

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMISSION ADVISORY AND  
COMPLIANCE DIVISION  
Energy Branch

RESOLUTION G-3100  
December 17, 1993

R E S O L U T I O N

RESOLUTION G-3100. PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY REQUEST EXTENSION OF AUTHORIZATION TO BOOK INTO MEMORANDUM ACCOUNTS UP TO \$2.552 MILLION FOR REMEDIATION OF HAZARDOUS WASTE SITES AND ASSOCIATED EXPENSES AUTHORIZED IN RESOLUTIONS G-3053 AND G-3054.

BY ADVICE LETTER 1804-G FILED ON NOVEMBER 1, 1993

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SUMMARY

1. Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) requests extension of sunset dates to book into hazardous waste memorandum accounts up to \$2.552 million in expenses associated with a ground water extraction and treatment system and for the installation of a permanent site cap at a former manufactured gas plant site in Sacramento authorized in Resolutions G-3053 and G-3054. Extension is requested because of delays in obtaining approval of the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC)
2. This Resolution approves the request.

BACKGROUND

1. In Resolutions G-3053 and G-3054 dated April 21, 1993 the utility was authorized to book into a memorandum account of up to \$1.427 million<sup>1</sup> for the construction, operation and maintenance of a ground water extraction and treatment system and up to \$1.125 million for the construction operation and maintenance of a permanent site cap at the former manufactured gas plant site at 2000 Front Street in Sacramento, California. The authorization has a sunset date of December 31, 1993.

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1 Resolution G-3053, Ordering Paragraph 1, as issued contains a typographical error in stating the authorized sum as "\$,125,000." It is clear from Finding No.1 that the Commission found that the authorized amount should be "up to \$1,427,000." Ordering Paragraph 1 of this Resolution corrects this typographical error in Resolution G-3053.

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2. To date PG&E has not proceeded with construction of either the installation of the ground water system or the cap because the lead regulatory agency, the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), has not yet completely approved the ground water remedial action design plan (GWRDAP) originally submitted in July, 1992. A revised plan was submitted on November 2, 1992. Approval was originally expected by December 31, 1992. However, this date was revised so that now DTSC approval is expected by December 31, 1993. Therefore the utility requests that the sunset dates for the authorizations of Resolutions G-3053 and G-3054 be revised to December 31, 1997.

3. The construction schedule for the cap and ground water system is dependent on DTSC approval of the entire ground water remedial action design plan. It is now estimated that the process, operation and maintenance, will require three years which will begin on December 31, 1993 and end on December 31, 1997. Activities will be carried out with direction from the DTSC as described in the submitted Final Remedial Action Plan.

4. PG&E proposes to submit an additional Advice Letter should the costs of this project exceed the quoted estimates because of unforeseen permit fees and conditions imposed by other state and regulatory agencies.

#### NOTICE

The utility has mailed a copy of this Advice Letter to the utilities and interested parties shown on the service list as required by General Order 96-A, Section III. G.

#### PROTESTS

No protests to this Advice Letter have been received by the Commission Advisory and Compliance Division (CACD).

#### DISCUSSION

1. This filing is for a project classified in D.88-09-020 of September 14, 1988 as Category A because the cleanup has been ordered by a government agency, DTSC in this case.

2. The utility request has been previously approved in Resolutions G-3053 and G 3054 dated April 21, 1993. Those resolutions contain a discussion of the merits of the request.

3. The sunset date of the authorization was originally set as December 31, 1993 in expectation that DTSC approval of the utility's ground water remedial action design plan (GWRADP) would be forthcoming by September 1992. However, the DTSC required a revision of the utility's GWRDAP which deferred the prospective approval date to December 31, 1993.

4. In view of the above it appears reasonable to grant the requested extension of the sunset date to the end of the requested four year period, that is, to December 31, 1997.

**FINDINGS**

1. Resolution G-3053 authorized PG&E to record in a memorandum account up to \$1,427,000 for the construction, operation, and maintenance of a ground water extraction and treatment system and Resolution G-3054 authorized PG&E to record in a memorandum account up to \$1,125,000 for the construction, operation and maintenance of a permanent site cap at the former manufactured gas plant in Sacramento.

2. Authority to record expenses into memorandum accounts was to remain in effect until December 31, 1993.

3. The final approval of the utility's revised ground water remedial action design plan by the Department of Toxic Substances Control has been deferred until at least December 31, 1993.

4. It is reasonable to expect that the utility will require until December 31, 1997 to complete these operations.

5. No expenses incurred prior to the date of Resolutions G-3053 and G-3054 should be included in these accounts.

6. All expenses recorded in the accounts should be subject to reasonableness review and should not be placed into rates until ordered by the Commission.

**THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:**

1. Pacific Gas and Electric Company's authorization to record into a memorandum account an amount of up to \$1,427,000 for the construction, operation, and maintenance of a ground water extraction and treatment system and \$1,125,000 for the construction and maintenance of a permanent site cap at the former manufactured gas site in Sacramento, granted in Resolutions G-3053 and G-3054 respectively, is extended until December 31, 1997.

2. No expenses incurred prior to the date of Resolutions G-3053 and G-3054 shall be included in these accounts.

3. All expenses recorded in the accounts shall be subject to reasonableness review and should not be placed into rates until ordered by the Commission.


4. Pacific Gas and Electric Company shall provide the final approval of the Department of Toxic Substances Control of the remedial action design plan before the reasonableness review

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of expenses associated with the ground water extraction and treatment system.

5. This Resolution is effective today.

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its regular meeting on December 17, 1993. The following Commissioners approved it:



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