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

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company for Approval of 2008 Long-Term Request for Offer Results and for Adoption of Cost Recovery and Ratemaking Mechanisms (U39E).

A.09-09-021 (Filed September 30, 2009)

# DECISION AWARDING INTERVENOR COMPENSATION TO CALIFORNIANS FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY FOR SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION TO DECISION 10-07-045

| Claimant: CAlifornians for Renewable Energy, Inc. | For contribution to Decision (D.) 10-07-045 |
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| (CARE)  |   |
| Claimed: \$30,129.72                              | Awarded: \$26,993.50 (reduced 10%)          |
| Assigned Commissioner: Michael R. Peevey          | Assigned ALJ: Darwin E, Farrar              |

#### PART I: PROCEDURAL ISSUES

A. Brief Description of Decision:

D.10-07-045 approved in part, the application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) for approval of its 2008 Long-Term Request for Offer (LTRFO) and adopts cost recovery and ratemaking mechanisms. The decision approved PG&E's Marsh Landing, Contra Costa 6 & 7, and Midway Sunset procurement agreements. The decision denies the Oakley Project at this time. A multi-party settlement agreement, partnered by TURN, was approved and provides for recovery of the costs associated with the procurements listed above. D.10-07-045 became final after the issuance of D.10-07-045, dismissing CARE's application for rehearing.

# B. Claimant must satisfy intervenor compensation requirements set forth in Public Utilities Code §§ 1801-1812:

| Claimant                                |                  | CPUC Verified |
|---|------------------|---------------|
| Timely filing of notice of intent (NOI  | (§ 1804(a)):     |               |
| 1. Date of Prehearing (PHC) Conference: | December 2, 2009 | Correct       |
| 2. Other Specified Date for NOI:        | N/A              |               |

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| 3. Date NOI Filed:  | December 14, 2009          | Correct |  |
|---|----------------------------|---------|--|
| 4. Was the notice of intent timely filed?                             |                            | Yes     |  |
| Showing of customer or customer                                       | mer-related status (§ 1802 | 2(b)):  |  |
| 5. Based on ALJ ruling issued in proceeding number:                   | R.08-12-009                | Correct |  |
| 6. Date of ALJ ruling:  | May 13, 2009               | Correct |  |
| 7. Based on another CPUC determination:                               | N/A                        |         |  |
| 8. Has the claimant demonstrated customer or customer-related status? |                            | Yes     |  |
| Showing of "significant financial hardship" (§ 1802(g)):              |                            |         |  |
| 9. Based on ALJ ruling issued in proceeding number:                   | R.08-12-009                | Correct |  |
| 10. Date of ALJ ruling:   | May 13, 2009               | Correct |  |
| 11. Based on another CPUC determination:                              | N/A                        |         |  |
| 12. Has the claimant demonstrated significant financial hardship?     |                            | Yes     |  |

A rebuttable presumption pursuant to \$1804(b)(1) is applied to CARE's participation here, as a substantive finding on significant financial hardship (referenced above) was issued within a year of the commencement of this proceeding.

| Timely request for compensation (§ 1804(c)): |                 |                 |  |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|--|
| 13. Identify Final Decision                  | D.10-07-045     | Correct         |  |
| 14. Date of Issuance of Final Decision:      | August 4, 2010  | Correct         |  |
| 15. File date of compensation request:       | October 2, 2010 | October 4, 2010 |  |
| 16. Was the request for compensation timely? |                 | Yes             |  |

#### PART II: SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION

#### A. Claimant's claimed contribution to the final decision:

| Contribution   | Citation to Decision or Record  | Showing Accepted by CPUC |
|--|---|--------------------------|
| 1. CARE demonstrated that PG&E failed to comply with law and Commission policy by failing to adequately consider environmental issues. | 2. PG&E's conduct of the 2008<br>LTRFO was generally<br>acceptable, but contained minor<br>shortcomings and the some of<br>the weights applied to the<br>evaluation criteria were not | Yes                      |

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The G-score was calculated by standardizing the score for each criterion by subtracting the mean and dividing by the spread. The individual standardized scores were then averaged with adaptive weights.

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|   | wholly consistent with Commission directives in D.07-12-052. [Decision Page 51 Finding of fact 2]  PG&E made some decisions in the Request for Offer (RFO) process, for which it provided little or no explanation or rationale. [Finding of fact 6 Decision Page 51] |     |
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|   | 7. Of the eight factors that PG&E weighted to compute its G-score <sup>1</sup> , "environmental leadership" was given one of the lowest weights. [Finding of fact # 7 Page 51]  |     |
|   | [CARE protest Page 4 10-30-09]  |     |
| 2. CARE was the first party to protest this application and filed its protest on 10-30-2010. CARE's issue were:   | The Commission adopted many of CARE's issues in the scoping order:  | Yes |
| 1) PG&E's demand had fallen since D.07-12-052 was issued and procurement should be limited Protest Page 1, 2.   | (a) Is PG&E seeking authorization of any other projects or contracts, in any other proceeding, pursuant to the authorization granted in D.07-12-052?  |     |
| 2) PG&E was seeking authorization for more MW than D.07-12-052 authorized through the novations docket. Protest Page 2.   | (b) How much of the 800 – 1,200 megawatts which D.07-12-052 authorized should PG&E be allowed to procure in   |     |
| 3) Oakley is not just and reasonable and the PSA is not fairly valued. The project lacks flexibility and has Environmental Justice issues. PG&E did not follow Commission Direction in selecting the project. | this proceeding? What criteria should be used to determine when, if ever, it would be appropriate for PG&E to procure any remaining megawatts?  |     |
| Protest Page 4.  4) Marsh Landing Project is not just   | (c) Which of the Purchase Power<br>Agreements (PPAs) and<br>Purchase and Sale Agreement   |     |
| and reasonable and lacks flexibility  | (PSA) proposed by PG&E are  |     |

| and has Environmental Justice      | reasonable and in the best        |     |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----|
| issues. Protest Page 7.            | interest of PG&E's customers      |     |
|                                    | and thus, should be approved by   |     |
| 5) PG&E failed in applying the     | the Commission?                   |     |
| Commissions directives by failing  |                                   |     |
| to follow its environmental        | (d) Should PG&E be authorized     |     |
| leadership protocol. Protest 4-5.  | to recover costs incurred         |     |
| 1 1                                | pursuant to the PPAs in the       |     |
|                                    | Energy Revenue Recovery           |     |
|                                    | Account (ERRA) and to recover     |     |
|                                    | any stranded costs associated     |     |
|                                    | with the agreements?              |     |
|                                    | with the agreements?              |     |
|                                    | (a) Should DC &E have an          |     |
|                                    | (e) Should PG&E have an           |     |
|                                    | approved estimated initial annual |     |
|                                    | revenue requirement of \$223.9    |     |
|                                    | million for the Contra Costa      |     |
|                                    | Project?                          |     |
|                                    | (0.01 1170071                     |     |
|                                    | (f) Should PG&E be authorized     |     |
|                                    | to recover costs incurred         |     |
|                                    | pursuant to the PSA, and if so,   |     |
|                                    | through what mechanism?           |     |
|                                    |                                   |     |
|                                    | (g) Was PG&E's conduct of the     |     |
|                                    | 2008 LTRFO reasonable and         |     |
|                                    | consistent with Commission        |     |
|                                    | directives?                       |     |
|                                    |                                   |     |
| 3. CARE demonstrated that          | CARE's Protest at 1-2.            | Yes |
| PG&E's demand had fallen since     |                                   | ies |
| D.07-12-052 was issued and         | D.10-07-045 at 33.                |     |
| procurement should be limited to   | "On balance, given our            |     |
| the lower range of need.           | concurrence with CARE, DRA,       |     |
|                                    | TURN, and PE in                   |     |
|                                    | Sections 3.4.1, 3.4.2, 3.4.3, and |     |
|                                    | 3.4.4 above, we believe it is     |     |
|                                    | most appropriate to only allow    |     |
|                                    | PG&E to procure resources at      |     |
|                                    | 1                                 |     |
|                                    | the lower end of the range        |     |
| 4 CARE III 11 11                   | established in D.07-12-052."      |     |
| 4. CARE provided testimony and     | 3. The GWF Tracy and Los          | Yes |
| briefing that PG&E was seeking     | Esteros Critical Energy Facility  |     |
| additional MW outside the Long     | Upgrades (now being addressed     |     |
| Term Procurement Plan (LTPP) in    | in A.09-10-022 and                |     |
| the novations docket and testified | A.09-10-034) were submitted       |     |

| that "both the GWF Tracy and Los<br>Esteros Critical Energy Facility<br>Upgrades were submitted and<br>evaluated in PG&E's 2008 RFO." | and evaluated in PG&E's 2008 RFO. [Finding of Fact #3 Decision page 51]  Conclusions of Law 5. D.07-12-052 provided the only legal authority that PG&E had to solicit new resources in 2008 and that authority was based on Public Utilities Code Section 454.5.  Conclusions of Law 6. The |     |
|---|---|-----|
|   | Department of Water Resources (DWR) novations decisions (D.08-11-056) did not create an exception to approved procurement plans.  CARE (Opening Brief) OB at 4. CARE Protest Page 3 CARE Confidential Reply Brief   |     |
| 5. CARE provided evidence that PG&E's need has fallen and that  | Page 2  CARE and Pacific Environment  (PE) so on to identify two  | Yes |
| the Commission should limit PG&E's procurement to the lower limits. The decision limits PG&E's procurement to the 950-1000 MW Range.  | (PE) go on to identify two reports that they assert reinforce their conclusion that there is no risk of a supply shortage. [Decision Page 24]   |     |
| Kange.  | However, we also acknowledge that the California Energy Commission's (CEC's) report reflects less need than previously determined. [Decision page 25]   |     |
|   | CARE notes that "[a]ccording to<br>the California Independent<br>System Operator (CAL-ISO)<br>2009 Summer Assessment<br>PG&E currently enjoys a 30.6%<br>Planning Reserve Margin,"56<br>and that this Commission<br>addressed resource  |     |

|                                    | uncertainty in D.07-12-052 when   |     |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----|
|                                    | it established PG&E's             |     |
|                                    | procurement range                 |     |
|                                    | [Decision page 24]                |     |
|                                    |                                   |     |
|                                    | 12. Given reporting errors and    |     |
|                                    | changes in demand in its service  |     |
|                                    | territory, PG&E only needs to     |     |
|                                    | procure 950 - 1000 of its         |     |
|                                    | previously approved MW            |     |
|                                    | allotment.                        |     |
|                                    | [Finding of Fact 12 Decision      |     |
|                                    | Page 52]                          |     |
|                                    | rage 32]                          |     |
|                                    | CADE DDA TUDN and DE              |     |
|                                    | CARE, DRA, TURN and PE            |     |
|                                    | present ample evidence that our   |     |
|                                    | prior range was based on faulty   |     |
|                                    | data in support of the position   |     |
|                                    | that procurement should only be   |     |
|                                    | allowed at the lower end of the   |     |
|                                    | range established in              |     |
|                                    | D.07-12-052.                      |     |
|                                    | [Decision page 33]                |     |
|                                    |                                   |     |
|                                    | On balance, given our             |     |
|                                    | concurrence with CARE, DRA,       |     |
|                                    | TURN, and PE in Sections 3.4.1,   |     |
|                                    | 3.4.2, 3.4.3, and 3.4.4 above, we |     |
|                                    | believe it is most appropriate to |     |
|                                    | only allow PG&E to procure        |     |
|                                    | resources at the lower end of the |     |
|                                    | range established in              |     |
|                                    | D.07-12-052.                      |     |
|                                    | [Decision page 33]                |     |
|                                    |                                   |     |
|                                    | CARE Protest Page 2, 3.           |     |
|                                    | 10-30-09                          |     |
|                                    | CARE Reply Brief Page 3-7.        |     |
|                                    |                                   |     |
| 6. CARE pointed to evidence in its | Both CARE and TURN note that      | *** |
| briefs that demonstrated that the  | in its reply testimony, PG&E      | Yes |
| 2009 California Energy Demand      | calculates that the 2009 CED      |     |
| (CED) had reduced PG&E's           | forecast MW reduces PG&E          |     |
| demand and that by PG&E's own      | need in its service territory by  |     |
| calculations of demand reduction   |                                   |     |
|                                    | 300 MW by 2015.66 CARE OB         |     |
| from the 2009 CED forecast         | at 6 (asserting that PG&E         |     |

| PG&E's need in its service territory is reduced by 330 MW by 2015.  | calculations show a 330 MW reduction in demand); PG&E Reply Brief (RB) at 13; and Exh. 5 at 7.  Even when viewed as a portion of peak demand, we do not believe 300 MW is insignificant. PG&E appears to agree with us on this point in as much as it (along with The Coalition of California Utility Employees (CUE) and Californian Unions for Reliable Energy (CURE) has consistently argued that 312 Megawatts (MW) should be added to the range set forth in D.07-12-052 due to the cancellation of previously approved projects.67 Decision Page 27  Finding of FACT #10. The CEC's 2009 Integrated Energy Policy Report (IEPR) subsequently found the 2007 California Energy Demand forecasted need determination to be "markedly" higher. Decision Page 52. |     |
|---|---|-----|
| 7. CARE provided testimony and introduced into evidence, the January 2010 CEC report on "The Incremental Impacts of Energy Policy Initiatives Relative to the 2009 Integrated Energy Policy Report." The report and testimony provided evidence of PG&E's reduced demand in its service territory which prevented the addition of additional megawatts that ere not needed saving ratepayers millions of dollars. | CARE notes that, in addition to the aforementioned report, in January of 2010 the CEC developed a report on The Incremental Impacts of Energy Policy Initiatives Relative to the 2009 Integrated Energy Policy Report. CARE contends that the latter report estimates that "the incremental impacts of prospective California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) 2008 Energy Efficiency Goals. [Decision Page 29]   | Yes |

|  | "While PG&E makes a valid point, we do not agree that the full impact of the energy efficiency goals we have approved since D.07-12-052 are fully incorporated in the 2009 CEC forecast." [Decision page 30]   |     |
|--|--|-----|
| 8. CARE demonstrated that the failure of the Russell city Project is speculative and supported the delay of retirement of aging generation as a hedge for project failure.   | On April 15, 2010, parties submitted a proposal to modify the Russell City PPA primarily to extend the deadline for the project's permit acquisition and construction. See CARE RB at 9. [Decision page 26]  Additionally, CARE notes that "[a]ccording to the CAL-ISO 2009 Summer Assessment PG&E currently enjoys a 30.6% Planning Reserve Margin,"56 and that this Commission addressed resource uncertainty in D.07-12-052 when it established PG&E's procurement range [Decision Page 24] | Yes |
| CARE's testimony and briefing demonstrated that PG&E's confidential evaluation of the project demonstrated that the Oakley Project is limited to less than one start a day and does not comply with the directives in D.07-12-052 that the utilities "procure dispatchable ramping resources that can be adjusted for the morning and evening ramps created by the intermittent types of renewable resources." | Combining the need determination, the outstanding concerns raised by both The Utility Reform Network (TURN) and CARE, it is appropriate, at this time, to deny the Oakley Project. Combined, the approved projects allow PG&E to procure a total of 719 MW of new capacity. [Decision page 39]  [CARE Protest Page 4] [CARE RB at 14, citing D.07-12-052 at 277.] CARE RB at 15. [Decision page 38]  | Yes |

Though PG&E presents the Oakley project as a flexible fast ramping facility, CARE presents a sound argument that PG&E's confidential evaluation of the project actually shows otherwise. CARE further argues that because it is limited to less than one start a day, the Oakley project does not comply with our directive in D.07-12-052 that the utilities "procure dispatchable ramping resources that can be adjusted for the morning and evening ramps created by the intermittent types of renewable resources."94 CARE also notes an apparent discrepancy in the heat rate PG&E has claimed for the project and that problems have been identified with the location for the project.95 [Draft Decision Page 36, 37]

Though PG&E presents the Oakley Project as a flexible fast ramping facility, CARE pointed to information found in PG&E's confidential evaluation of the project that called this assertion into question. CARE further argued that because it is limited to less than one start a day, the Oakley Project does not comply with the Commission directive in D.07-12-052 that the utilities "procure dispatchable ramping resources that can be adjusted for the morning and evening ramps created by the intermittent types of renewable resources." [Decision Page 28] CARE RB at 14, citing D.07-12-052 at 277.

|   | CARE RB at 15.  |     |
|---|---|-----|
| 9. CARE's confidential testimony and briefing exposed areas where PG&E failed to reflect the Commissions priorities especially in environmental leadership. | We therefore, conclude that PG&E's criteria weighing was not balanced so as to best reflect the priorities we established in D.07-12-052. [Decision Page 20]  | Yes |
|   | PG&E could and should have provided greater transparency in the evaluation process and more accurately reflected the Commission's stated priorities by giving greater weight to environmental factors and enhancing definitions related to environmental scoring.  [Decision Page 20]  CARE Confidential Reply Brief p. 12. |     |
|   | 7. Of the eight factors that PG&E weighted to compute its G-score, "environmental leadership" was given one of the lowest weights. Finding of Fact 7 Decision p. 52.  |     |

# **B.** Duplication of Effort:

|    |   | Claimant                | CPUC Verified |
|----|---|-------------------------|---------------|
| a. | Was Division of Ratepayer Advocates (DRA) a party to the proceeding?  | Yes                     | Correct       |
| b. | Were there other parties to the proceeding?   | Yes                     | Correct       |
| c. | If so, provide name of other parties:  Communities for a Better Environment (CBE), Pacific Envi (PE), CURE, The Utility Reform Network (TURN), Contra Generating Station (CCGS) and Alliance for Retail Energy (AREM).  | Costs                   | Correct       |
| d. | Claimant's description of how it coordinated with DRA and of to avoid duplication or how its participation supplemented, coor contributed to that of another party:  CARE, DRA, TURN, CBE and PE communicated with each | We agree that CARE took |               |

throughout the proceeding comparing evidence, positions and reasonable steps conclusions. CARE had numerous emails, phone calls and conversation to minimize with the parties who similarly supported the conclusion that PG&E's duplication and need had fallen since the issuance of D.07-12-052. combined efforts with other parties with similar positions. We make no reductions for duplication of effort.

#### PART III: REASONABLENESS OF REQUESTED COMPENSATION

#### A. General Claim of Reasonableness (§§ 1801 & 1806):

| Claimant's explanation of how the cost of claimant's participation bore a reasonable relationship with benefits realized through participation                               | CPUC Verified  |
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| The cost of claimant's participation bears a reasonable relationship with benefits realized through participation as demonstrated by contributions 1 to 9 listed in Part II. | After the reduction we make to CARE's claim, the remaining hours and costs are reasonable and should be compensated. |

#### **B. Specific Claim:**

|   | CLAIMED              |        |         |                 |                       | CPU                 | JC AWARE | )        |                     |
|---|----------------------|--------|---------|-----------------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------|----------|---------------------|
|   | ATTORNEY FEES        |        |         |                 |                       |                     |          |          |                     |
| Item Year Hours Rate \$ Basis for Rate* Total \$ Year Hours Rate \$ Total |                      |        |         |                 |                       |                     |          | Total \$ |                     |
| M. Homec  | 2009                 | 34.7   | 185     | D.10-05-046     | 6,419.50              | 2009                | 28.93    | 185      | 5,352               |
|   | Subtotal: \$6,419.50 |        |         |                 |                       |                     |          | Subto    | <i>tal:</i> \$5,352 |
|   |                      |        |         | EXPERT F        | EES                   |                     |          |          |                     |
| Item  | Year                 | Hours  | Rate \$ | Basis for Rate* | Total \$              | Year                | Hours    | Rate \$  | Total \$            |
| B. Sarvey   | 2009<br>and<br>2010  | 126.75 | 155     | D.10-05-046     | 19,646.25             | 2009<br>and<br>2010 | 123.4    | 155      | 19,127              |
|   |                      |        | 1       | Subtota         | <i>l:</i> \$19,646.25 |                     | 1        | Subtota  | al: \$19,127        |

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|    | ADVOCATE FEES                         |       |                                       |                                  |                     |                |                             |              |         |               |
|----|---------------------------------------|-------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|--------------|---------|---------------|
|    | Item                                  | Yea   | r Hours                               | Rate \$                          | Basis for Rate*     | Total \$       | Year Hours Rate \$ Total \$ |              |         | Total \$      |
| M. | M. Boyd 2009 23.25 135 and 2010       |       | D.10-05-046                           | 3,138.75                         | 2009<br>and<br>2010 | 15.2           | 135                         | 2,052        |         |               |
|    | Subtotal: \$3,138.75 Subtotal: \$2,05 |       |                                       |                                  |                     |                |                             | tal: \$2,052 |         |               |
|    |                                       |       | INTERV                                | ENOR (                           | COMPENSATION        | CLAIM PRE      | PARAT                       | ION **       |         |               |
|    | Item                                  | Yea   | r Hours                               | Rate \$                          | Basis for Rate*     | Total \$       | Year                        | Hours        | Rate \$ | Total \$      |
| M. | Homec                                 | 2009  | 5.00                                  | 92.50                            | D.10-05-046         | 462.50         | 2009                        | 5.00         | 92.50   | 462.50        |
| M. | M. Boyd 200<br>and<br>201             |       |                                       | 67.50                            | D.10-05-046         | 270.00         | 2009<br>and<br>2010         | 0.00         | 67.50   | -0-           |
|    |                                       |       | 1                                     |                                  | Subt                | otal: \$732.50 |                             | l .          | Subtot  | al: \$462.50  |
|    |                                       |       |                                       |                                  | COSTS               |                |                             |              |         |               |
| #  | Item                                  | ı     | Detail                                |                                  |                     | Amount \$      |                             |              |         | Amount \$     |
| 1  | M. Hom                                | iec 2 | 284 miles x                           | iles x \$0.44/mile- 77 Beale, SF |                     | 124.96         | -0-                         |              |         |               |
| 2  | M. Boyo                               | 1 1   | 154 miles x \$0.44/mile- 77 Beale, SF |                                  | 67.76               | -0-            |                             |              |         |               |
|    | Subtotal: \$192.7                     |       |                                       |                                  |                     |                |                             |              | Sul     | btotal: \$-0- |
|    | TOTAL REQUEST: \$30,129.72            |       |                                       |                                  |                     |                |                             | TOTAL        | AWARD:  | \$26,993.50   |

### C. CPUC Disallowances:

| Item#   | Reason  |
|---|---|
| 2009 Hours<br>related to the<br>review of<br>PG&E's<br>application  | CARE requests a total of 1 hr between 3 participants (.20 hr Sarvey, .20 hr Boyd and .20 hr Homec) for the review of PG&E's application. We reduce this time by 50%, equal to the same time logged by another intervenor in this proceeding for this same task.  (Reduced .10 hr Sarvey, .10 hr Boyd and .10 hr Homec)  |
| 2009 Hours<br>related to<br>preparing<br>CARE's<br>PHC<br>statement | We find CARE's request of 15.36 hrs (5.58 hrs Sarvey, 3.78 hrs Boyd and 6 hrs Homec) for reviewing and editing CARE's PHC statement (7 pgs) to be excessive and duplicative of each others efforts. In contrast, TURN requests 4.75 hrs to prepare its 5 page PHC statement. We approve a total of 7 hrs for CARE's completion of this document. To achieve this adjusted total, we approve 2.33 hrs for each of CARE's participants to accomplish this task. We find the adjusted hours to more reasonably reflect our standards on reasonableness of hours. |
| Homec's 2009 hours  | Homec's timesheets indicate a double entry on 10-29 for "rereading D.07-12-052 and editing Sarvey and Boy's brief." We reduce 2 hrs from Homec's total hours  |

|                            | to correct this error.   |
|----------------------------|--|
| Homec's<br>2009 hours      | We disallow 2 hrs of Boyd's time on 11/19 for a settlement meeting with PG&E and 2 hrs on 11/30 for attendance at the PHC and discussions with other parties. These are duplicative of the same compensated efforts of Sarvey and Boyd also in attendance at these same meetings.  |
| Boyd's 2009-<br>2010 hours | Boyd's timesheets indicate numerous entries for the "submission" of CARE's documents. We disallow this task as being clerical in nature and subsumed in the fees paid to attorneys. For this reason, we disallow 3.5 hrs of Boyd's time. Where CARE has combined work on several issues on its timesheet <sup>2</sup> , we have elected to approximate the amount of time spent on each individual issue by dividing the total time requested by the number of tasks listed. |
| Boyd's 2010<br>hours       | CARE requests a total of 2 hrs for Boyd's time spent preparing CARE motion to late file comments and comments on the settlement agreement. This document is one page in length. We disallow for excessiveness, 1 hr of the requested time.   |
| Costs                      | We disallow travel costs of \$192.72 for Homec and Boyd's travel to the Commission for a pre-hearing conference and to attend a PG&E settlement meeting. PG&E's office is located at 77 Beale Street in San Francisco. These expenses were incurred during "routine commuting" and are non-compensable. We consider a commute to be routine if the one way distance is 120 miles or less.  |
|                            | NOI and Compensation Preparation   |
| Homec 2009<br>hours        | We disallow 4 hrs. of Homec's time on 12/10 and 12/13 spent preparing CARE's notice of intent. We have compensated Boyd for 1 hr for the same efforts. This compensated time is more reasonable given the scope of this task. In contrast, TURN, another intervenor in this proceeding, requested .25 hrs of compensation for completion of the same document.   |

#### PART IV: OPPOSITIONS AND COMMENTS

| A. Opposition: Did any party oppose the claim?           | No  |
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| B. Comment Period: Was the 30-day comment period waived? | Yes |

#### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Claimant has made a substantial contribution to Decision (D.) 10-07-045.

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 $<sup>^2</sup>$  This practice violates the provision of Rule 17.4 as well as the Commission's decision setting guidelines for intervenor compensation matters. See D.98-04-059, at 51.

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- 2. The claimed fees and costs, as adjusted herein, are comparable to market rates paid to experts and advocates having comparable training and experience and offering similar services.
- 3. The total of reasonable contribution is \$26,993.50.

#### **CONCLUSION OF LAW**

1. The claim, with any adjustment set forth above, satisfies all requirements of Public Utilities Code §§ 1801-1812.

#### **ORDER**

- 1. Claimant is awarded \$26,993.50.
- 2. Within 30 days of the effective date of this decision, Pacific Gas and Electric Company shall pay claimant the total award. Payment of the award shall include interest at the rate earned on prime, three-month commercial paper as reported in Federal Reserve Statistical Release H.15, beginning December 18, 2010, the 75<sup>th</sup> day after the filing of claimant's request, and continuing until full payment is made.
- 3. The comment period for today's decision is waived.

| This deci | sion is effective today.        |
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| Dated     | , at San Francisco, California. |

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#### **APPENDIX**

# **Compensation Decision Summary Information**

| <b>Compensation Decision:</b>    |                                  | Modifies Decision? No |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Contribution Decision(s):</b> | D1007045                         |                       |
| <b>Proceeding(s):</b>            | A0909021                         |                       |
| Author:                          | ALJ Darwin E. Farrar             |                       |
| Payer(s):                        | Pacific Gas and Electric Company |                       |

#### **Intervenor Information**

| Intervenor                           | Claim<br>Date | Amount<br>Requested | Amount<br>Awarded | Multiplier? | Reason<br>Change/Disallowance  |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------|--|
| CAlifornians for<br>Renewable Energy | 10-04-10      | \$30,129.72         | \$26,993.50       | No          | excessive hours;<br>disallowance of clerical<br>tasks; duplication of<br>effort; and the<br>disallowance of travel<br>costs related to routine<br>commuting. |

# **Advocate Information**

| First Name | Last Name | Туре     | Intervenor                           | Hourly Fee<br>Requested | Year Hourly Fee<br>Requested | Hourly<br>Fee<br>Adopted |
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| Martin     | Homec     | Attorney | CAlifornians for<br>Renewable Energy | \$185                   | 2009                         | \$185                    |
| Bob        | Sarvey    | Expert   | CAlifornians for<br>Renewable Energy | \$155                   | 2009/2010                    | \$155                    |
| Michael    | Boyd      | Advocate | CAlifornians for<br>Renewable Energy | \$135                   | 2009/2010                    | \$135                    |

(END OF APPENDIX)

#### **DECLARATION OF SERVICE**

I, Robert Sarvey declare that on January 21, 2011 I served copies of the following exhibits:

Exhibit 403 Air quality Testimony of Robert Sarvey

Exhibit 404 Alameda County MEP Cooperation Agreement

Exhibit 405 Hazardous Materials Testimony of Robert Sarvey

Exhibit 406 Alternatives Testimony of Bill Powers

Exhibit 407 Worker Safety and fire Protection Testimony of Robert Sarvey

Exhibit 408 Alternatives testimony of Robert Sarvey

Exhibit 410 Compensation award in A. 09-09-021

Exhibit 411 Mulqueeny Ranch Pump Storage FERC Applicantion

Exhibit 412 PSD Increment Consumption Status Report April 16, 2008 BAAOMD

Exhibit 413 CPUC Proceeding PG&E data Response Page 0296

Exhibit 414 East County Area Plan

The documents has been sent electronically to the other parties in this proceeding (as shown on the Proof of Service list) and to the Commission's Docket Unit, in the following manner:

(Check all that Apply)

#### For service to all other parties:

\_ x\_ sent electronically to all email addresses on the Proof of Service list; \_\_\_ by personal delivery or by depositing in the United States mail at Sacramento, California, with first-class postage thereon fully prepaid and addressed as provided on the Proof of Service list above to those addresses **NOT** marked "email preferred."

#### **AND**

#### For filing with the Energy Commission:

\_\_ sending an original paper copy and one electronic copy, mailed and emailed respectively, to the address below (preferred method);

#### OR

\_\_\_\_\_depositing in the mail an original and 12 paper copies, as follows:

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

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