

**PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY  
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Data Response**

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**DURING THE AUGUST 3, 2011 MEETING BETWEEN PG&E REPRESENTATIVES AND THE U.A. LOCAL 246 AND 342'S LAWYERS, PG&E'S REPRESENTATIVES STATED THAT PG&E WOULD HIRE WELDERS THROUGH "STAFF AUG." THE FOLLOWING QUESTION RELATE TO "STAFF AUG."**

**QUESTION 33**

Please explain what "staff aug" is and how it has been utilized in hiring welders for PG&E's gas-transmission-pipeline hydrotesting, repair and/or replacement during 2010 through 2011.

**ANSWER 33**

As per the agreement reached by counsel during a telephone conference on January 5, 2012, PG&E will provide information concerning staff augmentation for additional welders that are being used as part of PG&E's hydrostatic testing program in 2011 and beyond.

Staff Augmentation is a means of adding a resource(s) to a PG&E crew through the use of hiring hall or contractors.

In 2010, we did not utilize staff augmentation in hiring welders.

In 2011, we utilized Hiring Hall, Underground Construction Company, and InfraSource Company welders.