecast includes units based on a historical find rate plus an amount to work accumulated ERR units (see Exhibit (PG&E-3), Workpaper, WP 2-46).