

From: Bottorff, Thomas E
Sent: 4/25/2011 3:29:26 PM
To: 'Clanon, Paul' (paul.clanon@cpuc.ca.gov)
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Subject: RE: Mercury News - Newspaper Interview Request today

Paul,
If you need anything, please let me know.
Tom

From: Clanon, Paul [mailto:paul.clanon@cpuc.ca.gov]
Sent: Monday, April 25, 2011 3:17 PM
To: Bottorff, Thomas E
Subject: FW: Mercury News - Newspaper Interview Request today

Didn't take very long to get the question.

From: Rogers, Paul [mailto:PRogers@mercurynews.com]
Sent: Monday, April 25, 2011 2:33 PM
To: Prosper, Terrie D.; Clanon, Paul
Subject: Mercury News - Newspaper Interview Request today

Hi Mr. Clanon,

As you may have seen, the Mercury News ran a story on Saturday on the front page quoting Gov. Jerry Brown saying that ratepayers should pay none of the \$35 million retirement compensation to outgoing PG&E CEO Peter Darbee.

This morning, the company's board held a meeting and announced that it -- not ratepayers -- would pay all the costs.

Steve Johnson and I are writing another story for the front page of tomorrow's Mercury News about this. I'm interested in talking to you on the phone today (408-920-5045) to get your reaction, and details about how the PUC might put this promise into effect. In other words, will customers get a credit on their bills? Will some other rate case be reduced? Some other method?

Here's the company's news release.

<http://finance.yahoo.com/news/PGE-Shareholders-to-Pay-prnews-1713511556.html?x=0>

Thanks much,
Paul

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