# Gas Accord V (GA V) Settlement Briefing for Commissioners' Staff

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## **Gas Accord V Settlement – Key Features**

- Reasonable revenue requirements and identified rate structure for 4-year ۲ term (2011-2014)
  - \$95 MM in cumulative benefits to core and non-core customers
  - Maintains 53% core / 47% non-core cost responsibility breakdown
  - Specific large capital projects (\$201MM / 29% of capital request) put into rates only after in-service
- New revenue sharing mechanism to align interests of customers and ۲ shareholders
- Mechanisms and funding to ensure safety and reliability ۲
  - Supports planned pipeline integrity and safety and reliability work as requested in **PG&E** filing
  - One-way balancing account for pipeline Integrity Management expense
- Resolves issues of concern to core transport agents ۲
- Uncontested except for SoCalGas/SDG&E issues •
- New work that may be required as a result of the San Bruno investigation ۲ is not included in the Settlement

## **Gas Accord V Settlement – Safety Implications**

### Sept. 15 CPUC Ruling sought clarification in light of the San Bruno tragedy

#### Gas Accord V Settlement provides:

- 100% and 98% of original requested capital dollars for pipeline Integrity Management, and Safety and Reliability respectively
- One-way balancing account for Integrity Management O&M expense funds not spent (returned to customers)
- Sufficient funding to conduct baseline integrity management and pipeline safety 2011-2014 as requested in PG&E's application, but does not reflect the cost of complying with new CPUC directives following San Bruno incident

Capital (in \$ MM)	PG&E Request	GA V Settlement	Difference	% Settled	
Integrity Management	\$71.0M	\$71.0M	uas	100%	
Safety and Reliability	\$129.2M	\$127.2M	-\$2.0M	98%	
Other Operations*	\$653.1M	\$499.6M	-\$153.5M	76%	
Total	\$853.3	\$697.8M	-155.5M	82%	
O&M Expense (in \$ MM)	PG&E Request	GA V Settlement	Difference	% Settled	
Integrity Management	\$24.0M	\$22.0M	-\$2.0M	92%	
Other Operations*	\$96.3M	\$82.8M	-\$13.5M	86%	
Total	\$120.3M	\$104.8M	-\$15.5M	87%	

#### **Request vs. Settlement Expenditures**

\* incl. workforce diversity funding as directed by Comm. Simon

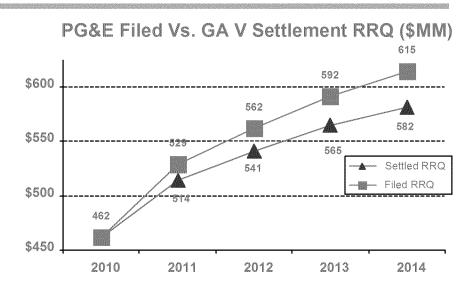
## **Settlement Fully Meets Requirements for Approval**

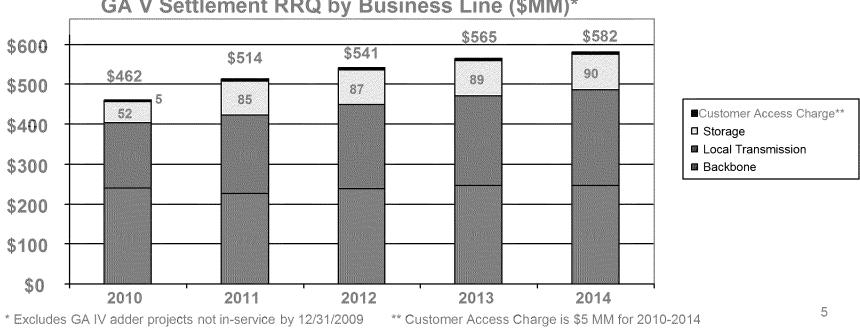
### Serves the public interest

- 4-year Settlement resolves revenue requirement and rates
- Achieves a balanced outcome
- Avoids litigation
- Is Reasonable
  - Built on 13 years of successful Gas Accord experience
  - Culmination of an 11-month process of aggressive discovery and negotiation
  - Reflects the diverse interests of 25 settling parties representing various aspects of the market.
- Is Consistent with the Law

## **Reasonable RRQs and Identified 4-year Rate Structure**

- \$95 MM cumulative 4-year revenue requirement ø benefit for core and non-core customers vs. filed request
- RRQ reduced if backbone and local transmission adder projects not in-service w/in Settlement period
- Identified rate structure 4
- 2011 rates depend on timing of approval \$





#### GA V Settlement RRQ by Business Line (\$MM)\*

### **Gas Accord V Settlement Revenue Sharing Mechanism**

### Gas Accord V Revenue Sharing Mechanism Summary\*

	Customer Share	Shareholder Share	Up-side and Downside Sharing?
Backbone	50%	50%	Yes
Local Transmission	75%	25%	Yes
Storage	75%	25%	Customers share upside only

\*Mechanism:

- Seeded annually with an "up-front" \$30 MM rate credit
- Includes Annual true-up

## **Core Gas Transport Agent (CTA) Issues Resolved**

### Settlement reflects separate negotiations to address CTA issues

- Avoids litigation
- Garners CTA support for broader Settlement Agreement
- New pipeline and storage capacity allocation process
  - New rules effective April 1, 2012
  - Annual election for long-term storage capacity
  - Pipeline allocation elections 3 times per year vs. monthly
  - Increases CTA cost responsibility for rejected capacity over 3-year transition period (April 2012 to March 2015)
  - Rejected CTA capacity released to the marketplace through auction, bulletin board listing, or similar process; CTAs responsible for net costs or benefits

#### Improved consumer protection/CPUC oversight

- New rules to be effective April 1, 2011
- Consumer protection rules and CPUC oversight of CTAs strengthened with regard to numerous customer complaints to CPUC and PG&E regarding slamming and marketing fraud
- New rules will be developed in collaboration with CTAs and CPUC, and based upon set of agreed-upon guiding principles outlined in CTA Settlement Agreement

#### Process improvements and system enhancements by PG&E

- Re-tune the Core Gas Load Forecast Model by October 1, 2011
- Add new data fields to billing and payment reconciliation reports
- Provide electronic versions of monthly balancing statements/supporting reports

- Minimal remaining issues raised by SoCal Gas/SDG&E only:
  - On-system delivery right for G-XF contract
  - Revenue sharing with G-XF customers
  - G-XF rate reduction between filed and settled rates
  - Storage reporting
- Issues of shareholder vs. customer revenue responsibility are raised by TURN, DRA and other indicated settling parties, if CPUC rules in favor of SoCalGas/SDG&E