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15 **UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT**
16 **NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**
17 **SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION**

18 **In re:**

19 **PG&E CORPORATION,**

20 **- and -**

21 **PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC**
22 **COMPANY,**

23 **Debtors.**

- 24 Affects PG&E Corporation
25 Affects Pacific Gas and Electric Company
 Affects both Debtors

26 ** All papers shall be filed in the Lead Case,*
27 *No. 19-30088 (DM).*

Bankruptcy Case
No. 19-30088 (DM)

Chapter 11
(Lead Case)
(Jointly Administered)

**DECLARATION OF MARINO MONARDI IN
SUPPORT OF THE DISCOUNTED EP
ASSUMPTION MOTION**

Hearing Date: August 28, 2019
Hearing Time: 9:30am (Pacific Time)
Place: United States Bankruptcy Court
Courtroom 17, 16th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94102
Judge: Hon. Dennis Montali

Objection Deadline: August 14, 2019, at 4:00 p.m.
(Pacific Time)

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2 I, Marino Monardi, pursuant to section 1746 of title 28 of the United States Code, hereby
3 declare under penalty of perjury that the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge,
4 information, and belief:

5 1. I am a Director, Energy Procurement and Policy Division, at Pacific Gas and Electric
6 Company (the “**Utility**” and, together with PG&E Corporation, the “**Debtors**”).

7 2. I am knowledgeable and familiar with the Utility’s day-to-day operations and,
8 specifically, the Utility’s energy procurement agreements.

9 3. I am authorized to submit this Declaration (the “**Declaration**”) on behalf of the
10 Debtors in support of the *Third Omnibus Motion of Debtors Pursuant to 11 U.S.C § 365(a), Fed. R.*
11 *Bankr. P. 6006, and B.L.R. 6006-1 for an Order Approving Assumption of Certain Contract Price*
12 *Discounted Energy Procurement Agreements* (the “**Motion**”).¹

13 4. Except as otherwise indicated herein, the facts set forth in this Declaration are based
14 upon my personal knowledge, my review of relevant documents, and information provided to me by
15 the Debtors’ employees or the Debtors’ legal, restructuring, and financial advisors. If called upon to
16 testify, I would testify competently to the facts set forth in this Declaration. I am authorized to submit
17 this Declaration on behalf of the Debtors.

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28 ¹ Capitalized terms used but not otherwise herein defined shall have the meanings ascribed to such
terms in the Motion.

THE EP AGREEMENTS

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5. In the ordinary course of its operations, the Utility is party to various types of energy procurement agreements, including, without limitation, (a) power purchase agreements, pursuant to which the Utility purchases electric power from generators, and (b) capacity storage agreements, which provide the Utility access to capacity from energy storage facilities.

6. The Utility routinely and continuously evaluates its energy procurement agreements in light of, among other things, the Utility's operations, market conditions, pricing, the needs of the Utility's customers, the regulatory requirements imposed on the Utility, and to ensure the Utility is safely and reliably delivering power. As part of that evaluation, the Utility has identified the EP Agreements for assumption in the Chapter 11 Cases. Following discussions with the EP Counterparties (as defined herein), the Utility and each of the respective counterparties have agreed that, in exchange for assumption of the applicable EP Agreement, the parties will enter into the EP Amendments described below, which include valuable discounts for the Utility.

7. It is my understanding that the effectiveness of each of the EP Amendments and assumption of the EP Agreements pursuant to the Motion is conditioned upon the Utility obtaining the necessary approvals from the Bankruptcy Court and California Public Utility Commission (the "CPUC"). Accordingly, contemporaneously herewith, the Utility is seeking CPUC approval for the EP Amendments but, to the extent such approval is not obtained prior to the hearing on the Motion, the Utility requests that the Court approve the Utility's assumption of the EP Agreements, as amended, subject to CPUC approval. Pursuant to the EP Amendments, in the event CPUC approval is not attained within one hundred and eighty (180) days from the date approval is sought from the CPUC or the date of the Motion (whichever is later), either party may terminate the applicable EP Amendment and the assumption of the applicable EP Agreement shall be null and void. The various EP Agreements and the EP Amendments are discussed in further detail below.

THE POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENTS

8. To enable the Utility to provide power to its customers and meet regulatory requirements, the Utility is party to various power purchase agreements (each, a "PPA") with developers and operators of power generation facilities and projects. Pursuant to the Motion, the

1 Utility is seeking to assume the following three (3) PPAs, each as amended by the applicable PPA
2 Amendment Agreements (as defined below):

- 3 • Power Purchase Agreement between the Utility and Re Gaskell West
4 3 LLC dated September 22, 2017 (the “**Gaskell 3 PPA**”);
- 5 • Power Purchase Agreement between the Utility and Re Gaskell West
6 4 LLC dated September 22, 2017 (the “**Gaskell 4 PPA**”); and
- 7 • Power Purchase Agreement between the Utility and Re Gaskell West
8 5 LLC dated September 22, 2017 (the “**Gaskell 5 PPA**” and, together
9 with the Gaskell 3 PPA and the Gaskell 4 PPA, the “**PPAs**”).

9 9. A copy of the form of the PPAs is available at
10 [https://www.pge.com/pge_global/common/pdfs/for-our-business-partners/energy-supply/electric-](https://www.pge.com/pge_global/common/pdfs/for-our-business-partners/energy-supply/electric-rfo/wholesale-electric-power-procurement/2017%20PV/PGE_2017_PV_PPA_final.docx)
11 [rfo/wholesale-electric-power-procurement/2017%20PV/PGE_2017_PV_PPA_final.docx](https://www.pge.com/pge_global/common/pdfs/for-our-business-partners/energy-supply/electric-rfo/wholesale-electric-power-procurement/2017%20PV/PGE_2017_PV_PPA_final.docx). Aside
12 from confidential commercial terms, I understand that the PPAs are substantially similar to the form.

13 10. The PPAs are long-term purchase agreements pursuant to which the Utility will
14 purchase electric power generated by a generation facility or project operated by the respective
15 counterparty to the PPAs (collectively, the “**PPA Counterparties**”). The generation projects that
16 will generate the power to be purchased by the Utility pursuant to the PPAs, however, are currently
17 under development and not yet operational and, as a result, the PPA Counterparties have not yet
18 commenced delivering power to the Utility.² Upon completion of the generation projects, pursuant
19 to the terms of the respective PPAs, the Utility will purchase power from the PPA Counterparties for
20 a period of fifteen years, on a dollar per megawatt hour basis. Consequently, the Utility has no
21 outstanding obligations to the PPA Counterparties under the PPAs, and no cure amounts are owed or
22 payable in connection with the assumption of the PPAs as proposed pursuant to the Motion.

23 11. In connection with the proposed assumption of the PPAs, the Utility has negotiated
24 favorable amendments to the PPAs with the PPA Counterparties. These amendments are
25 memorialized in agreements between the Utility and the respective PPA Counterparty (the “**PPA**

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27 ²The PPA Counterparties entered into the PPAs prior to the completion of the respective generation
28 projects because the PPA Counterparties use projected future revenue from the PPAs to obtain
financing for the development and construction of the projects.

1 **Amendment Agreements**). Among other things, the Utility and the PPA Counterparties have
2 agreed to a ten percent (10%) discount to the respective per megawatt hour purchase price of power
3 under each PPA. Additionally, the Utility and the PPA Counterparties have agreed to extend project
4 and construction related deadlines in each PPA, and consequently, the time by which the Debtors
5 would be obligated to commence purchasing power, by up to 24 months.

6 THE ENERGY STORAGE AGREEMENTS

7 12. To enable the Utility to comply with applicable regulatory requirements related to
8 storage capacity and resource adequacy, the Utility is party to various energy storage agreements with
9 various counterparties that provide energy storage services. Pursuant to the Motion, the Utility is
10 seeking to assume the following two (2) energy storage agreements, each as amended by the
11 applicable ESA Amendment Agreements (as defined below):

- 12 • Behind the Retail Meter Capacity Storage Agreement between the
13 Utility and mNOC AERS LLC (“**mNOC**”), dated June 1, 2018, as
14 previously amended by letters dated October 11, 2018 and November
15 27, 2018 (the “**mNOC ESA**”); and
- 16 • Energy Storage Resource Adequacy Agreement between the Utility
17 and Hummingbird Energy Storage, LLC (“**Hummingbird**”), dated
18 June 1, 2018, as previously amended by letters dated October 11, 2018,
19 November 27, 2018 and March 28, 2019, (the “**Hummingbird ESA**”
20 together with the mNOC ESA, the “**ESAs**” and, collectively with the
21 PPAs, the “**EP Agreements**”).

19 13. Copies of the forms of the ESAs are available at
20 http://www.pge.com/includes/docs/word_xls/b2b/wholesaleelectricssuppliersolicitation/Energy_Storage_2016/AppendixF2_CapacityStorageAgreement_IssuanceFinal.docx and
21 http://www.pge.com/includes/docs/word_xls/b2b/wholesaleelectricssuppliersolicitation/Energy_Storage_2016/AppendixF3_BTMCapacityStorageAgreement_IssuanceFinal.docx.
22 Aside from
23 confidential commercial terms, the ESAs are substantially similar to the forms.
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25 14. The ESAs are long term agreements, pursuant to which the Utility will purchase
26 storage capacity in certain battery storage projects from the respective counterparties to the ESAs (the
27 “**ESA Counterparties**” and together with the PPA Counterparties, the “**EP Counterparties**”). The
28 Utility utilizes the ESAs to meet the resource adequacy requirements (the “**RARs**”) imposed on it by

1 the CPUC and other regulators. The RARs ensure that California’s load serving entities (including
2 utilities, community choice aggregators, and energy service providers) have sufficient capacity to
3 meet peak electric load demand on their networks, and require that load-serving entities maintain a
4 reserve margin. Like the PPAs, the energy storage projects that are the subject of the ESAs are
5 currently under development and not yet operational, and the ESA Counterparties have not yet
6 commenced providing storage capacity to the Utility.³ Upon completion of the storage projects, the
7 Utility will purchase storage capacity from mNOC and Hummingbird for periods of ten (10) or fifteen
8 (15) years, respectively, on a dollar per kilowatt-month basis. Consequently, the Utility has no
9 outstanding obligations to the ESA Counterparties under the ESAs and no cure amounts are owed or
10 payable in connection with the assumption of the ESAs as proposed pursuant to the Motion.

11 15. In connection with the assumption of the ESAs, the Utility has negotiated favorable
12 amendments to the ESAs with the ESA Counterparties. The ESA Amendments are memorialized in
13 amendment agreements between the Utility and the respective ESA Counterparty (the “**ESA**
14 **Amendment Agreements**” and, together with the PPA Amendment Agreements, the “**EP**
15 **Amendments**”). Specifically, with respect to the mNOC ESA, among other things the parties have
16 agreed to discounts on the contract price of approximately eleven percent (11%), and have agreed to
17 extend two project completion milestones in the mNOC ESA by approximately fifteen (15) months,
18 which will result in a corresponding delay to the Utility’s obligations to pay for the additional capacity
19 by approximately fifteen (15) months. Similarly, with respect to the Hummingbird ESA, among other
20 things, the parties have agreed to discounts on the contract price of approximately ten percent (10%)
21 and have agreed to extend two project completion milestones in the Hummingbird ESA by twelve
22 (12) months, which will result in a corresponding delay to the Utility’s obligations to pay for such
23 capacity by approximately twelve (12) months.

24 **BASIS FOR ASSUMPTION**

25 16. I believe that the Utility’s assumption of the EP Agreements, as amended, represents
26 a valid exercise of the Utility’s business judgment and will benefit the Utility’s estate. Energy

27 ³ The ESA Counterparties use the projected future revenue from the ESAs to obtain financing for the
28 development and construction of the energy storage project.

1 procurement is a critical aspect of the Utility’s business operations. The Utility is undertaking a
2 careful and thorough review of its portfolio of EP Agreements and has determined that the terms of
3 the EP Agreements, as amended, are reasonable under the circumstances and that maintaining the
4 ongoing, mutually beneficial relationships with the EP Counterparties is in the best interests of the
5 Utility and its estate. Additionally, the EP Agreements ensure that the Utility will continue to have
6 sources of power generated by renewable energy and battery storage capacity, enabling the Utility to
7 comply with the California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program, energy storage compliance
8 requirements, and other related procurement requirements, as required by sections 3291(b)(1)(D) and
9 3292(b)(1)(D) of the California Public Utilities Code, as recently amended by Assembly Bill 1054.

10 17. The Utility has negotiated considerable discounts to the contract prices under the EP
11 Agreements. The Utility estimates that the nominal value of the aggregate savings achieved pursuant
12 to the EP Amendments is approximately \$20 million over the collective life of the EP Agreements.
13 Moreover, the Utility has determined that the savings obtained through the discounted contract price
14 far outweighs the milestone extensions that the Utility is granting to the EP Counterparties under the
15 EP Amendments. Such extensions necessarily arose from the Utility’s commencement of the Chapter
16 11 Cases and the resulting difficulty for the EP Counterparties to obtain the requisite financing to
17 complete the underlying projects. Finally, as discussed above, the assumption of the EP Agreements
18 will not result in any incremental costs to the Debtors’ estates because no cure amounts are owed by
19 the Utility to assume the EP Agreements.

20 18. Accordingly, for the reasons set forth above and in the Motion, I believe that
21 assumption of the EP Agreements, as amended, is a valid exercise of the Utility’s business judgment,
22 is in the best interest of the Utility, its creditors and other parties in interest, and the relief sought in
23 the Motion should be approved.

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1 Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under the penalty of perjury, that the foregoing
2 is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, and that this declaration was
3 executed at San Francisco, California on July 31, 2019.

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7 /s/ Marino Monardi

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