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

QUESTION 6C

PG&E forecasted \$1.150 million for Pole Numbering in 2011. PG&E does not show any units, unit costs or recorded expenses for 2007 and 2008 for pole numbering. PG&E has forecasted 230,000 units in 2011 for pole numbering work and this is an increase of 225,845 units over 2006. The three year average for the years 2004 through 2006, in recorded units is 30,045 and PG&E's forecast of 230,000 units is an increase of 66.55% over the three year average.

c) PG&E states that its pole numbering forecast is based "on average of poles addressed during the Test and Treat Program intrusive inspecting cycles". Provide the documentation that demonstrates the calculation of PG&E's pole numbering historical expenses and the calculated average of PG&E's "average of poles addressed during the Test and Treat Program intrusive inspections" for 2004 through 2008.

ANSWER 6C

The historical cost and units of pole numbering for 2004 through 2006 are documented in Exhibit (PG&E-3), Chapter 2, Workpaper 2-22, line 32. The calculated unit cost is determined by dividing the total cost by the total number of poles numbered. The recorded units represent the number of poles numbered during the Test and Treat Inspections and Testing Program for the specified year. Per the workpapers, the average number poles numbered per year during this period was 30,045 ((60,779 + 25,200 + 4,155)/3).

The 2011 unit forecast of 230,000 poles is based on the average number of poles that the Pole Test and Treat Program will test and treat each year during the General Order 165 10-year cycle (i.e., 2,300,000 poles divided by 10 years), as discussed in chapter 4 of Exhibit (PG&E-3).

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