

# UBS Investment Research

## PG&E Corporation

### CPUC End Game Begins

■ **Senate fails to act on confirming Commissioner Ryan**

We confirmed with the CPUC that Commissioner Ryan was not confirmed by the California Senate by the statutory deadline of January 20, 2011. This now leaves the five person CPUC in a two member, non-quorum position.

■ **Governor Brown now has three appointments to make**

Gov. Brown will now have three nominees to the CPUC, none of whom are known at this time. Our working assumption is that Gov Brown will want to have his nominees with him during the 100 year anniversary celebration of the CPUC, which is on January 27. We hope the new CPUC will continue to equitably balance consumer and shareholder interests; we believe Chairman Peevey has done just that and has been a stabilizing balance on the commission.

■ **Settlement decision delayed; cost of capital formula coming into focus**

At a minimum, we believe there will be a further delay in rendering a decision in PCG's pending GRC settlement. In addition to the quorum issue, our view is the CPUC will need at least an additional month to "get up to speed" on this proceeding. Separately, the makeup of the CPUC commissioners could influence the cost of capital formula which was sanctioned and administered by the CPUC and is due for re-examination in mid-2012.

■ **Valuation – Fairly valued at current levels; Maintain Neutral rating**

Our \$49 target price remains intact, and is derived using a combination of P/E, DDM, and DCF valuation methodologies.

Highlights (US\$m)	12/08	12/09	12/10E	12/11E	12/12E
Revenues	14,628	13,399	13,900	14,495	15,013
EBIT (UBS)	2,337	2,385	2,742	3,091	3,308
Net Income (UBS)	1,081	1,220	1,347	1,496	1,580
EPS (UBS, US\$)	2.95	3.16	3.45	3.71	3.87
Net DPS (UBS, US\$)	1.56	1.65	1.79	1.93	2.04
Profitability & Valuation	5-yr hist av.	12/09	12/10E	12/11E	12/12E
EBIT margin %	26.6	17.8	19.7	21.3	22.0
ROIC (EBIT) %	12.1	7.1	7.5	8.0	8.1
EV/EBITDA (core) x	-	9.3	9.3	8.4	7.8
PE (UBS) x	12.7	12.5	13.6	12.7	12.1
Net dividend yield %	2.7	4.2	3.8	4.1	4.3

Source: Company accounts, Thomson Reuters, UBS estimates. (UBS) valuations are stated before goodwill-related charges and other adjustments for abnormal and economic items at the analysts' judgement.

Valuations: based on an average share price that year, (E): based on a share price of US\$47.00 on 20 Jan 2011 19:40 EST

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### Global Equity Research

#### Americas

#### Electric Utilities

12-month rating **Neutral**  
*Unchanged*

12m price target **US\$49.00**  
*Unchanged*

Price **US\$47.00**

RIC: PCG.N BBG: PCG US

21 January 2011

#### Trading data

52-wk range	US\$48.58-40.00
Market cap.	US\$17.4bn
Shares o/s	371m (COO)
Free float	100%
Avg. daily volume ('000)	741
Avg. daily value (m)	US\$35.2

#### Balance sheet data 12/10E

Shareholders' equity	US\$11.2bn
P/BV (UBS)	1.6x
Net Cash (debt)	(US\$13.8bn)

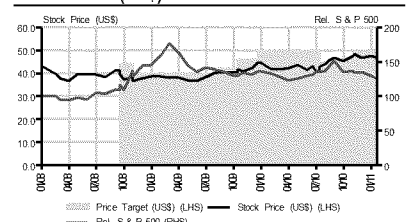
#### Forecast returns

Forecast price appreciation	+4.3%
Forecast dividend yield	4.1%
Forecast stock return	+8.4%
Market return assumption	5.6%
Forecast excess return	+2.8%

#### EPS (UBS, US\$)

	12/10E		12/09
	UBS	Cons.	Actual
Q1	0.79	0.79	0.66
Q2	0.91	0.91	0.83
Q3	1.02	1.02	0.93
Q4E	0.73	0.72	0.79
12/10E	3.45	3.43	
12/11E	3.71	3.71	

#### Performance (US\$)



Source: UBS

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Buy	Buy	49%	40%
Neutral	Hold/Neutral	42%	35%
Sell	Sell	8%	21%
UBS Short-Term Rating	Rating Category	Coverage <sup>3</sup>	IB Services <sup>4</sup>
Buy	Buy	less than 1%	14%
Sell	Sell	less than 1%	0%

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Source: UBS. Rating allocations are as of 31 December 2010.

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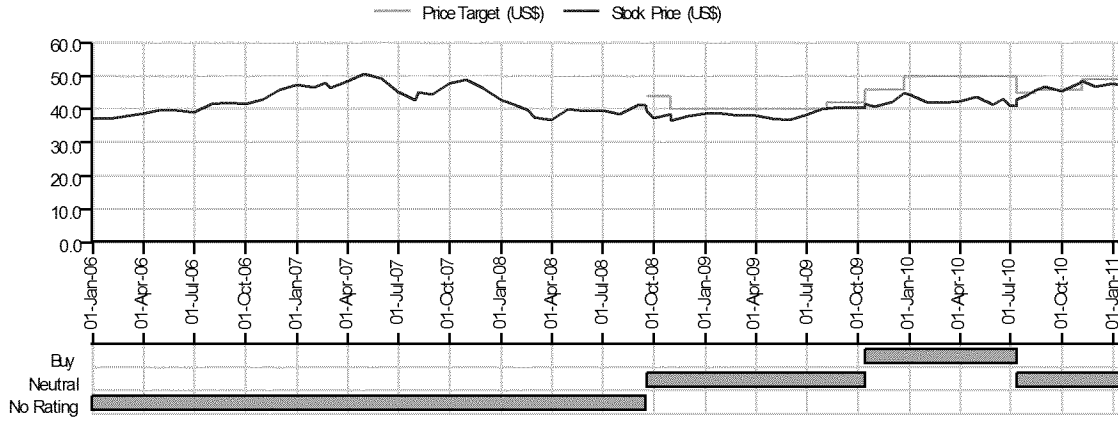
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PG&E Corporation (US\$)



Source: UBS; as of 20 Jan 2011

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