

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Application of PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY to issue, sell, and deliver one or more series of Debt Securities and to guarantee the obligations of others in respect of the issuance of Debt Securities, the total aggregate principal amount of such long-term indebtedness and guarantees not to exceed \$4.75 billion; to execute and deliver one or more indentures; to sell, lease, assign, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of or encumber utility property; to issue, sell and deliver in one or more series, cumulative Preferred Stock -- \$25 Par Value, Preferred Stock -- \$100 Par Value, Preference Stock or any combination thereof; to utilize various debt enhancement features; enter into interest rate hedges; and for an exemption from the Commission's Competitive Bidding Rule. (U 39 M)

Application 11-11-001  
(Filed November 1, 2011)

**NOTICE OF *EX PARTE* COMMUNICATION**

Pursuant to Rule 8.4(a) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) hereby gives notice of the following *ex parte* communication. The communication occurred on Thursday, February 23, 2012, at approximately 10:30 a.m. by telephone to the offices of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) in San Francisco. The communication was oral. [Rule 8.4(a)]

John Hughes, Director- Regulatory Relations, PG&E, initiated the communication with Sarah Thomas (Advisor to Commissioner Mark Ferron). [Rule 8.4(b)]

Mr. Hughes told Ms. Thomas that PG&E has less than \$500 million of long-term debt authority remaining on from a \$4 billion debt authority granted by a CPUC decision issued in October, 2008. He stated that PG&E's financing plans call for the need to issue \$550 million

on long term debt in April, 2012. Therefore it is imperative that a final decision on the pending application be issued no later than the CPUC meeting on March 22, 2012. [Rule 8.4(c)]

Respectfully submitted,

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