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Abbreviation	Full Name or Context
A.	Application
10 CFR	Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations
40 CFR	Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations
A&G	Administrative and General
A4NR	Alliance for Nuclear Responsibility
AB	Assembly Bill
ACI	Advanced Concepts Incorporated
ACRS	Advisory Committee of Reactor Safeguards
AEA	Atomic Energy Act
AET	Annual Electric True-Up
AFUDC	Allowance for Funds used During Construction
AL	Advice Letter
ALARA	Due to As Low As Reasonably Achievable
ALARA	As Low As Reasonably Achievable
AMP	Aging Management Programs
ARB	California Air Resources Board
ASLB	Atomic Safety Licensing Board
ASO	Armed Security Officers
BGS	Below Ground Surface
BMP	Best Management Practices
BOP	Balance of Plant
C&D	Cold and Dark
C&S	Codes and Standards
CAISO	California Independent System Operator

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CAM	Cost Allocation Methodology
CAM Group	Cost Allocation Mechanism Group
CCA	Community Choice Aggregation
CCC	California Coastal Commission
CCCA	Coastal Consistency Certification Application
CDFW	California Department of Fish and Wildlife
CDP	Coastal Development Permits
CEC	California Energy Commission
CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act
CFH	certified fuel handler
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CHP	Combined Heat and Power
CLB	Current Licensing Basis
COB	Center of Business
COC	Cost of Capital
CPUC or Commission	California Public Utilities Commission
CSLC	California State Lands Commission
CSM	Cutter-Soil Mix
CTF	cask transfer facility
CWC	Civil Works Contractor
CWIP	Construction Work in Progress
CWP	Civil Work Phase
CZMA	Coastal Zone Management Act
D.	Decision

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DA	Direct Access
DBT	Design Basis Threat
DCCDBA	Diablo Canyon Capital Depreciation Balancing Account
DCDEP	Diablo Canyon Decommissioning Engagement Panel
DCE	Decommissioning Cost Estimate
DCGL	Derived Concentration Guideline Level
DCGL	Derived Concentration Guideline Levels
DCPP or Diablo Canyon	Diablo Canyon Power Plant
DCRBA	Diablo Canyon Retirement Balancing Account
DG	Distributed Generation
DHS	Department of Health Services
DOE	Department of Energy
DOR	Designer of Record
DR	Demand Response
DSAR	Defueled Safety Analysis Report
DTSC	Department of Toxic Substances Control
E3	Energy and Environmental Economics, Inc.
ECI	Employment Cost Index
EE	Energy Efficiency
EIR	Environmental Impact Report
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
EM&V	Evaluation, Measurement, and Verification
ENR	Engineering News Record

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EO	Executive Order
EOB	Executive Oversight Board
EP	Emergency Plan
EPC	Engineering, Procurement and Construction
EPC	Engineering, Procure and Construct
EPRI	Electric Power Research Institute
ER	Environmental Report
ERRA	Energy Resource Recovery Account
ESA	Energy Savings Assistance program
ESPI	Efficiency Savings and Performance Incentive
FF&U	Franchise Fees and Uncollectibles
FIT	Feed-in Tariff
FOAK	First of a Kind
FOE	Friends of the Earth
FSAR	Final Safety Analysis Report
FSR	Final Site Restoration
FSS	Final Status Survey
FSS	Final Site Survey
FTE	Full-Time Equivalent
GARDIAN	Gamma Radiation Detection and In-Container Analysis
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GEIS	Generic Environmental Impact Statement
GHG	Greenhouse Gas
gpm	gallons per minute

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GRC	General Rate Case
GTCC	Greater-Than-Class-C
GWd/MTU	gigawatt-days per metric ton of uranium
GWh	Gigawatt-hours
GWTS	Groundwater Treatment System
HBGS	Humboldt Bay Generating Station
HBPP	Humboldt Bay Power Plant or Humboldt PP
HLRWV	High-Level Radwaste Vault
HSA	Historical Site Assessment
IBEW	International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
IE	Independent Evaluator
IMs	Intermodals
INPO	Institute of Nuclear Power Operations
IOU	Investor Owned Utility
IP	Industrial Packaging
IRC	Internal Revenue Code
IRP	Integrated Resource Plan
ISFSI	Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation
ITC	Investment Tax Credit
Joint Parties	Parties to the Joint Proposal
Joint Proposal	Agreement re DCPP
KKNPP	Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Nuclear Power Plant
kV	kilovolt
kWh	Kilowatt-hours

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LAR	License Amendment Request
LARW	Low-Activity Radioactive Waste
LCOE	Levelized Cost of Energy
LLRW	low-level radioactive waste
LLRWB	Low-Level Radwaste Building
LMLCC	Luigi Marré Land & Cattle Co.
LOB	Line of Business
LR	License Renewal
LRA	License Renewal Application
LRW	Liquid Radwaste
LRWB	Liquid Radwaste Building
LSE	Load Serving Entity
LTP	License Termination Plan
M&A	Mergers and Acquisitions
M&S	Materials and Supplies
MARSAME	Multi-Agency Radiation Survey and Assessment of Materials and Equipment Manual
MARSSIM	Multi-Agency Radiation Survey and Site Investigation Manual
MLLW	Mean Lower Low Water
MMth	Millions of The
MPC	Mutli-Purpose Canister
MPEF	Main Plant Exhaust Fan
MW	Megawatt
MWh	Megawatt-hours

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NBC	Non-Bypassable Charge
NCRWQCB	North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
ND	Nuclear Decommissioning
ND NBC	Nuclear Decommissioning Non-Bypassable Charge
NDAM	Nuclear Decommissioning Adjustment Mechanism
NDCTP	Nuclear Decommissioning Cost Triennial Proceeding
NDT	Nuclear Decommissioning Trust
NEI	Nuclear Energy Institute
NEM	Net Energy Metering
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NRC	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
NRDC	Natural Resources Defense Council
NSGBA	New System Generation Balancing Account
O&M	Operations and Maintenance
OAD	Open Air Demolition
OAD	Open Air Demo
ODCM	Offsite Dose Calculation Manual
OP	Ordering Paragraph
ORAU	Oak Ridge Associated Universities
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
OTC	Once Through Cooling
PAC	Program Administrator Cost
PCB	polychlorinated biphenyls

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Abbreviation	Full Name or Context
PCIA	Power Charge Indifference Adjustment
PDTS	Permanently Defueled Technical Specifications
PEEBA	Procurement Energy Efficiency Balancing Account
PEERAM	Procurement Energy Efficiency Revenue Adjustment Mechanism
PG&E	Pacific Gas and Electric Company
PMP	Project Management Plans
PPA	Power Purchase Agreement
PPE	Personal Protective Equipment
PPI	producer price index
PPP	Public Purpose Program
PRG	Procurement Review Group
PRM	Planning Reserve Margin
PSDAR	Post-Shutdown Decommissioning Activities Report
psi	per square inch
PTS	Pre-Treatment System
Pub. Util. Code	Public Utilities Code
PV	Photovoltaic
PWR	pressurized water reactor
QA	Quality Assurance
QC	Quality Control
QF	Qualifying Facility
R.	Rulemaking
RA	Resource Adequacy

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RAI	Requests for Additional Information
RAM	Renewable Auction Mechanism
RCA	Radiological Control Area
REC	Renewable Energy Credit
ReMAT	Renewable Market Adjusting Tariff
REMP	Radiological Environmental Monitoring Program
RFB	Restricted Area Preparations; Refueling Building
RFO	Request for Offers
RFP	Request for Proposal
RMS	Records Management System
RP	Radiation Protection
RPS	Renewable Portfolio Standard
RPV	Reactor Pressure Vessel
SAFSTOR	Safe Storage
SAMA	Severe Accident Mitigation Alternatives
SAS	Security Alarm Station
SB	Senate Bill
SEIS	Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement
SER	Safety Evaluation Report
SF	Safety Factor
SFP	Spent Fuel Pool
SFPI	Spent Fuel Pool Island
SIA	Structural Integrity Associates
SLO	San Luis Obispo

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Abbreviation	Full Name or Context
SLOBP	San Luis Obispo Bay Properties, Inc.
SME	Subject Matter Expert
SMF	Soil Management Facility
SNF	Spent Nuclear Fuel
SOE	Support of Excavation
SONGS	San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station
SRA	Schedule of Ruling Amounts
SRWB	Solid Radwaste Building
SSC	Systems, Structures, and Components
STARS	Strategic Teaming and Resource Sharing
STS	Special Tactical Services
SWPPP	Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan
TLAA	Time Limited Aging Analysis
TS	Technical Specifications
U.S.	United States
UGBA	Utility Generation Balancing Account
VBS	Vehicle Barrier System
WAC	Waste Acceptance Criteria
WTW	Willis Towers Watson
WWF	Welded Wire Fabric

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION AND POLICY

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1 **PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY**
2 **CHAPTER 1**
3 **INTRODUCTION AND POLICY**

4 **A. Introduction**

5 The purpose of this Nuclear Decommissioning Cost Triennial Proceeding
6 (NDCTP) is to review Pacific Gas and Electric Company’s (PG&E) updated
7 nuclear decommissioning cost estimates and determine the necessary customer
8 contributions to fully fund the nuclear decommissioning trusts to the level
9 needed to decommission PG&E’s nuclear plants.

10 This application presents and supports the first detailed, site-specific
11 decommissioning cost estimate (DCE) for Diablo Canyon Power Plant (DCPP or
12 Diablo Canyon) Unit 1 and Unit 2 submitted by PG&E for California Public
13 Utilities Commission (CPUC or Commission) review and approval after
14 Commission approval of PG&E’s decision to retire DCPP upon expiration of the
15 current operating licenses.

16 This application also presents for Commission review and approval the DCE
17 for remaining decommissioning activities at Humboldt Bay Power Plant (HBPP)
18 and the costs incurred for HBPP decommissioning work completed since the
19 previous NDCTP application. The successful HBPP decommissioning project is
20 entering its final phase.

21 **1. The 2018 DCE for DCPP Presents the Costs of an Executable**
22 **Decommissioning Plan**

23 In its decision approving retirement of DCPP at the end of the current
24 operating licenses, the Commission set forth its expectation that PG&E
25 would file a detailed, site-specific DCE for DCPP in the 2018 NDCTP.¹
26 As previously recognized by the Commission, in prior NDCTPs PG&E
27 presented decommissioning cost studies based on industry-wide
28 assumptions intended only to provide an estimate for financial planning
29 purposes:

30 The decommissioning cost estimates are not meant to be the final
31 decommissioning plans and are developed as a sort of snapshot for the

1 Decision (D.) 18-01-022.

1 first step in determining ratepayer-funded utility contributions. We
2 expect them to use unit cost factors and to be a high level estimate....²

3 This DCE represents a fundamentally different cost estimate from the
4 cost studies previously presented to the Commission. It was developed
5 from the ground-up, without reference to the unit cost factor methodology
6 used in prior cost studies. It relies on cost-based and historical bid-based
7 estimating, direct experience from 10 years of full-scale decommissioning at
8 HBPP, industry expertise, and benchmarking. It is a site-specific DCE
9 developed based on a realistic schedule and it provides a more accurate
10 picture of the actual expected cost of decommissioning than previous cost
11 studies.³ This DCE identifies the cost and schedule to complete:
12 radiological decommissioning; termination of the Part 50 licenses; spent fuel
13 management until Spent Nuclear Fuel (SNF) and Greater-Than-Class-C
14 (GTCC) waste are transferred to an off-site storage facility; termination of
15 the Diablo Canyon Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI)
16 license; and site restoration activities.

17 The total DCE is \$4.8 billion (2017\$). This estimate assumes an
18 immediate transition to decommissioning status upon plant shut down.
19 To support this prompt transition to physical decommissioning, the DCE
20 includes \$187.8 million (2017\$) of decommissioning planning activities costs
21 to be performed before plant shut down in 2024 and 2025. As explained in
22 Chapter 3, performing these activities over the next six years, rather than
23 waiting to initiate planning activities until after plant shut down, reduces the
24 overall cost of decommissioning significantly. Due to restrictions on access
25 to the DCPN Nuclear Decommissioning Trust (NDT or ND Trust), PG&E's
26 request in this application is to recover the pre-shutdown decommissioning
27 planning costs from customers directly in retail rates through the Nuclear
28 Decommissioning Non-Bypassable Charge. PG&E proposes to recover the
29 remaining costs from customers through contributions to the NDT. PG&E
30 presents these ratemaking proposals in Chapter 11.

² D.14-12-082 at 98.

³ While this DCE represents an actual decommissioning plan, and will remain relevant for comparison purposes, it can be expected that as decommissioning approaches, PG&E will make modifications and improvements, and this DCE does not represent a commitment to perform decommissioning work exactly as presented in the DCE.

2. Drivers of Increase Over 2015 Decommissioning Cost Estimate

The overall activities required to decommission a dual unit pressurized water nuclear reactor have not changed since PG&E submitted its 2015 NDCTP application. As noted above, the significant difference between the DCE presented in this application and cost study presented the 2015 NDCTP application is that the DCE does not rely on unit cost factors, but instead estimates the cost to decommission DCPD based on vendor bids, industry experience, and benchmarking. The \$4.8 billion DCE presented in this proceeding is \$720 million higher than that presented in the 2015 NDCTP. The primary drivers of that increase are:

- Waste/transportation/material management: Waste disposal costs are the largest contributor to the increase. These have more than doubled as a result of an increase in both volumes and waste disposal rates, based on more accurate volume analysis and more defensible waste rates. The 2015 NDCTP did not, for example, delineate low activity radioactive waste which is estimated to be 5 million cubic feet of waste.
- Program Management, Oversight, and Fees: Water management costs, the costs to run the desalination facility under contract with GE and later trucking in water after removal of the desalination plant, are notably higher. Staffing costs are higher due to more accurate analysis and an overall extended schedule. Emergency planning costs were updated to reflect commitments made to extend certain activities until license termination. Costs for permitting and fees have doubled, as have property taxes. Consumables (including Radiation Protection calibration and RP consumables such as clothing, etc.) costs are significantly higher based on more accurate forecasting and experience from HBPP.
- Site Infrastructure: For this DCE, detailed planning based on an executable schedule identified site infrastructure needs that weren't included in prior estimates. These include construction of waste handling facilities, construction of an Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI) security building, upgrades to the rail yard in Pismo beach, and other modifications.

1 **3. High Bridge Associates Review of DCE**

2 Not only did PG&E rely on external expertise to develop the DCE, once
3 developed, PG&E subjected the DCE to additional scrutiny by an
4 independent third party. PG&E identified High Bridge Associates (HBA),
5 with its nuclear-specific project management expertise, as an excellent
6 resource to perform an independent review of the DCE.⁴ PG&E asked HBA
7 to review the overall decommissioning project execution schedule, which
8 formed the basis of the DCE, as well as: security, waste disposal, reactor
9 pressure vessel (RPV) and internals segmentation schedule, building
10 demolition plan, system and area closure plan, PG&E oversight structure,
11 and contingency. This independent review largely confirmed and supported
12 the assumptions and costs in the DCE. Where assumptions and costs were
13 challenged, PG&E responded, either by adjusting its assumptions or by
14 committing to further evaluate the issue. After PG&E performs the
15 recommended evaluations, PG&E will update the DCE and file supplemental
16 testimony as necessary. Table 1-1 presents the major HBA findings and
17 PG&E’s response.

**TABLE 1-1
HIGH BRIDGE ASSOCIATES STRENGTHS/FINDINGS AND PG&E RESPONSE**

Subject Area	Findings	PG&E Response
Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Security staffing estimates are reasonable.• Due diligence in effort to determine and confirm security staffing levels exceeded expectations.• Reduction in spent fuel pool cooling duration will allow earlier security staffing reductions.• ISFSI only staffing levels should be evaluated for potential reductions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reduced security non-officer headcount during ISFSI only period and reduced security costs by \$42 million, excluding contingency.• Project team will evaluate spent fuel pool cooling times.
Waste Disposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No weaknesses identified with waste disposal costs.	N/A

⁴ The HBA, “Independent review of Diablo Canyon Power Plant Decommissioning Cost Estimate and Schedule,” dated December 2018 is PG&E Prepared Testimony, Chapter I, Attachment A.

**TABLE 1-1
HIGH BRIDGE ASSOCIATES STRENGTHS/FINDINGS AND PG&E RESPONSE
(CONTINUED)**

Subject Area	Findings	PG&E Response
RPV and Internals Segmentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RPV Internals segmentation durations are too short based on Zion operating experience. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased RPV Internals segmentation durations to match Zion's successful second implementation and increased costs by \$14 million excluding contingency.
Building Demolition/ Breakwater Removal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building demolition schedule could be optimized to reduce mobilization costs. • Breakwater demolition plan (sea-based vs. land-based) is not optimal and significant cost savings could be achieved. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project team will continue to refine building demolition strategies and scheduling for cost efficiencies. • Project team will evaluate alternate breakwater demolition plan.
Systems & Area Closure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Material estimates for this scope of work appear to be 5%-10% high. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project team will review, and where appropriate, material expenses will be adjusted.
Schedule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall decommissioning schedule duration is longer than industry norm • Spent fuel pool cooling duration should be evaluated • Critical path is not optimal as RPV /internals segmentation and breakwater work should not be on critical path. • Duration to start of power block demolition is longer than industry norm. 	<p>Project team will evaluate spent fuel pool cooling times.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moving RPV/internals segmentation scheduling for removal off of critical path. • Breakwater demolition plan and scheduling for removal from critical path.
Project Staffing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall staffing plan is reasonable. • Staffing analysis is detailed, flexible, and by department. • Sufficient staff estimated for licensing and permitting activities. • Minor staffing changes recommended including additional Engineering staff. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporated majority of recommended staffing changes including additional Engineering staff. Increased costs by \$28 million excluding contingency.
Contingency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Line by line contingency analysis should be performed and utilize probabilistic modeling techniques. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implemented line-by-line analysis, resulting in a reduction of overall contingency from 25% to 20.6% and a reduction of \$175 million. • Project team will evaluate the use of additional recommended contingency analysis.

1 **4. Funding the DCPP ND Trust Now is Essential and in the Best Interest**
2 **of Customers**

3 Funding of the DCPP NDT beginning in 2020 is essential and in the best
4 interest of customers. If the Commission does not approve the reasonable
5 cost to decommission Diablo Canyon in this proceeding, the ultimate cost to
6 customers for decommissioning will increase significantly. Firstly, delaying
7 customer contributions to the NDT eliminates the benefits of compounded
8 earnings. Secondly, under IRS regulations, contributions beyond 2025 to a
9 non-qualified trust and must be grossed up for taxes, costing customers
10 38 percent more.

11 During 2003-2019, customer contributions to the NDT have been
12 \$32.4 million in total. As a result, there is large disconnect between the
13 funds available in the NDT and the reasonable cost to decommission DCPP.
14 Specifically, PG&E has nearly \$3.2 billion in the NDT for decommissioning
15 and needs approximately \$1.6 billion (2017\$) more from customers to fully
16 fund decommissioning activities. PG&E proposes that customer
17 contributions for decommissioning restart in 2020 and conclude at the end of
18 2025. This will ensure that those customers who benefit from the clean,
19 reliable and affordable energy produced by DCPP will be responsible for
20 supporting its decommissioning. It will also ensure compliance with
21 California and federal laws requiring the reasonable costs of
22 decommissioning be funded prior to the closure of a nuclear power plant.

23 As noted above, extending the funding period beyond 2025 would
24 increase customer costs even further, as the tax benefits of contributing to a
25 qualified trust may no longer be available to PG&E.⁵ Under U.S.
26 Department of Treasury Regulations, the funding period for a qualified trust
27 ends on the last day of the estimated useful life of a nuclear power plant that
28 has been included in rate base for ratemaking purposes. Therefore, tax
29 efficient contributions to a qualified trust may only be made until such time
30 as the plant is taken out of service and removed from rate base. To quantify
31 the impacts to customers on an illustrative basis, for every \$1 of DCE cost

5 Pursuant to Section 468A of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code (IRC), PG&E's contributions to a qualified trust are deductible from income in the year the contribution is made, provided the taxpayer receives a Schedule of Ruling Amounts from the IRS.

1 that is disallowed or for which recovery is deferred beyond 2025 and then
2 funded to a non-qualified trust, customers will pay \$1.62 or 62 percent more,
3 representing a 38 percent increase from the loss of tax benefits and a
4 24 percent increase from the loss of six years of earnings, assuming
5 average annual trust performance. Further, the California Nuclear Facility
6 Decommissioning Act of 1985 ("Act") provides that "the expenses
7 associated with decommissioning *shall* be paid from [ND Trust] funds"⁶ and
8 the Commission must permit PG&E to make the "maximum contribution to
9 the fund...deductible...for tax purposes."⁷ The Commission has
10 determined: "Section 8325(c) requires us to ascertain the maximum level of
11 contributions deductible for tax purposes and to authorize them in rates."⁸

12 This filing describes for the Commission and stakeholders a DCE for
13 DCPD that realistically presents what the actual decommissioning process
14 and associated costs will be PG&E urges the Commission to recognize that
15 decommissioning of DCPD is imminent, and the NDT must be funded to
16 support timely decommissioning. The Commission should now adopt the
17 requested revenue requirement to fund decommissioning planning over the
18 next six years and a revenue requirement for trust contributions that ensures
19 adequate funding to decommission DCPD. Timely action on these
20 proposals is necessary to avoid higher costs to customers.

21 **5. The Commission Should Approve the HBPP DCE and Find the**
22 **Decommissioning Costs Presented in This Application Reasonable**

23 The HBPP DCE covers the period from January 2019 through 2033,
24 including: completion of final site restoration (FSR); HBPP radiological
25 decommissioning; termination of the HBPP Title 10 of the Code of Federal
26 Regulations (10 CFR) Part 50 license; management of SNF/GTCC waste in
27 the HBPP ISFSI; HBPP ISFSI decommissioning after the SNF/GTCC waste
28 has been moved to an off-site facility; and FSR and termination of the ISFSI
29 10 CFR Part 72 license.

6 Public Utilities Code (Pub. Util. Code) §8328 (emphasis added).

7 Pub. Util. Code § 8325(c).

8 D.00-02-046, mimeo, p. 371.

1 The updated total HBPP decommissioning cost is \$1.1 billion (2018\$),
2 with a cost to complete as of January 1, 2019 of \$182.5 million. This
3 represents a \$16.1 million (2018\$) increase from the forecast approved in
4 the 2015 NDCTP.

5 By the end of 2018, PG&E expects it will have successfully completed
6 the majority of the Civil Works Phase, a major phase of HBPP
7 decommissioning. Decommissioning HBPP has presented a number of
8 challenges due to the unique design and construction of the plant;
9 radiological activation and contamination left from the early operation of the
10 facility; and difficult site conditions. PG&E is very proud to have completed
11 this work safely, on schedule, within approved cost estimates, and without
12 radiological incident. HBPP was awarded the annual Shermer L. Sibley
13 Award six times, the most prestigious PG&E award an organization can earn
14 in recognition of its safety achievements.

15 PG&E presents for review and approval \$400.2 million in actual costs for
16 completed work performed between 2012 and 2018.

17 **B. Cost Estimates and Rate Request**

18 **1. Revenue Requirement**

19 Based on the results of PG&E's recent analysis of the cost of
20 pre-shutdown decommissioning activities, the value of the NDT and the
21 expected cost to complete decommissioning of HBPP and decommission
22 DCCP Units 1 and 2, PG&E seeks authorization to recover through
23 CPUC-jurisdictional rates commencing January 1, 2020:

- 24 • \$30.3 million annual revenue requirement for the 3-year period
25 2020-2022 for DCCP decommissioning planning activities through an
26 annual expense only revenue requirement, and \$44.0 million annual
27 revenue requirement for the 2-year period 2023-2024. As described in
28 PG&E's testimony, planning costs are included in the total

1 decommissioning cost estimate, but they were not included in the
2 calculation of the revenue requirement to fund the DCPD NDT.⁹

- 3 • \$383.7 million annual revenue requirement for contributions to the tax
4 qualified DCPD NDT, as adjusted by advice letter filing following a final
5 decision in this proceeding.
- 6 • \$3.9 million annual revenue requirement for contributions to the tax
7 qualified HBPP NDT, as adjusted by an advice letter filing following a
8 final decision in this proceeding. PG&E is not seeking a further annual
9 revenue requirement for HBPP Safe Storage (SAFSTOR)¹⁰ beyond
10 what was adopted in the 2015 NDCTP Decision.

11 These individual elements result in a total estimated annual
12 CPUC-jurisdictional revenue requirement for ND of \$417.9 million in 2020,¹¹
13 which is \$350.1 million more than PG&E's 2019 authorized
14 decommissioning revenue requirement of \$67.8 million.

15 **2. DCPD Cost Estimate**

16 PG&E's detailed site-specific cost estimate to decommission DCPD is
17 shown in Table 1-2.

⁹ As described in Chapter 3, PG&E is submitting a request to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) which, if granted, would authorize PG&E to withdraw funds from the NDT to fund pre-shutdown planning activities. If the NRC grants this request, in whole or in part, PG&E will adjust its cost recovery request for these decommissioning planning costs.

¹⁰ D.98-03-050 determined that funds for HBPP operations and maintenance (O&M) costs associated with its NRC Part 50 non-operational license, also referred to as SAFSTOR, should also be addressed within the ND proceeding.

¹¹ The actual revenue requirement for the DCPD and HBPP NDT funding will be determined using end-of-the-year trust fund balances for the most recent year following a final decision in this proceeding.

**TABLE 1-2
DIABLO CANYON PROJECTED TOTAL COST OF DECOMMISSIONING
(THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)**

ID	Scope Description	Total
1	Program Management, Oversight, & Fees	\$1,462,045
2	Security Operations	560,686
3	Waste/Transportation/Material Management (Excluding: Breakwater, Reactor Vessel/Internal Segmentation, & Large Component Removal)	855,211
4	Power Block Modifications	80,707
5	Site Infrastructure	140,972
6	Large Component Removal	166,370
7	Reactor/Internals Segmentation	332,341
8	Spent Fuel Transfer to ISFSI	235,541
9	Turbine Building	68,667
10	Aux Building	92,122
11	Containment	121,012
12	Fuel Handling Building	48,627
14	Balance of Site	80,702
15	Intake	41,654
16	Discharge	15,122
17	Breakwater	286,326
18	Non-ISFSI Site Restoration	135,075
19	Spent Fuel Transfer to United States (U.S.) Department of Energy (DOE)	24,258
20	ISFSI Demolition and Site Restoration	54,956
21	Grand Total	\$4,802,395

1 The amount used to calculate the necessary DCPD NDT funding in this
2 application is \$4.8 billion (2017\$).

3 The following summarizes key elements of the DCE, which are
4 discussed in greater detail in following testimony chapters.

- 5 • Decommissioning Planning Activities: The DCE assumes that PG&E
6 will conduct significant planning and permitting for decommissioning
7 prior to the shutdown of DCPD Unit 1. This early planning will allow
8 PG&E to commence decommissioning immediately upon shutdown and
9 will result in significant cost savings to customers compared to
10 conducting these planning and permitting activities after shutdown.
11 PG&E is requesting a separate revenue requirement to fund these
12 activities as incurred.
- 13 • Disposition of Breakwater: The breakwater at DCPD is a substantial
14 structure with significant removal challenges. However, PG&E's
15 California State Lands Commission (CSLC) lease requires PG&E to
16 remove the DCPD intake structure, breakwaters, and discharge

1 structure at the termination of the lease. Thus, the cost of complying
2 with the CSLC lease must be included in the estimated cost to
3 decommission DCP. While PG&E believes that removal of the intake
4 and discharge structures is warranted, PG&E, in consultation with
5 stakeholders and relevant agencies, is evaluating possibilities for
6 repurposing or leaving the breakwater in place if the CSLC lease can be
7 amended.

- 8 • Building Demolition and Waste Disposal: Waste disposal costs are
9 significant costs associated with decommissioning. These costs are
10 based largely on the volume of material generated during
11 decommissioning and the disposal costs for that material. PG&E's
12 current plan includes several proactive steps designed to minimize the
13 total amount of waste, including: waste reduction through building
14 removal techniques, segregating higher-level wastes to minimize the
15 amount of high level radiological waste versus lower level radiological
16 waste, maximizing re-use and recycling waste to avoid the costs of off-
17 site disposal, and utilizing the most cost-effective waste disposal
18 options.
- 19 • Security: Security is an integral component of decommissioning,
20 governed by NRC regulations, and consists primarily of security staffing
21 costs. Using PG&E's existing NRC-approved security plan and staffing
22 levels as a starting point, PG&E conducted a comprehensive review
23 including using state-of-the-art software and site walk downs of DCP
24 security requirements pre- and post-unit shutdown. PG&E's
25 post-shutdown security plan has been independently reviewed by a
26 third-party expert. PG&E identified several cost mitigation measures,
27 including: (1) plant modifications which will reduce the number of
28 necessary security personnel and (2) affirmative steps to be taken prior
29 to the beginning of each phase of decommissioning to reduce the
30 required number of security personnel.
- 31 • Spent Nuclear Fuel: Costs associated with SNF are a significant
32 component of the DCE. The DCE assumes that: (a) PG&E will
33 complete transfer of SNF and GTCC waste from the spent fuel pool to
34 the ISFSI seven years after DCP Unit 2 shutdown, (b) the DOE will

1 begin collecting SNF in the nuclear industry in 2031, and (c) the DOE
2 will specifically commence picking up SNF at DCPD in 2038.

- 3 • Regulatory Approvals and Permits: PG&E will require many regulatory
4 approvals and permits to decommission DCPD. These are critical items
5 and require close coordination with federal, state, and local agencies
6 that are essential to the success of DCPD decommissioning. Delays in
7 obtaining (or failure to obtain) approval and/or possible regulatory
8 conditions could significantly impact estimated costs.

9 **3. HBPP Cost Estimate and Reasonableness Review**

10 In 2018 PG&E is completing a major phase of decommissioning HBPP,
11 on schedule and within budget. There are no changes to the HBPP DCE
12 approved in the 2015 NDCTP other than: (1) a decrease of \$9.3 million
13 (2018\$) due to realized cost savings of \$7.3 million in Canal Remediation
14 Disposal and \$2.0 million in EPC Services; and (2) an increase of
15 \$25.1 million (2018\$) related to the assumption that PG&E will incur an
16 additional three years of spent fuel management costs based on an
17 assumed delay from 2028-2031 in the DOE commencing pick up of
18 SNF/GTCC waste. The estimate to complete the remaining
19 decommissioning work at HBPP as of January 1, 2019, is \$182.5 million
20 (2018\$); and the total cost to decommission HBPP is \$1.1 billion
21 (nominal/2018\$).

22 PG&E also demonstrates in this testimony that the following are
23 reasonable: \$400 million in decommissioning projects at HBPP completed
24 since PG&E filed its 2015 NDCTP application; PG&E's efforts to retain and
25 utilize qualified personnel for decommissioning activities at HBPP; and the
26 variances in actual versus forecast SAFSTOR expenses from the prior
27 period.

28 **C. Legislative and Regulatory Requirements**

29 The Nuclear Facility Decommissioning Act of 1985¹² requires that electrical
30 utilities owning or operating a nuclear facility in California establish an externally
31 managed, segregated fund which qualifies for a tax deduction, pursuant to
32 Section 468A of the U.S. IRC (tax qualified fund), and that the Commission

12 California Pub. Util. Code Sections 8321 *et seq.*

1 authorize the utility to collect sufficient revenues in rates to make the maximum
2 deductible contributions to the fund, and any separate non-qualified fund, so that
3 the expenses associated with decommissioning of nuclear facilities can be paid
4 from the funds.¹³

5 Utilities must periodically revise their ND cost estimate studies to ensure that
6 the decommissioning cost estimates take into account changes in regulation,
7 technology, economics, and the operating experience of each nuclear facility.¹⁴
8 To the extent the monies available in the trusts for decommissioning are
9 insufficient to pay for all reasonable and prudent decommissioning costs, the
10 Commission must authorize the utility to collect these charges from its
11 customers.¹⁵

12 In D.95-07-055 (PG&E's 1995 General Rate Case (GRC)), the Commission
13 established investment guidelines for the NDT funds and reporting requirements
14 for determining those costs. One of those requirements is that engineering cost
15 studies and ratepayer contribution analyses continue to be performed every
16 three years. In D.96-12-088, the Commission determined that in the absence of
17 GRCs, the NDCTP would establish the annual revenue requirement for ND
18 expense over a 3-year period, and D.05-05-028 determined that PG&E should
19 file applications for decommissioning in the NDCTP every three years, even
20 though GRCs continued to determine utility rates.

21 PG&E filed its first NDCTP application on March 15, 2002. Joint hearings
22 were held on common issues with Southern California Edison Company (SCE)
23 and San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E), although the proceedings
24 were not consolidated. The Commission issued a decision in PG&E's first
25 NDCTP on October 2, 2003 (D.03-10-014).

26 The three California utilities again filed NDCTP applications on
27 November 10, 2005. The Assigned Commissioner's scoping ruling concluded
28 that the applications of all three utilities should be consolidated, rather than
29 merely being coordinated. The Commission issued a decision in the
30 2005 NDCTP on January 11, 2007 (D.07-01-003). The utilities' 2009 NDCTP

13 Pub. Util. Code Sections 8325, 8328.

14 Pub. Util. Code Section 8326.

15 Pub. Util. Code Section 8328.

1 applications filed on April 3, 2009 were again consolidated. The Commission
2 issued a 2009 NDCTP Phase 1 decision on August 5, 2010,¹⁶ a subsequent
3 decision adopting the Recommendations of the Independent Panel on Nuclear
4 Decommissioning Costs, Estimates, Assumptions, and Format on July 14,
5 2011,¹⁷ and a 2009 Phase 2 decision on January 24, 2013.¹⁸

6 The 2012 NDCTP applications were filed with the Commission on
7 December 21, 2012, and again consolidated. On June 17, 2013, the
8 Commission bifurcated the proceeding with the Phase 1 proceeding addressing
9 the HBPP cost study, the SAFSTOR O&M forecast and reasonableness review
10 of completed HBPP decommissioning activities; and Phase 2 addressing the
11 DCP, San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS) 1, 2 and 3, and
12 Palo Verde decommissioning cost studies and all remaining financial
13 assumptions. The Commission issued the Phase 1 final decision on
14 February 27, 2014¹⁹ and the Phase 2 final decision on December 18, 2014.²⁰

15 The utilities filed their 2015 NDCTP applications on March 1, 2016. The
16 Commission declined to consolidate the 2015 NDCTP applications on the
17 grounds that there was an insufficient relationship between the facts or law to be
18 applied in the PG&E application and the facts and law to be applied in the
19 SONGS applications.²¹ The Commission issued its decision in PG&E's 2015
20 NDCTP on June 1, 2017.²²

21 **D. Support for Request**

22 **1. Testimony**

23 PG&E's request is presented and supported in testimony as follows:

- 24 • Chapter 1 – Introduction and Policy: This chapter summarizes PG&E's
25 overall request, provides the legislative and regulatory requirements for

16 D.10-07-047.

17 D.11-07-003.

18 D.13-01-039.

19 D.14-02-024.

20 D.14-12-082.

21 *Joint Scoping Memo and Ruling Of Assigned Commissioner And Administrative Law
Judge*, issued July 15, 2016 in Application (A.) 16-03-006.

22 D.17-05-020.

1 filing this application, explains the purpose of each of the subsequent
2 testimony chapters and identifies where PG&E's compliance with prior
3 Commission directives is addressed.

- 4 • Chapter 2 – Diablo Canyon Power Plant Preliminary Decommissioning
5 Preparation: This chapter addresses Commission approval of PG&E's
6 decision to cease operations at DCPD upon license termination,
7 preliminary planning for decommissioning, development of the site-
8 specific DCPD DCE, and PG&E's efforts to characterize and reduce site
9 contamination prior to permanent shutdown.
- 10 • Chapter 3 – Diablo Canyon Power Plant Decommissioning Planning
11 Activities 2019-2024: This chapter identifies DCPD decommissioning
12 planning activities which PG&E proposes to conduct between 2019 and
13 2024 and associated costs, identifies the reason why these costs cannot
14 now be recovered from the NDT, proposes a separate rate recovery
15 mechanism, and identifies associated customer benefits.
- 16 • Chapter 4 – Diablo Canyon Power Plant Site-Specific Decommissioning
17 Cost Estimate: This chapter presents the results of the site-specific
18 DCE prepared by PG&E for decommissioning DCPD.
- 19 • Chapter 5 – Diablo Canyon Power Plant Lands And Related Matters:
20 This chapter describes DCPD lands and land ownership; provides
21 preliminary information on the public stakeholder process; report out on
22 PG&E's discussions with state agencies regarding the disposition of the
23 breakwaters; provides the status of PG&E's consultation with specified
24 state agencies with respect to Executive Order (EO) D-62-02 and the
25 DCPD breakwaters; and identifies all environmental reviews required for
26 DCPD decommissioning.
- 27 • Chapter 6 – Spent Nuclear Fuel: This chapter presents an analysis of
28 the feasibility of both pre- and post-shut down acceleration of dry cask
29 loading at DCPD, costs for expediting dry cask loading, an updated
30 assessment of the commencement of DOE SNF pickup, the status of
31 PG&E's DOE settlement and a report on return of DOE net settlement
32 payments to customers.
- 33 • Chapter 7 – Diablo Canyon Power Plant Completed Project
34 Reasonableness Review Procedures: This chapter describes how

1 PG&E will track decommissioning expenditures for future
2 reasonableness review and identifies specific decommissioning
3 milestones and schedule.

- 4 • Chapter 8 – Humboldt Bay Power Plant Unit 3 Updated Nuclear
5 Decommissioning Cost Estimate: This chapter presents the results of
6 the HBPP decommissioning cost study prepared by PG&E’s HBPP staff.
7 This testimony provides the current cost and schedule estimates,
8 describes updates from the estimate authorized in the 2015 NDCTP
9 Decision and discusses the status of remaining decommissioning work
10 at HBPP. This chapter also explains that the 2015 NDCTP decision
11 authorized a 2019 annual revenue requirement of \$4.4 million for
12 SAFSTOR expenses, and that PG&E will not be seeking a further
13 SAFSTOR revenue requirement for 2020 and beyond.
- 14 • Chapter 9 – Humboldt Bay Power Plant Unit 3 Completed Project
15 Reasonableness Review Testimony: This chapter demonstrates the
16 reasonableness and prudence of \$400 million of decommissioning
17 activities at HBPP completed through December 31, 2018. If necessary,
18 PG&E will update this testimony to reflect final year-end amounts. This
19 chapter also demonstrates that PG&E has made all reasonable efforts
20 to retain and utilize sufficient qualified and experienced personnel to
21 effectively, safely and efficiently pursue decommissioning, and accounts
22 for the differences between the forecast and actual SAFSTOR expenses
23 for 2016-2018.
- 24 • Chapter 10 – Contributions for Funding the Diablo Canyon Power Plant
25 Units 1 And 2 And Humboldt Bay Power Plant Unit 3 Nuclear
26 Decommissioning Trust: This chapter presents PG&E’s revised forecast
27 of annual contributions to the nuclear facilities qualified
28 decommissioning master trust for DCP and HBPP beginning
29 January 1, 2020. In addition, this chapter reviews the updated
30 assumptions used to forecast nominal decommissioning costs, Trust
31 balances and annual contributions including escalation rates, estimated
32 rates of return on invested funds and equity turnover rates to ensure that
33 adequate funds will be available for decommissioning activities.

- Chapter 11 – Trust Contribution and Planning Activities Revenue Requirements: This chapter presents the calculation of the revenue requirement for pre-shutdown decommissioning planning activities, which will be recovered separately as incurred, and not funded to the DCPP NDT. It also explains PG&E’s proposed ratemaking treatment of the transition from Diablo Canyon Decommissioning Planning Memorandum Account pending before the Commission in A.18-07-013, and the steps PG&E will take in the event the NRC grants PG&E an exemption with respect to early withdrawal of decommissioning funds from the DCPP NDT. This chapter also presents the revenue requirements needed to fund PG&E’s NDT beginning January 1, 2020. These revenue requirements are based on the contributions presented in Chapter 10.

2. Compliance with Prior Commission Directives

D.17-05-020 directed PG&E to provide testimony in its next NDCTP to demonstrate that it continues to comply with the reporting requirements adopted in prior NDCTP proceedings.²³ This section identifies each prior Commission directive and where in the testimony it is addressed.

- Organize a meeting within 60 days of the date D.17-05-020 was issued and develop a cost categorization structure for DCPP which:
 - (1) facilitates tracking decommissioning expenditures by major subprojects within a decommissioning phase; (2) allows for comparison to previously approved estimates of activities, costs, and schedule; and (3) requires written record of key decisions about cost, scope, or timing of a major project or activity.²⁴ PG&E’s proposal is presented in Chapter 7.
- Report the *pro rata* share of funds accumulated for NRC license termination and provide copies of the most recent funding assurance letters sent to the NRC.²⁵ A copy of PG&E’s most recent funding assurance letter for DCPP is included as PG&E Prepared Testimony,

²³ D.17-05-020, p. 64.

²⁴ D.17-05-020, Ordering Paragraph (OP) 3, OP 4.

²⁵ D.14-12-084, OP 10; D.17-05-020, p. 64.

1 Chapter 1, Attachment B, and a copy of PG&E's most recent funding
2 assurance letter for HBPP is included as PG&E Prepared Testimony,
3 Chapter 1, Attachment C.

- 4 • Include a comparison of the current proposed decommissioning cost
5 estimate with the last two prior estimates approved through the
6 NDCTP.²⁶ The comparison for DCPD is provided in Chapter 4,
7 Section D, and the comparison for HBPP is provided in Chapter 8,
8 Table 8-1.
- 9 • Provide with future NDCTP applications a common format in summary
10 form identifying certain specified assumptions and trust fund forecasts
11 for PG&E, SCE, and SDG&E.²⁷ Consistent with prior NDCTPs, the
12 required information is provided as Exhibit A to PG&E's application.
13 PG&E has obtained the information relevant to SCE and SDG&E
14 directly from those companies.
- 15 • Submit a summary of actual NDCTF performance covering the previous
16 three years and include a comparison with the prior NDCTP forecast
17 performance.²⁸ This information is included in Chapter 10, Sections I
18 and J.
- 19 • Document PG&E's efforts to characterize and reduce site contamination
20 at DCPD prior to permanent shutdown.²⁹ PG&E's testimony is included
21 in Chapter 2, Section D.
- 22 • Provide a comparison of industry wide security costs and explain site-
23 specific issues that would increase the security needs at DCPD.³⁰
24 PG&E's testimony is included in Chapter 4, Section E.
- 25 • Provide a summary and results of consultation with the California
26 Coastal Commission, State Lands Commission, Department of Public
27 Health, California State Water Resources Control Board, and the
28 Department of Toxic Substances Control concerning the application of

26 D.17-05-020, p. 66.

27 D.11-07-003, OP 2; D.17-05-020, p. 64.

28 D.13-01-039, OP 12; D.17-05-020, p. 65.

29 D.17-05-020, p. 69.

30 D.17-05-020, p. 71.

1 California Governor EO D-62-02 to disposal of construction debris and
2 whether the DCPD breakwater will be required to be removed.³¹ This
3 testimony is provided in Chapter 5, Section E.

- 4 • Take no action with respect to the disposition of DCPD facilities and
5 surrounding lands before completion of a future process including a
6 public stakeholder process.³² PG&E's testimony addressing this issue
7 is provided in Chapter 5, Section D.
- 8 • Provide an assessment for expediting dry cask loading at DCPD,
9 including both pre-shutdown and post-shutdown options and costs for
10 expediting dry cask loading.³³ This testimony is provided in Chapter 6,
11 Section B.
- 12 • Provide an assessment of when SNF will be picked up from HBPP and
13 DCPD, including any change in circumstance as to any progress with
14 approvals for a permanent or long-term off-site repository for SNF; and a
15 report regarding the status of the settlement between PG&E and the
16 DOE concerning reimbursement for SNF management costs and how
17 PG&E is accounting/crediting funds back to ratepayers.³⁴ This
18 testimony is provided in Chapter 6, Sections D and E.
- 19 • File annually Tier 2 ALs [advice letters] for in the trust disbursement
20 showing information supporting the requested disbursement tied to the
21 nuclear decommissioning cost estimate and expenditures and related
22 progress toward specific major milestones in the decommissioning
23 process.³⁵ HBPP demonstrates its compliance in Chapter 8, Section H.
24 As of the date of this application, DCPD has not commenced
25 withdrawing funds from the NDT.

31 D.17-05-020, OP 7.

32 D.18-01-022, OP 13.

33 D.17-05-020, OP 5.

34 D.17-05-020, p. 66 and OP 10.

35 D.17-05-020, OP 6.

- 1 • File after-the-fact reasonableness reviews of decommissioning
2 expenditures for HBPP in subsequent NDCTPs.³⁶ This testimony is
3 provided in Chapter 9.
- 4 • Demonstrate that PG&E has made all reasonable efforts to retain and
5 utilize sufficient qualified and experienced personnel to effectively,
6 safely, and efficiently pursue any physical decommissioning-related
7 activities for the nuclear generation facilities under its control.³⁷ Since
8 DCPD has not commenced physical decommissioning, this Testimony
9 with respect to HBPP is provided in Chapter 9, Section F.
- 10 • Maintain a written record of decisions about the cost, scope or timing of
11 major decommissioning projects or activities at HBPP that results in a
12 variation from the prior estimate by +/-10 percent.³⁸ This testimony is
13 provided in Chapter 8, Section G.
- 14 • Track and explain any differences between actual and forecast
15 SAFSTOR O&M expenses.³⁹ This testimony is provided in Chapter 9,
16 Section G.

17 **E. Effective Date of New Revenue Requirements**

18 PG&E requests the Commission permit PG&E to recover \$178.9 million of
19 costs associated with decommissioning planning activities for 2019-2024
20 through an annual expense only revenue requirement of \$30.3 million for the
21 period 2020-2022 and an annual expense only revenue requirement of
22 \$43 million for the period 2023-2024.

23 PG&E requests the Commission adopt January 1, 2020, as the effective
24 date for the revised annual trusts revenue requirements proposed by PG&E in
25 this application. The Commission requires the utilities to file NDCTP
26 applications on a triennial basis, with the evidently intended result of revising
27 revenue requirements every three years.⁴⁰ Since the 2015 NDTCP established
28 annual revenue requirements commencing January 1, 2017, an effective date of

36 D.17-05-020, OP 9.

37 D.14-02-024, OP 5; D.14-12-084, OP 4; D.17-05-020, OP 2.

38 D.14-02-024, OP 4.

39 D.14-02-024, OP 3.

40 D.95-07-055, OP 7 and D.05-05-028, at 1.

1 January 1, 2020 would result in a corresponding three-year revenue requirement
2 for the 2018 NDCTP.⁴¹

3 **F. Request for Findings**

4 As described above and in the subsequent chapters, PG&E requests that
5 the Commission:

- 6 • Authorize PG&E to establish the Diablo Canyon Decommissioning
7 Balancing Account and to recover through CPUC-jurisdictional rates
8 commencing January 1, 2020, a \$30.3 million annual, expense only revenue
9 requirement for the 3-year period 2020 to 2022 and a \$44.0 million annual,
10 expense only revenue requirement for the 2-year period 2023 to 2024 for
11 funding pre-shutdown decommissioning planning activities.
- 12 • Authorize PG&E to collect through CPUC jurisdictional electric rates an
13 annual revenue requirement commencing January 1, 2020, of \$383.7 million
14 for funding the DCPD tax qualified trust, as adjusted by advice letter filing
15 immediately following a final decision in this proceeding.⁴²
- 16 • Authorize PG&E to continue to collect through CPUC-jurisdictional electric
17 rates an annual revenue requirement commencing January 1, 2020, of
18 \$3.9 million for funding the HBPP tax qualified trust, as adjusted by advice
19 letter filing immediately following a final decision in this proceeding.
- 20 • Find that the decommissioning cost estimates and associated trust
21 contribution analyses are reasonable and present the most up-to-date
22 information on the potential cost to decommission DCPD and HBPP.
- 23 • Approve PG&E's proposed Milestone Framework for tracking and reviewing
24 actual decommissioning expenditures at DCPD.
- 25 • Find that the \$400 million in costs incurred for completed decommissioning
26 activities at HBPP are reasonable and prudently incurred.
- 27 • Find that the variances in actual versus forecast SAFSTOR expenses for
28 2016-2018 are reasonable.

⁴¹ Under Treasury Regulations, the Internal Revenue Service requires that any increase in the level of PG&E's contributions to the Diablo Canyon qualifying trusts for 2020 be requested by ruling and actually contributed to the qualified trusts, no later than March 15, 2021. See Treasury Regulation 1.468A-2(c)(1) and 1.468A-3(e)(1)(v).

⁴² The annual contributions to be updated as described in the following chapters.

- 1 • Find that PG&E’s efforts to retain and utilize qualified personnel for physical
2 decommissioning activities at HBPP are reasonable;
- 3 • Find that PG&E is in compliance with prior CPUC NDCTP decisions’
4 requirements as identified in Section B.2. above.
- 5 • Authorize PG&E to update the nuclear decommissioning revenue
6 requirements for adjustments to the cost of capital, Revenue Fees and
7 Uncollectibles, and tax parameters as adopted in PG&E’s 2019 Cost of
8 Capital and 2020 GRC final decision.
- 9 • Authorize PG&E to implement the new revenue requirement through the
10 next available consolidated electric rate change following a final decision for
11 this application.

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1 **PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY**
2 **CHAPTER 2**
3 **DIABLO CANYON POWER PLANT PRELIMINARY**
4 **DECOMMISSIONING PREPARATION**

5 **A. Introduction**

6 The purpose of this chapter is to describe Pacific Gas and Electric
7 Company's (PG&E) decision to retire Diablo Canyon Power Plant (DCPP or
8 Diablo Canyon) upon current license termination, PG&E's preliminary
9 decommissioning planning and preparation of the DCPP Decommissioning Cost
10 Estimate (DCE), and to respond to the California Public Utilities Commission's
11 (CPUC or Commission) directive that PG&E document its efforts to characterize
12 and reduce site contamination at DCPP prior to permanent shutdown.

13 **B. Commission Approval of Agreement to Retire Diablo Canyon**

14 In 2016, PG&E entered into an agreement referred to as the Joint Proposal.
15 In the Joint Proposal, PG&E agreed to withdraw the pending application at the
16 Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to renew the operating licenses for
17 DCPP Units 1 and 2 for an additional twenty years and, instead, retire DCPP
18 upon the expiration of the current operating licenses. PG&E also agreed to
19 submit to the Commission a site-specific DCE for DCPP no later than the filing
20 date for the 2018 Nuclear Decommissioning Cost Triennial Proceeding
21 (NDCTP). In addition to these commitments, the parties agreed to:
22 (1) procurement of three tranches of greenhouse gas free resources to partially
23 replace the output of DCPP; (2) retention, retraining, and severance programs
24 for DCPP employees; (3) the Community Impacts Mitigation Program (CIMP), a
25 program that would provide funding to the local community to mitigate the
26 economic impact of the plant's retirement; and (4) rate recovery of various costs,
27 including amounts spent for environmental reviews and PG&E's then-suspended
28 NRC license renewal application.

29 The Joint Proposal contemplated that the site-specific decommissioning
30 study would incorporate the costs of the employee retention program, CIMP, the
31 plan for expedited post-shut-down-transfer of spent fuel to dry cask storage, and
32 a plan to continue certain emergency planning activities, including maintenance
33 of the public warning sirens and funding of community and state wide

1 emergency planning functions, until the termination of the Part 50 license,
2 subject to Commission approval and funding of these elements of PG&E's
3 revised DCPD decommissioning study.

4 PG&E requested Commission approval of the Joint Proposal in an
5 Application filed in August 2016. In January 2018, the Commission issued a
6 decision approving certain elements of the Joint Proposal. Among other things,
7 the Commission approved PG&E's proposal to retire DCPD upon the expiration
8 of the current operating licenses and commitment to file a site-specific DCE for
9 DCPD in the 2018 NDCTP. The Commission also directed PG&E to establish
10 and implement a public stakeholder process before taking any action with
11 respect to disposition of DCPD facilities and surrounding lands.¹

12 However, the Commission rejected the CIMP in its entirety and directed
13 that a revised employee retention program be recovered from customers in
14 generation rates. Subsequently, in Senate Bill (SB) 1090, the California
15 legislature directed the Commission to allow full funding of the employee
16 retention program and the CIMP through an advice letter filing at
17 the Commission.

18 Consistent with Decision (D.) 18-01-022 and SB 1090, this DCE does not
19 include the costs of the employee retention program or the CIMP. It does
20 include the cost of the plan for expedited post-shut down transfer of spent fuel to
21 dry cask storage and the cost of the plan to continue certain emergency
22 planning activities until the termination of the Part 50 license.

23 **C. Development of the Decommissioning Cost Estimate**

24 **1. Preliminary Planning**

25 In mid-2016, PG&E initiated a pre-project planning process to fully
26 identify and understand the options available for decommissioning DCPD.
27 This process concluded with the issuance of a Pre-Project Plan (PPP). The
28 PPP is a high-level outline of the necessary planning activities to fully
29 transition from operational to decommissioning status, avoiding the interim
30 status many facilities enter into post-shutdown, safe storage status.

1 D.18-01-022, Ordering Paragraph 13.

1 The PPP development team consisted of 12 individuals with more than
2 100 years of combined experience in decommissioning, including PG&E
3 management personnel with direct decommissioning experience with
4 Humboldt Bay Power Plant (HBPP) Decommissioning and contracted
5 decommissioning industry subject matter experts (SME). Internal and
6 external SMEs reviewed the PPP, as did PG&E executive management.
7 The PPP was completed in December 2016. Its primary recommendation
8 was that the best way to develop a DCPD site-specific DCE was through
9 preparation of Project Management Plans (PMP) and studies.

10 **2. Planning Team and Work Scope**

11 PG&E initiated detailed preparation of critical planning elements over
12 24 months to develop the site-specific DCE for the 2018 NDCTP. PG&E did
13 not rely on a generic nuclear industry decommissioning unit cost factor
14 methodology, but instead used a dedicated team of nuclear,
15 decommissioning, and DCPD experts to form a decommissioning plan,
16 schedule, and associated cost estimate. This “bottom up” approach
17 included the following phases and used targeted industry SMEs and
18 third-party reviews of decisions, plans, assumptions, and cost estimates:

- 19 • Decommissioning planning team and work scope;
- 20 • Request for Proposal (RFP) process, including modification of the
21 PPP—recommended roadmap to better utilize vendor expertise and
22 current industry practices, and to reduce costs;
- 23 • Benchmarking; and
- 24 • Preparation of PMPs and studies.

25 The DCPD decommissioning planning team was assembled under the
26 leadership of the Senior Director of Decommissioning, who currently leads
27 the decommissioning activities at HBPP and has experience from numerous
28 other sites throughout the nuclear industry. The planning team includes
29 experts in specific fields who understand the complexity and multi-discipline
30 requirements for a project of this scale. This includes PG&E leadership,
31 decommissioning-experienced personnel, DCPD operating plant
32 departmental personnel, specialty contractors, corporate legal, finance, and
33 accounting. This blend of knowledge and experience yielded an effective

1 team to develop the decommissioning plan for DCP. The DCP
2 decommissioning planning team focused on:

- 3 • Developing the processes needed to control the flow of planning, such
4 as decommissioning programs and administrative procedures;
- 5 • Identifying those studies and PMPs that could be developed internally
6 and conducting the associated analyses;
- 7 • Identifying those studies and PMPs to be bid out and awarded externally
8 to experienced vendors with the applicable expertise; and
- 9 • Reviewing and accepting vendor work products to ensure adequacy for
10 inclusion in the DCE.

11 **3. RFP Process**

12 The DCP decommissioning planning team developed RFPs for the
13 activities requiring external support or independent evaluation from vendors
14 to obtain the most recent industry experience and techniques. This included
15 identifying and describing the technical scope specifications of activities and
16 cost elements followed by an analysis of each item identified. In the RFPs,
17 PG&E requested that vendor work products contain each scope item
18 described in terms of duration, resource requirements, and cost to complete
19 the scope of work so that it could be used in the DCE.

20 PG&E invited nearly 70 vendors with knowledge and expertise in
21 nuclear, decommissioning, construction, demolition, environmental, and
22 regulatory to participate in the RFP process for awarding decommissioning
23 planning work at a Supplier Orientation in May 2017. The desire was to
24 utilize the most qualified vendors to develop the foundation of a defensible
25 and executable DCE. Initially, as outlined in the PPP, PG&E intended to
26 issue ten separate RFP “bundles” that grouped together PMPs and studies
27 with similar scopes for work. However, after additional PG&E consideration,
28 feedback from vendors that attended the Supplier Orientation, and feedback
29 during the RFP process, PG&E decided to restructure and further
30 consolidate the work scopes into six RFP bundles. Doing so would allow for
31 a single vendor to coordinate the various interfaces and integration of the
32 individual work scopes, reducing the time and effort to develop the PMPs
33 and studies and, as a result, reducing the overall costs for the work. This
34 also enabled PG&E to develop a more integrated and efficient overall

1 decommissioning strategy and implementation plan. The re-structure and
2 re-bundling of work scopes in RFPs was implemented before several
3 contracts were issued, saving PG&E time in negotiations and contract
4 issuance, reducing DCE vendor development costs, and allowing vendors to
5 bid more efficiently.

6 Vendors that were ultimately awarded contracts had specialty
7 sub-contractors supporting work product development. In addition to the
8 re-bundled PMPs and studies, PG&E awarded contracts to non-bundle
9 vendors for those PMPs and studies that required limited coordination with
10 other plans.

11 **4. Benchmarking**

12 In addition to obtaining recent industry experience from vendors through
13 their development of PMPs and studies discussed below, PG&E completed
14 benchmarking with those sites that either completed or are still completing
15 decommissioning. It used a two-tiered approach. First, it conducted an
16 email benchmark survey with the following sites:

- 17 • Crystal River (Florida)
- 18 • Humboldt Bay (California)
- 19 • Kewaunee (Wisconsin)
- 20 • Oyster Creek (New Jersey)
- 21 • Rancho Seco (California)
- 22 • SONGS (California)
- 23 • Trojan (Oregon)
- 24 • Vermont Yankee (Vermont)
- 25 • Zion (Illinois)

26 Based on the survey responses, PG&E then determined which sites
27 would provide experience that could be applied at DCCP and visited them to
28 conduct in-person benchmarking. This thoughtful selection of in-person
29 benchmarking was completed so that funds were only expended on those
30 benchmarking trips that would provide useful insights for DCCP. In-person
31 benchmarking took place at the following sites:

- 32 • Crystal River
- 33 • Oyster Creek
- 34 • SONGS

- 1 • Vermont Yankee
- 2 • Zion

3 The insights gained from PG&E's industry benchmarking included the
4 areas of staffing, spent fuel management, waste transportation, security,
5 cost control, risk, and community engagement.

6 In addition, as part of the work scope requirements for developing the
7 various PMPs and studies, vendors included their own benchmarking
8 research and insights.

9 **5. Project Management Plans and Studies**

10 PMPs and studies were prepared to establish the site-specific baseline
11 for decommissioning activities, costs, and an executable schedule. PMPs
12 were prepared to develop the plans for major decommissioning evolutions,
13 while studies were prepared to gather information on specific topics.
14 This thoughtful analysis allowed PG&E to evaluate options for optimal
15 cost performance.

16 The PMPs established cost estimates for key programs (e.g., waste and
17 transportation), projects (e.g., reactor segmentation, large component
18 removal, and building demolition) and engineering activities (e.g., cold and
19 dark for the power distribution at the site during decommissioning and spent
20 fuel pool island) for the DCE in the 2018 NDCTP application. They serve
21 two purposes - establish costs for the DCE and to guide the development of
22 bid specifications for specific decommissioning work. They reflect the
23 experience and lessons learned from decommissioning experts. Two types
24 of PMPs were used: Programmatic PMPs to focus on program-level
25 activity planning, and Discrete PMPs for the planning of discrete scope
26 project elements.

27 The decommissioning studies addressed specific issues or concerns,
28 such as water management issues, site infrastructure needs, and options for
29 source term reduction. The studies identified options for executing the
30 specified actions, provided specific technical expertise for proper
31 sequencing, and provided a more accurate cost estimate for the activities.
32 In many cases, the studies provided input for PMP development or for solely
33 making a decision. Some studies, such as Future Land Use Evaluation, will
34 be used to make financial or strategic decisions. The studies are an integral

1 part of the development of PMPs. In conjunction with the PMPs and
2 studies, PG&E evaluated licensing submittals, permits, procedures,
3 and strategic work packages to help obtain the required regulatory
4 authorizations to begin decommissioning activities as soon as practical
5 after permanent shutdown.

6 Two types of studies were used—cost studies to provide the basis for
7 cost estimates not addressed in programmatic or discrete PMPs and option
8 assessment studies to gather information and evaluate alternatives.

9 Together, the PMPs and studies were used to develop the executable
10 project schedule, which is part of the DCE. The project schedule provided
11 not only a road map for systematic project execution but also the means by
12 which to gauge progress, identify and resolve potential cost estimate
13 problems, and promote accountability at all levels of the estimate. A
14 schedule provided a time sequence for the duration of a project's activities
15 and aided in understanding the dates for major milestones and the activities
16 that drive the schedule. A project schedule was used as a vehicle for
17 developing a project cost baseline. Among other things, scheduling allows
18 project management to decide between possible sequences of activities,
19 determine the flexibility of the schedule according to available resources,
20 and predict the consequences of action or inaction on events.

21 The cost estimate was developed in phases and consists of both
22 discrete and unassigned costs. Discrete costs are those expenses that are
23 directly attributable to an activity with specific completion criteria such as
24 Reactor Pressure Vessel removal or establishing a Spent Fuel Pool Island.
25 Unassigned costs are expenses not easily attributed to a discrete work
26 scope such as staffing, waste, and transportation costs.

27 After each cost was allocated, the costs were grouped into categories
28 and time phased using the project schedule.

29 The DCE includes the cost of completed decommissioning activities
30 and forecasts costs for planned decommissioning activities. As
31 decommissioning progresses, decommissioning decisions will be made
32 on contracting strategies; decommissioning strategies and work sequences;
33 selection of decommissioning technologies; and final site end state.
34 DCE submittals will be updated and submitted to the Commission and/or

1 NRC to reflect decommissioning decisions and changes as
2 decommissioning approaches.

3 The planning efforts described above compiled high-level, executable
4 plans; studies of specific activities or attributes anticipated during
5 decommissioning; detailed guidance in the form of PMPs for specific scopes
6 of work; an executable schedule; administrative processes that defined the
7 interactions with regulators, stakeholders, and staff; and financial processes
8 for estimating, tracking, and reporting decommissioning costs.

9 **D. Preliminary Site Characterization**

10 This section responds to the Commission's directive in the 2015 NDCTP
11 that PG&E document its efforts to characterize and reduce site contamination at
12 DCPD prior to permanent shutdown.²

13 PG&E has reduced site contamination to the maximum extent practicable for
14 an operating nuclear power plant site. Numerous existing regulations require
15 minimizing, preventing, and documenting both radiological and chemical related
16 contamination and spill events. PG&E has robust programs and initiatives in
17 place to minimize and prevent both chemical and radiological spill events.
18 These programs include:

- 19 • The 2006 Nuclear Energy Institute groundwater protection initiative
20 (GPI 07-007), which establishes standards for sampling and reporting
21 groundwater monitoring;
- 22 • The Buried Piping Program, which analyzes and inspects below-grade
23 piping is analyzed and inspected;
- 24 • The Radiological and Environmental Monitoring Program, which monitors for
25 radioactive contamination in the environment;
- 26 • Effluents Control Program administered by the Offsite Dose Calculation
27 Manual, which regulates and monitors radioactive effluents;
- 28 • The Spill Prevention Countermeasure and Control Program, which catalogs
29 and develops procedures and controls to prevent hydrocarbon spills; and
30 • The Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan, which controls site exposure to
31 rainfall and potential pollutants.

² D.17-05-020, p 69.

1 As a result of these initiatives, PG&E makes all feasible efforts to prevent
2 chemical or radiological contamination in the environment which could harm
3 humans and/or the environment. If a significant spill occurs, the event is
4 immediately documented in the corrective action program. If a spill cannot be
5 completely cleaned up or mitigated, the event will be documented as required by
6 10 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 50.75g. Any government regulatory
7 agency may require interim or complete cleanup of a spill or contamination event
8 if the event could cause harm to human health or the environment.

9 In 2018, PG&E performed a Historical Site Assessment (HSA). This
10 investigation collected information regarding the site history from the start of
11 operations to the present and used the following information sources:

- 12 • Annual environmental reports
- 13 • Annual effluent reports
- 14 • Licensee event reports
- 15 • 10 CFR 50.75g files
- 16 • Groundwater sampling data
- 17 • Radiation survey data
- 18 • Area and boundary locations for radiological areas
- 19 • Corrective action reports
- 20 • Personnel interviews

21 The HSA identified potential non-radiological contamination such as
22 petroleum hydrocarbons, asbestos, and lead paint, and potential radioactive
23 contamination. Both types warrant additional investigation as part of the site
24 characterization plan to be performed upon plant shutdown.

25 Detailed physical sampling and characterization cannot be accurately
26 accomplished until DCCP Unit 1 and Unit 2 cease operation. Physical
27 characterization of the site could be compromised in accuracy if a radiological or
28 non-radiological event occurred while the units were still operating. If the
29 accuracy of site characterization was questioned due to early sampling, then
30 additional costs would be incurred for additional surveys and sampling for both
31 radiological and non-radiological contaminants.

32 Further, it is not practicable or cost effective for DCCP to aggressively
33 remove residual contamination prior to permanent shutdown. For example,
34 residual diesel fuel oil contamination under the Unit 1 Turbine Building was

1 discovered in 1993 following replacement of the originally installed carbon steel
2 fuel oil tanks which had degraded. The contamination event is documented in
3 the 10 CFR 50.75g file, as required by regulation. The diesel fuel oil
4 contamination is stable and confined to a sand layer which is on top of an
5 impermeable soil clay layer under the building's foundation. Decontamination
6 would require removing a substantial portion of the Turbine Building foundation
7 and create the potential for compromising the existing building foundation and
8 underlying slopes. Thorough characterization and decontamination will be more
9 efficient and less costly following cessation of plant operations.

10 In conclusion, PG&E is taking all appropriate steps to monitor and minimize
11 adverse site conditions at DCPD while the plant is operational.

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3 **DIABLO CANYON POWER PLANT DECOMMISSIONING PLANNING**
4 **ACTIVITIES**

5 **A. Introduction**

6 The purpose of this chapter is to describe the decommissioning planning
7 activities necessary to support a prompt transition to physical decommissioning
8 after shut down of Diablo Canyon Power Plant (DCPP or Diablo Canyon)
9 Unit 1 in 2024 and Unit 2 in 2025; present the estimated cost of these
10 decommissioning planning activities and the benefit of performing these
11 activities over the next six years rather than waiting until after shut down to
12 initiate planning activities; explain the United States Nuclear Regulatory
13 Commission (NRC) regulations limiting access to the DCPP Nuclear
14 Decommissioning Trust (NDT) for decommissioning planning activities
15 pre-shutdown; and identify the cost estimate for decommissioning planning
16 activities which Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) requests to recover
17 directly from customers in retail rates through the Nuclear Decommissioning
18 (ND) Non-Bypassable Charge (NBC).¹

19 **B. Immediate Transition to Decommissioning Is in the Best Interest of**
20 **Customers**

21 In Decision (D.) 18-01-022, the California Public Utilities Commission
22 (CPUC or Commission) approved PG&E’s proposal to retire DCPP Unit 1 in
23 2024 and DCPP Unit 2 in 2025 upon expiration of their current NRC licenses.
24 In both that Application (A.) 16-08-006 and PG&E’s 2015 Nuclear
25 Decommissioning Cost Triennial Proceeding (NDCTP), A.16-03-006, the
26 Commission and intervenors expressed a strong preference for prompt
27 decommissioning of DCPP upon plant shutdown. PG&E’s goal is to transition
28 DCPP directly from operational status to decommissioning status upon

1 PG&E submitted a request for exemption from the NRC regulations limiting access to the DCPP NDT for the cost of decommissioning planning activities pre-shutdown. If the NRC grants this request and allows PG&E to withdraw funds for decommissioning planning activities from the NDT, PG&E will modify the cost recovery proposal for these costs presented in Chapter 11.

1 permanent shutdown. Not only is direct transition to decommissioning status
2 consistent with Commission and stakeholder preference, it is in the best interest
3 of PG&E's customers because decommissioning is likely to be less expensive
4 than Safe Storage (SAFSTOR) and the total cost of decommissioning will be
5 reduced by prompt initiation of decommissioning activities.

6 To transition directly to decommissioning status upon plant shutdown, PG&E
7 must implement decommissioning planning activities during the next six years.
8 These planning activities are described in detail in Sections E through J of this
9 chapter. The cost estimate for these decommissioning planning activities is
10 \$187.8 million (2017\$). Table 3-1 presents the costs to implement
11 decommissioning planning activities pre-shutdown. Though the cost to perform
12 the decommissioning planning activities is the same whether the plant is
13 operating or shut down, the total cost of decommissioning is greater if planning
14 is deferred until after shutdown.

15 Typically, the planning effort for commercial reactor decommissioning is
16 performed after reactor shutdown and it takes at least a year—if not longer—to
17 reach the point when physical decommissioning can begin. Continuing planning
18 and permitting activities during the next six years—rather than disbanding the
19 experienced team that has been developing the site-specific DCE for DCPD
20 when that effort is complete—would significantly shorten the overall
21 decommissioning schedule and reduce the overall cost of decommissioning by
22 \$166.1 million. Table 3-1 presents the savings associated with implementing
23 decommissioning planning activities pre-shutdown.

24 Unfortunately, the very circumstance that presents PG&E with a unique
25 opportunity to plan and prepare for decommissioning—six years advanced
26 notice of shutdown—limits PG&E's access to the funding necessary to
27 implement the planning activities necessary for a direct transition to
28 decommissioning. As explained in more detail in Section C, prior to plant
29 shutdown, NRC regulations limit access to the DCPD NDT to \$37.2 million.
30 Given the significant savings to customers of performing decommissioning
31 planning activities over the next six years rather than waiting to initiate these
32 activities until after shutdown, PG&E requests the Commission to authorize
33 recovery of these costs from customers directly in retail rates via the ND NBC.

1 PG&E's revenue requirement and ratemaking proposal for these
2 decommissioning planning costs is presented in Chapter 11.

3 **C. NRC Regulations Limit Access to the DCPP NDT Pre-Shutdown**

4 To prepare for eventual decommissioning of a nuclear power plant, the
5 NRC requires the licensee/operator to ensure that funds will be available to
6 decommission the facility. In California, this funding assurance is provided
7 through trusts funded by utility customers. Within two years of shutting down the
8 plant, the licensee/operator must submit a Post-Shutdown Decommissioning
9 Activities Report (PSDAR) to the NRC. At any time before shutdown and prior to
10 submitting the PSDAR, the licensee/operator may access the NDT for up to
11 3 percent of the generic decommissioning formula funding amount. According to
12 Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 50.82(a)(8)(ii), the 3 percent
13 may be used only for "decommissioning planning."

14 Decommissioning planning is not defined in the regulation. But, according
15 to the NRC, "planning" refers to "paper studies" as opposed to physical work at
16 the site. Initially, the NRC permitted the use of planning funds for all issues
17 related to decommissioning the facility, but the NRC Office of General Counsel
18 more recently determined that the initial 3 percent withdrawal allowed for
19 decommissioning planning is limited to paper studies related to radiological
20 decommissioning. Paper studies include, for example, engineering designs,
21 detailed decommissioning schedules and work plans, and License Amendment
22 Requests (LAR). It does not include any physical removal, demolition, or
23 disposal activities or any costs associated with maintaining or monitoring the site
24 until decommissioning begins.

25 Additionally, the initial three percent can be used only to plan for radiological
26 decommissioning; it cannot be used for spent fuel management planning,
27 Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI) decommissioning planning,
28 or site restoration planning absent (1) a clear indication that monies in the fund
29 were collected for those purposes and are clearly and consistently accounted for
30 separately; or (2) an exemption from the NRC allowing use of co-mingled funds
31 for those purposes.

32 The DCPP NDT includes estimated costs for: (1) decommissioning
33 activities; (2) spent fuel management; (3) ISFSI decommissioning; and
34 (4) non-radiological site restoration, but does not include subaccounts for

1 each of these categories of costs. As such, the funds collected in the DCP
2 NDT have not been specifically earmarked for any purpose other than
3 radiological decommissioning. Therefore, under current regulations, until plant
4 shutdown, only \$37.2 million is available to support decommissioning planning
5 activities. Even after plant shutdown and submission of the PSDAR, funds can
6 be withdrawn only for radiological decommissioning activities until all radiological
7 decommissioning activities are completed (for DCP, no sooner than 2035).

8 As authorized by 10 Code of Federal Regulations Part 50.12, PG&E is
9 requesting that the NRC grant exemptions from the applicability of the
10 regulations restricting access to the NDT for planning activities to allow PG&E to
11 withdraw \$187.8 million from the Diablo Canyon NDT to fund decommissioning
12 planning activities necessary to support direct transition to decommissioning
13 upon permanent cessation of operations. Additionally, PG&E is requesting the
14 NRC to allow PG&E to use these funds to support planning for radiological
15 decommissioning, spent fuel management, and site restoration activities

16 There is no time frame imposed on the NRC to reply to PG&E's request for
17 exemptions. PG&E is requesting that the NRC respond to the exemption
18 request by June 2019. Based on historic practice, PG&E does not expect the
19 NRC to reply sooner than six months after submittal, and it may take 12 months
20 or more for the NRC to reply to the exemption request. If the NRC grants the
21 exemptions, PG&E will revise the cost recovery proposal for decommissioning
22 planning costs presented in Chapter 11.

23 In the meantime, PG&E requests the Commission to find PG&E's cost
24 estimate for decommissioning planning costs reasonable and authorize recovery
25 of these costs directly from customers in retail rates through the ND NBC.

26 **D. Summary of Costs**

27 The purpose of the following sections is to present the activities needed to
28 support decommissioning planning activities. Table 3-1 summarizes the
29 decommissioning planning activities for 2019-2024 that will provide cost and
30 scheduling efficiencies if performed prior to plant shut down. Cost line items in
31 Table 3-1 include:

- 32 • Program Management, Oversight, and Fees. This category includes:
 - 33 – NRC fees for review and approval of each licensing submittal discussed
 - 34 in Section E.1.

- 1 – Federal, state, and local agency fees to conduct their review and
- 2 approval of permits discussed in Section E.2.
- 3 – Future land use evaluations as discussed in Section E.2.
- 4 – Administrative costs associated with the Diablo Canyon
- 5 Decommissioning Engagement Panel (DCDEP) as discussed in
- 6 Section E.2.
- 7 – Site radiological characterization as discussed in Section E.3, which
- 8 provides the basis for radiation protection, identification of
- 9 contamination, assessment of potential risks, cost estimation, planning,
- 10 and implementation of decommissioning.
- 11 – Planning/management, and project staff as discussed in Section E.4.
- 12 Personnel functions include planning, licensing, permitting, project
- 13 controls, management, engineering, health and safety, and maintenance
- 14 and operations.
- 15 • Waste/Transportation/Material Management: Development of the Waste,
- 16 Transportation, and the Material Management programs, as described in
- 17 Section F.
- 18 • Power Block Modifications: Planning for security modifications, Spent Fuel
- 19 Pool Island (SFPI), and Cold and Dark (C&D) Power, as described in
- 20 Section G.
- 21 • Site Infrastructure: Plans and designs to relocate buildings to support
- 22 demolition as soon as practical after final shutdown, as described in
- 23 Section H.
- 24 • Reactor/Internals Segmentation: Complete an evaluation of the capability of
- 25 the waste container system for storage of DCPD reactor vessel and internals
- 26 segments prior to shutdown as described in Section I.
- 27 • Balance of Site Demolition: Preparing the site for demolition of buildings as
- 28 soon as practicable after permanent shutdown, as discussed in Section J.
- 29 Sections E through J address the scopes of work that comprise the costs in
- 30 Table 3-1 and include background information, an overview of the activities,
- 31 lessons learned from industry benchmarking, and benefits from early planning.

**TABLE 3-1
COST ESTIMATE SUMMARY
(THOUSANDS OF 2017 DOLLARS)**

Line No.	Reasonableness Milestone	Pre-2018	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
1	Program Management, Oversight, and Fees	\$7,368	\$21,568	\$15,961	\$19,437	\$21,793	\$20,666	\$20,563	\$27,482	\$154,837
2	Waste/ Transportation/ Material Management	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	892	892
3	Power Block Modifications	-	-	-	-	-	2,158	9,434	8,059	19,651
4	Site Infrastructure	-	-	565	2,402	3,225	105	4	694	6,995
5	Reactor/Internals Segmentation	-	-	-	-	1,350	-	-	-	1,350
6	Balance of Site Demolition	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,019	2,104	4,123
7	Grand Total	\$7,368	\$21,568	\$16,526	\$21,840	\$26,368	\$22,928	\$32,020	\$39,231	\$187,848

1 **E. Program Management, Oversight, and Fees**

2 **1. NRC Submittals**

3 Even after permanent cessation of power operations, plants must
4 continue to follow and comply with the licensing basis for the plant, including
5 completion of all equipment surveillances and procedures required by the
6 Technical Specifications (TS), and similar documents, to maintain the plant
7 systems (e.g., structures, systems, and components (SSC) important to
8 safety during normal operation) in an operational-ready state. However,
9 because nuclear fuel is no longer in the reactors and the plant is no longer
10 making power during decommissioning, most plant SSCs and associated
11 surveillances and procedures will no longer be necessary after final plant
12 shutdown. To eliminate the need to perform these unnecessary activities,
13 plants must revise the licensing basis documents to reflect the permanently
14 shut down status of the plant. Once the licensing basis documents are
15 revised, the plant can reduce staffing and costs associated with complying
16 with the operating license basis requirements.

17 The NRC must review and approve many of the licensing basis
18 revisions.

19 Completing NRC licensing activities for decommissioning before plant
20 shutdown will save time and money, a significant benefit to customers.
21 Also, early approvals will allow implementation of the approved changes into
22 plant documentation. Once conditions are met, PG&E can immediately

1 execute the approved changes instead of taking several months or years to
2 develop and issue documentation changes. Additionally, early approval
3 provides certainty around scope of work and transition dates. While the
4 scope of work associated with licensing changes can be estimated using
5 industry precedent, early NRC approval will solidify a given work scope so
6 that PG&E can continue to provide the best cost and schedule estimates for
7 decommissioning.

8 The NRC is supportive of early document review and approval for
9 decommissioning. In its recently issued Lessons Learned document, the
10 NRC noted that:

11 [L]icensees should be encouraged to begin planning for permanent
12 reactor shutdown and decommissioning as early as reasonably
13 practicable...this pre-planning will serve to provide for a smoother
14 transition from reactor operation to decommissioning.

15 Moreover, PG&E relied on industry precedent to develop the list and
16 scope of NRC submittals to submit early in support of an efficient transition
17 to decommissioning after final shutdown. Benchmarking revealed that
18 plants that did not submit requests early for NRC approval (e.g., such as
19 those sites that unexpectedly shutdown) incurred day-for day delays in the
20 startup of decommissioning activities, which increased costs by
21 approximately \$1 million/month.

22 In addition to its review of individual licensee information, PG&E
23 reviewed summary documents prepared by industry groups, including
24 Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) and Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI).

25 Guidance from EPRI indicates the following two lessons learned from
26 the Kewaunee and Vermont Yankee sites.

27 Early Regulatory Submittals: Sites used an approach to facilitate early
28 submittal of several regulatory documents. This strategy was expected to
29 help reduce the duration of the transition period and reduce costs.
30 Regulatory submittals that required NRC approvals drove most of the early
31 critical path decommissioning planning milestones. Further, early submittal
32 of these documents helped minimize the delay to implementation of cost
33 saving measures (e.g., implementation of reduced Emergency Plan (EP)
34 requirements).

1 Early ISFSI Licensing: Delay of ISFSI licensing has a significant
2 potential to greatly affect the length of the decommissioning and
3 the decommissioning costs. Therefore, the design, licensing, and
4 permitting of the ISFSI should be started as early as practical during the
5 decommissioning transition process. Regulatory submittals that required
6 NRC approvals drove most of the early critical path decommissioning
7 planning milestones. Further, early submittal of these documents helped
8 minimize the delay to implementation of cost saving measures (e.g.,
9 implementation of reduced EP requirements).

10 The remainder of this section identifies the NRC submittals and
11 associated work scope that PG&E plans to prepare and submit in order to
12 have NRC approvals in hand upon plant shutdown.

13 **a. Post-Shutdown Decommissioning Activities Report with Site**
14 **Specific DCE**

15 Licensees must submit the PSDAR prior to or within two years
16 following permanent cessation of operation. The PSDAR is a relatively
17 brief document which describes the plant's planned decommissioning
18 activities, including the following required items: (1) description of the
19 planned major decommissioning activities, including which
20 decommissioning method will be used (i.e., prompt decontamination and
21 dismantlement, long-term storage (SAFSTOR), or a combination of
22 the two); (2) schedule of the planned decommissioning activities,
23 including the relationships between decommissioning activities; (3) DCE
24 within five years prior to final shutdown in accordance with 10 CFR
25 50.75(f)(3), including costs associated with decommissioning activities,
26 spent fuel management, and site restoration to demonstrate that
27 sufficient funds are available to support license termination; and (4) an
28 evaluation of environmental impacts associated with decommissioning
29 the site and a determination of whether such impacts are bounded by
30 appropriate previously-issued environmental review documents.

31 While the PSDAR does not require NRC approval, the NRC does
32 review the PSDAR, and may send requests for additional information
33 from the licensee.

1 The cost estimate includes preparation of an Environmental Impact
2 Statement, PG&E licensing support to prepare the submittal, and
3 NRC review.

4 **b. Irradiated Fuel Management Plan**

5 In accordance with 10 CFR 50.54(bb), within two years following
6 permanent cessation of operation of the reactor or five years before
7 expiration of the reactor operating license, whichever occurs first, the
8 licensee must submit written notification to the NRC for its review and
9 preliminary approval of its program by which the licensee intends to
10 manage and provide funding for the management of all irradiated fuel at
11 the reactor following permanent cessation of operation of the reactor
12 until title to the irradiated fuel and possession of the fuel is transferred to
13 the Secretary of Energy for its ultimate disposal in a repository.

14 As stated, in part, in 10 CFR 50.54(bb):

15 The licensee must demonstrate to the NRC that the elected actions
16 will be consistent with NRC requirements for licensed possession of
17 irradiated nuclear fuel and that the actions will be implemented on a
18 timely basis.

19 For example, in its evaluation of the licensee's submittals for
20 San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS) Units 2 and 3, the
21 NRC staff has relied on the selected methods of storage being
22 consistent with those described in the Continued Storage of Spent
23 Nuclear Fuel Rule (79 FR 56238) and NUREG-2157, "Generic
24 Environmental Impact Statement for Continued Storage of Spent
25 Nuclear Fuel," Volumes 1 and 2, dated September 2014. These actions
26 must be implemented on a timely basis, and should be consistent with
27 the expected timeframe of decommissioning within 60 years.

28 The cost estimate includes PG&E licensing support to prepare the
29 submittal and NRC review.

30 **c. Expedited Spent Fuel Offload**

31 In June 2017, the CPUC issued D.17-05-020, requiring PG&E to
32 include in the site-specific decommissioning cost estimate presented in
33 its 2018 NDCTP application:

1 ...an assessment for expediting dry cask loading. This assessment
2 shall include both pre-shutdown and post shutdown options and
3 costs for expediting dry cask loading.

4 PG&E conducted a preliminary evaluation demonstrating that it is
5 technically feasible to expedite the fuel offload schedule to seven years
6 after the DCCP Unit 2 shutdown date. This can be achieved by
7 expediting post-shutdown offloading and using advanced dry cask
8 storage systems. The seven-year offload schedule may be refined after
9 PG&E completes a detailed analysis of DCCP-specific fuel data and
10 potential process improvements. Additionally, the technology for dry
11 cask storage is continuously improving and there is potential that shorter
12 spent nuclear fuel cooling times may be feasible for Diablo Canyon fuel.

13 PG&E plans to identify any potential improvements in cooling time
14 duration through a request for proposal process to select a dry cask
15 storage system vendor. In the 2019-2024 timeframe, PG&E will work
16 with the chosen dry cask storage vendor to perform all the work
17 necessary to implement the chosen expedited spent fuel offload strategy
18 at the DC ISFSI. This will include: (1) Completion of design and
19 engineering analyses; (2) preparation of licensing documentation for
20 submittal to the NRC; (3) NRC review and approval in accordance with
21 10 CFR 72.48 and 72.56; and (4) additional cost for the chosen dry cask
22 storage system as compared to the existing dry cask storage system.

23 **d. Greater-Than-Class-C Waste License Amendment Request**

24 As part of dismantlement activities, waste generated from the
25 reactor pressure vessel internals and appurtenances is classified as
26 Greater-Than-Class-C (GTCC) waste. GTCC waste cannot be shipped
27 off-site like lower class wastes, but must be stored in a long-term
28 repository, similar to spent fuel. As part of the Expedited Spent Fuel
29 Offload strategy, PG&E will determine what type of dry cask storage
30 system will be used to store GTCC waste at the DC ISFSI until it is
31 transferred to an approved, off-site facility. A LAR is required for the
32 existing 10 CFR 72 site-specific ISFSI license to allow for storage of the
33 GTCC waste at the DC ISFSI.

34 The cost estimate includes PG&E licensing support to prepare the
35 submittal and NRC review.

1 **e. Permanently Defueled Technical Specifications (PDTs), Bases and**
2 **Revised License Conditions License Amendment Request**

3 Power reactor licensee TS specify modes of applicability that
4 correspond to conditions of operation for the reactor or apply only when
5 fuel is in the reactor vessel. For a permanently shutdown and defueled
6 reactor, these modes refer to conditions that are no longer possible
7 because the reactor cannot be operated and fuel cannot be placed in
8 the reactor vessel. In such cases, TS with modes of applicability can be
9 removed from the license without affecting the safety of the facility.

10 In addition, substantial changes can be made to the Administrative
11 Controls section of the TS, including changes to facility staff
12 responsibilities, staffing organization, and staffing levels. Some program
13 and reporting requirements that only apply to operating reactors can
14 also be deleted or modified. All licensees of recently permanently
15 shutdown reactors have proposed comprehensive amendments to their
16 facilities' TS to reflect their permanently shutdown and defueled status
17 through the LAR process. This process to revise the TS involves
18 identification of the accidents that are still relevant in the permanently
19 defueled state, reclassifications of SSCs that are no longer important for
20 safety, revisions to plant procedures, and revisions to the TS
21 themselves. The PDTs LAR also typically includes changes to license
22 conditions that are no longer applicable during decommissioning, such
23 as mitigation of beyond-design-basis events), and the addition of aging
24 management of SSCs in use for more than 40 years to support Spent
25 Fuel Pools(SFP) operation.

26 The cost estimate includes PG&E licensing support to prepare the
27 proposed revised TS, supporting documentation, and associated LAR,
28 NRC review of the LAR, and implementation of the approved changes
29 into plant procedures and other documentation.

30 **f. Defueled Safety Analysis Report**

31 The Final Safety Analysis Report (FSAR) documents the
32 NRC-approved analyses and operations of DCP. Upon DCP
33 permanent shutdown, the FSAR transitions to a Defueled Safety

1 Analysis Report (DSAR) to reflect the systems, operations, and
2 analyses that will be in-place for decommissioning.

3 Changes are implemented into the DSAR upon permanent
4 shutdown using the process defined in 10 CFR 50.59. This process
5 includes obtaining NRC approval through LARs, as needed, such as the
6 TS LARs, Certified Fuel Handler Training and Retraining, and the
7 Regulatory Guide Commitments LAR. While the DSAR is not submitted
8 prior to permanent shutdown because approvals are obtained through
9 other LARs, to support development of the LARs and NRC review,
10 changes to the FSAR need to be identified concurrent with LAR
11 development.

12 This cost estimate includes the scope of work to develop a detailed
13 mark-up of the FSAR that would be used for eventual implementation
14 into the DSAR upon permanent shutdown. Following permanent
15 shutdown, the DSAR would be submitted to the NRC every 24 months
16 as required by 10 CFR 50.71(e)(4).

17 **g. Certified Fuel Handler Training and Retraining Program**

18 The NRC does not require licensed operators at decommissioning
19 reactors. When licensees permanently shut down their reactors, they
20 must continue to meet the minimum staffing requirements in the TS and
21 required programs (e.g., emergency response organizations, fire
22 brigade, and security). Given the reduced risk of a radiological incident
23 once the certifications of permanent cessation of operation and
24 permanent removal of fuel from the reactor vessel have been submitted,
25 licensees typically transition their operating staff to a decommissioning
26 organization. This transition includes replacing licensed senior
27 operators with certified fuel handlers (CFH) as the on-shift management
28 representatives responsible for supervising and directing the monitoring,
29 storage, handling, and cooling of irradiated nuclear fuel in a manner
30 consistent with ensuring public health and safety. The NRC currently
31 requires that CFH be qualified with a training program that is approved

1 by the NRC; however, the Decommissioning Rulemaking² proposes
2 regulation changes that would allow licensees to implement training
3 programs using approved licensing precedent. Therefore,
4 decommissioning plants must develop their own CFH training program,
5 but do not need to apply for approval of that program.

6 This cost estimate includes PG&E licensing support to prepare the
7 CFH training program and implement the program into plant procedures
8 and training documentation.

9 **h. Post-Shutdown Emergency Plan Documents**

10 The risk of an offsite radiological release is significantly lower, and
11 the types of possible accidents are significantly fewer, at a nuclear
12 power reactor that has permanently ceased operations and removed
13 fuel from the reactor vessel than at an operating power reactor. During
14 the decommissioning transition period, licensees typically request
15 several EP licensing actions (i.e., LARs and exemption requests) to
16 address the reduced risk associated with a permanently shut down and
17 defueled facility. As discussed in the NRC's Regulatory Basis
18 Document for the ongoing decommissioning rulemaking, the revised
19 rulemaking will provide a graded approach to EP. This revision to the
20 CFR provides a regulatory process for licensees to make changes to
21 their EP to comply with the EP requirements corresponding to the level
22 of decommissioning while minimizing the need for licensees to request
23 license amendments. The regulations would define the graded
24 approach to EP in four stages/phases:

- 25 • Post-Shutdown: permanent cessation of operations and removal of
26 all fuel from the reactor vessel;
- 27 • Permanently Defueled: sufficient decay of the spent fuel in the
28 SFPs such that it would not reach ignition temperature within
29 10 hours under adiabatic heat up conditions;

2 In 2014, in response to lessons learned from utilities that had undergone decommissioning, the NRC identified several decommissioning-related potential changes to regulations and the need for development of enhanced guidance. The final revised regulations are scheduled to be issued in 2019 and become effective in 2020. See Docket No. NRC-2015-0070, "Regulatory Improvements for Power Reactors Transitioning to Decommissioning."

- ISFSI-Only: transfer of all fuel to dry storage; and
- Removal of all spent fuel from the site.

Because the NRC is in the process of enhancing the regulatory process for implementing changes to EP requirements during each phase of decommissioning, PG&E does not anticipate having to submit an LAR or exemption request for EP-related changes. Instead, PG&E is assuming that documents may potentially be required to be provided to the NRC to demonstrate compliance with transition to the next NRC-defined phase of decommissioning. This cost estimate includes PG&E licensing support to prepare a submittal, NRC review, and implementation of the approved changes into plant documentation and procedures.

i. Permanently Defueled Emergency Plan Documents

Similar to the scope of work discussed for Item h, to support EP-related changes for a permanently defueled condition (i.e., spent fuel is being stored in the SFPs and had sufficient decay such that it would not reach ignition temperature within 10 hours under adiabatic heat up conditions), this cost estimate includes PG&E licensing support to prepare the NRC submittal, NRC review, and implementation of the approved changes into plant documentation and procedures. PG&E is assuming that documents may potentially be required to be provided to the NRC to demonstrate compliance with transition to the next NRC-defined phase of decommissioning discussed in the decommissioning rulemaking.

j. Permanently Defueled Security Plan License Amendment Request

The physical security requirements of 10 CFR 73.55, "Requirements for Physical Protection of Licensed Activities in Nuclear Power Reactors against Radiological Sabotage," Appendix B, "General Criteria for Security Personnel," and Appendix C, "Licensee Safeguards Contingency Plans," to 10 CFR Part 73, "Physical Protection of Plants and Materials," continue to apply to a nuclear power reactor after permanent cessation of operations and removal of fuel from the reactor vessel. Currently, there are no explicit regulatory provisions

1 distinguishing physical security requirements for a power reactor that
2 has been shut down from those for an operating power reactor. These
3 security requirements are designed to protect against the design-basis
4 threat of radiological sabotage.

5 Licensees have sought and obtained NRC approval of exemptions
6 to reduce physical security requirements for permanently shut
7 down reactors because the security-risk profile presented by a
8 decommissioning plant is much less than when it was operating. The
9 physical security-related exemptions that were requested by the recent
10 licensees (such as Kewaunee, SONGS, CR, and Vermont Yankee) to
11 transition to decommissioning include areas such as severe weather
12 and emergency authority of CFHs, communications between the central
13 alarm station and control room, number of armed responders,
14 requirements for force-on-force exercises, and a combination of the
15 central and secondary alarm stations.

16 As discussed in the NRC's Regulatory Basis Document for the
17 ongoing decommissioning rulemaking, the revised rulemaking will
18 standardize several aspects of physical security, such as defining vital
19 areas and target sets. Thus, many of the physical security program
20 changes at decommissioning reactor sites can be accomplished without
21 NRC approval provided the licensees demonstrate no reduction in the
22 effectiveness of the physical security program. However, experience
23 has shown that, although the physical security program changes may
24 not require NRC approval, exemption, or a license amendment,
25 significant NRC staff effort will be expended in the review and
26 verification that the security plan remains effective.

27 This cost estimate includes PG&E licensing support to prepare the
28 submittal, NRC review, and implementation of the approved changes
29 into plant documentation and procedures.

30 **k. ISFSI-Only Technical Specifications, Bases, and Revised License**
31 **Conditions LAR**

32 To support transition to a site undergoing decommissioning with
33 spent nuclear fuel only at the ISFSI (i.e., all spent nuclear fuel has been
34 moved from the SFPs to the ISFSI), changes will be made to the ISFSI

1 TS. This cost estimate includes PG&E licensing support to prepare the
2 submittal and NRC review.

3 **I. ISFSI-Only Emergency Plan Documents**

4 To support transition to a site undergoing decommissioning with
5 spent nuclear fuel only at the ISFSI (i.e., all spent nuclear fuel has been
6 moved from the SFPs to the ISFSI), changes will be made to the
7 site EP.

8 This cost estimate includes PG&E licensing support to prepare the
9 submittal and NRC review.

10 **m. ISFSI-Only Security Plan License Amendment Request**

11 To support transition to a site undergoing decommissioning with
12 spent nuclear fuel only at the ISFSI (i.e., all spent nuclear fuel has been
13 moved from the SFPs to the ISFSI), changes will be made to the
14 physical security program commensurate with the risk as discussed in
15 the decommissioning rulemaking. This cost estimate includes PG&E
16 licensing support to prepare the submittal and NRC review of an
17 ISFSI-only physical security program.

18 **n. Changes to Offsite Dose Calculation Manual**

19 The Offsite Dose Calculation Manual (ODCM) provides the
20 methodology and parameters for determining the current operational
21 offsite doses for DCCP, describes the radioactive effluent controls and
22 radiological environmental monitoring activities, and describes the
23 information that should be included in routine radiological reports to the
24 NRC. To reflect the changes to the plant during decommissioning, the
25 ODCM requires revision and submittal to the NRC.

26 This cost estimate includes PG&E licensing support to prepare the
27 submittal and NRC review.

28 **o. Decommissioned Quality Assurance Program Approval**

29 The Quality Assurance (QA) Program is currently implemented at
30 DCCP to provide assurance that the design, construction, and operation
31 of DCCP and the ISFSI are in conformance with applicable regulatory
32 requirements and with the specified design bases. Before beginning
33 major decommissioning activities, the QA Program plan is updated to

1 reflect the permanently shutdown and defueled condition. In general,
2 this plan is updated to remove commitments to industry standards and
3 RGs that do not apply to a permanently defueled plant and to make new
4 commitments to other industry standards and guides that are
5 appropriate for decommissioning and ISFSI operations. Further, the
6 QA Program plan is typically modified to so that the document is
7 applicable throughout the decommissioning, despite the significant
8 changes in the scope of activities performed and the responsibilities of
9 personnel over the course of the decommissioning.

10 Because the types of QA Program plan updates require NRC
11 approval, this cost estimate includes PG&E licensing support to prepare
12 the submittal, NRC review, and implementation of the approved
13 changes into plant procedures.

14 **p. Regulatory Guide Commitments LAR**

15 To support decommissioning, SONGS submitted an LAR³ and
16 obtained NRC approval⁴ to revise the RGs that were committed to in the
17 FSAR. As discussed in Item f above, the FSAR revisions will be drafted
18 during preparation of other licensing submittals. Consistent with
19 SONGS precedent, it is assumed that a similar RG commitments LAR
20 will be needed to facilitate implementation of FSAR changes, such as
21 transitioning to a SFP island (see Section G).

22 This cost estimate includes PG&E licensing support to prepare the
23 submittal and NRC review.

24 **q. Annual Fee Reclassification LAR**

25 10 CFR 171.15 mandates an annual fee for nuclear power plants
26 and ISFSIs based on the operating status (i.e., power operations,
27 decommissioning, etc.). The annual fee may be reclassified and
28 significantly reduced for decommissioning power plants. Other
29 decommissioning plants, such as Kewaunee and Vermont Yankee, have
30 applied for and received an annual fee reclassification via an LAR.

3 ADAMS Accession No. ML15236A018.

4 ADAMS Accession No. ML16055A522.

1 This cost estimate includes PG&E licensing support to prepare the
2 submittal and NRC review.

3 **r. Certifications for Permanent Fuel Removal**

4 In accordance with 10 CFR 50.82(a)(ii), after the reactor vessel
5 has been defueled, a certification of permanent fuel removal will be
6 submitted to the NRC under oath and affirmation. The content of the
7 letter will specify the actual date of permanent unit shutdown, the date
8 that fuel was removed from the reactor vessel, and the current location
9 of the fuel. After the NRC docket both certifications, the plant is no
10 longer authorized to operate the reactor or have fuel in the
11 reactor vessel.

12 PG&E will submit the Certification for Unit 1 Permanent Fuel
13 Removal in 2024. This cost estimate includes PG&E licensing support
14 to prepare the submittal and NRC review.

15 **2. Permits, Future Land Use, and Stakeholder Engagement**

16 Federal, state, and local permits and approvals are required to perform
17 nearly every decommissioning activity. Through these processes, the
18 decommissioning project will be subject to thorough environmental review
19 as required by both the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the
20 California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). In addition to the permits
21 subject to NEPA and CEQA review, the project will require numerous
22 individual permits from state and local agencies.

23 Permitting is a critical path item. If activities to support permitting are
24 not initiated and completed sufficiently in advance of plant shutdown, all
25 activities will be delayed awaiting receipt of permits. PG&E's goal is to have
26 the major permits necessary to begin physical decommissioning activities in
27 hand as of plant shut down. Benchmarking California sites, as well as
28 PG&E's own experience obtaining Coastal Development Permits (CDP),
29 coastal use permits, California State Lands Commission (CSLC) lease
30 amendments, and other permits supports initiating these required processes
31 as soon as possible. Each step along the way takes time: preparing the
32 applications, responding to agency data requests, supporting the agencies'
33 environmental review processes, commenting on agency documents,

1 including Environmental Impact Reports (EIR) and staff reports, participating
2 in hearings, and submitting and/or defending appeals of the permit. A
3 complete list of environmental permits required for decommissioning is
4 included as DCE Table 3-2.

5 The decommissioning activities PG&E expects will require permits
6 include, but are not limited to:

- 7 • C&D activities including construction of new 12 kilovolt (kV)
8 infrastructure;
- 9 • SFP island construction;
- 10 • ISFSI pad modifications to store GTCC waste;
- 11 • Demolition of buildings and infrastructure including containment
12 buildings, turbine building, 230 kV, etc.;
- 13 • Grading for structure demolition and restoration;
- 14 • Offsite transport of hazardous, non-hazardous, and radiological waste;
- 15 • Water management and treatment; and
- 16 • Operation of heavy equipment used for demolition purposes.

17 As with NRC licensing activities, early permitting activities for
18 decommissioning will save time and money, a significant benefit to
19 customers. Also, early approval allows for a known scope of work and
20 execution schedule so that detailed project planning can begin as soon as
21 possible after plant shut down.

22 PG&E benchmarked five California-based decommissioning sites with
23 similar permitting characteristics to DCPD to assist in determining the state
24 and local permits required for DCPD decommissioning and to supplement its
25 own experiences with state permitting processes to determine the time to
26 obtain the permits:

- 27 • SONGS Unit 2 and Unit 3 Decommissioning;
- 28 • Humboldt Bay Power Plant Unit 3 Decommissioning;
- 29 • Dynegy South Bay Power Plant Decommissioning and Demolition;
- 30 • NRG Carlsbad Power Plant Modernization/Reconstruction; and
- 31 • Los Angeles Telecommunications Hub

32 As noted above, benchmarking demonstrated that permitting activities
33 should begin as early as possible with clear communications between
34 involved agencies. At SONGS, because final plant shutdown was

1 unexpected, early permitting activities could not be performed to support
2 decommissioning. As a result, decommissioning activities have been
3 delayed, causing increased and unexpected costs. PG&E understands that
4 as of November 2018, SONGS is still awaiting approval of permits required
5 to initiate major decommissioning activities even though SONGS was
6 shutdown in 2012. At the Los Angeles Telecommunications Hub and
7 Dynegey South Bay Power Plant, delays and increased costs resulted from
8 the number of review agencies involved in those processes.

9 The remainder of this section identifies the permits PG&E expects to
10 require for decommissioning and the scope of work associated with
11 obtaining these permits before plant shutdown.

12 **a. Major Discretionary Permits Required for Decommissioning**
13 **Activities**

14 Most major discretionary permits require a voting body to exercise
15 judgment or deliberate to approve or deny issuance of a permit at their
16 discretion. These permits can be subject to additional special conditions
17 as determined by the voting body. Major discretionary permits required
18 to support decommissioning activities include CDP(s), CSLC lease or
19 lease amendment, and/or other CSLC actions needed for any proposed
20 repurposing of buildings or lands.

21 All of the industrial areas of DCPD and a majority of the proposed
22 decommissioning activities are located within the California coastal
23 zone. In addition to a new CDP for decommissioning activities, PG&E
24 must obtain an amendment to the CDP for the DC ISFSI in order
25 implement its proposal to store GTCC waste at the existing DC ISFSI.

26 The CSLC issued PG&E Lease PRC 9347.1 in August 2016 for the
27 continued use of the breakwaters, Intake Structure, and Discharge
28 Structure (and other ancillary structures).⁵ The lease expires in
29 August 2025. Special Provision 5.iii states PG&E shall submit “no later
30 than August 26, 2020, a proposed plan for the restoration of the Lease
31 Premises together with a timeline for obtaining all necessary permits
32 and conducting the work prior to the expiration of this Lease.” In other

5 CSLC Lease PRC 9347.1, dated August 8, 2016.

1 words, PG&E will need a new lease from the CSLC to proceed with
2 decommissioning activities.

3 This cost estimate includes the costs of licensing and environmental
4 permitting support to develop environmental evaluations, prepare the
5 permitting submittals to the California Coastal Commission (CCC) and
6 San Luis Obispo County, consultants to support document preparation
7 and agency reviews, the associated CCC and SLO County review fees,
8 and agency preparation of an EIR. It also includes PG&E licensing and
9 environmental permitting support to develop the long-term plans for the
10 breakwaters, intake, and discharge structures, prepare the submittal,
11 and participate in the CSLC review for the new lease. This cost
12 estimate does not include the cost of mitigation measures that agencies
13 may require as conditions to approval of permits.

14 **b. Environmental Permits**

15 Environmental permits are resource-based permits issued by
16 federal, state, or local agencies that typically are not subject to
17 discretionary actions (e.g., U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, California
18 Department of Fish and Wildlife, Central Coast Regional Water Quality
19 Control Board). PG&E anticipates that several environmental permits
20 will be needed to support work activities immediately after final DCP
21 shutdown, including, but not limited to water discharge permits and air
22 emissions permits.

23 This cost estimate includes PG&E permitting and environmental
24 support to obtain necessary environmental permits.

25 **c. Ministerial Permits**

26 Ministerial permits are permits that involve little or no personal
27 judgment by public officials as to the wisdom or manner of carrying out
28 the work. They involve only the use of fixed standards or objective
29 measurements to determine compliance. Public officials apply laws to
30 the facts as presented but use no special discretion or judgement in
31 reaching a decision (e.g., county of SLO demolition permits, building
32 permits, transportation permits). PG&E anticipates that several
33 ministerial permits will be needed to support work activities immediately

1 after final DCPD shutdown, including, but not limited to demolition,
2 grading, and building permits from SLO County Planning and Building
3 Department. These permits will support implementation of the
4 C&D strategy (i.e., construction of new 12 kV infrastructure), site
5 security modifications, and infrastructure for waste processing and
6 management facilities.

7 This cost estimate includes PG&E permitting and environmental
8 support to obtain necessary ministerial permits.

9 **d. Future Land Use**

10 During decommissioning planning, PG&E will develop a Future Land
11 Use Plan for the DCPD site that will represent the culmination of
12 PG&E’s external community and agency outreach, as well as internal
13 decision-making processes to arrive at a proposed during- and
14 post-decommissioning land use plan. This plan will evaluate options for
15 future uses of the site and provide PG&E’s preferred alternative,
16 including facilities to be retained, reused, repurposed, and removed.

17 To evaluate the potential options, PG&E must evaluate
18 environmental resources, socioeconomic factors, engineering (such as
19 infrastructure needed to support the potential site use), and cost factors
20 related to final land uses at the site. This future land use plan will inform
21 the permitting process, as it can be used in the preparation of land use
22 applications and as a resource document for the CEQA process.

23 This cost estimate includes PG&E permitting and environmental
24 support to develop the Future Land Use Plan and consultants to support
25 potential land use option evaluations.

26 **e. Diablo Canyon Decommissioning Engagement Panel**

27 Decommissioning will be a long and complex process requiring the
28 balancing of many interests. PG&E has convened an external
29 stakeholder group—the DCDEP—to support open and transparent
30 dialogue with the community on decommissioning matters. The panel is
31 a volunteer-based, non-regulatory body, the purpose of which is to
32 enhance and foster open communication, public involvement, and
33 education on decommissioning plans and activities, including spent fuel

1 management, EP, security, future potential land uses and repurposing,
2 and the environmental review process for decommissioning. PG&E
3 plans to hold DCDEP meetings on a monthly basis until submittal of the
4 2018 NDCTP and quarterly (or as needed) thereafter.

5 As noted above, the panel members are volunteers and are not paid
6 by PG&E or compensated for their time. Accordingly, this cost estimate
7 includes administrative-type costs only, including fees for meeting
8 spaces, meeting supplies and logistics, a meeting facilitator, and costs
9 of personnel to support the DCDEP.

10 **3. Site Characterization**

11 Radiological characterization provides the basis for radiation protection,
12 identification of contamination, assessment of potential risks, cost
13 estimation, planning and implementation of decommissioning, and other
14 matters. This cost estimate includes costs for the completion of the
15 Historical Site Assessment, writing of the procedures in support of all Final
16 Site Survey (FSS) processes (including sampling, surveying, count room
17 protocols, and data processes), work with demolition planning to ensure
18 FSS work is minimally impacted by demolition activities, and purchase of
19 required FSS equipment.

20 **4. Planning/Management/Project Staff**

21 Benchmarking has been completed with numerous plants that are
22 undergoing or have completed decommissioning. In addition to
23 benchmarking specific topics or facets of decommissioning activities,
24 particular attention has been paid to decommissioning planning. Lessons
25 learned from individual plants, groups representing the nuclear industry
26 (NEI and EPRI), and the NRC have indicated pre-work and planning are key
27 to ensuring a smooth and efficient transition from an operating status to
28 decommissioning. Early, detailed preparation reduces the duration and cost
29 of ND while enhancing safety and efficiency. For example:

30 Oyster Creek: Decommissioning planning should start well before final
31 plant shutdown. With a decommissioning plan in place prior to shutdown,
32 there are opportunities for considerable savings to the overall cost of
33 decommissioning.

1 Connecticut Yankee: Many of the planning activities for the
2 decommissioning of a plant can be conducted well in advance of the actual
3 permanent shutdown. The high-level strategy for the decommissioning
4 should begin when the possibility of decommissioning is being considered.

5 Once the 2018 NDCTP is approved, the DCPD Decommissioning
6 organization will begin planning the associated work in preparation for
7 permanent cessation of operations. PG&E plans to begin a transition
8 several months prior to Unit 1 shutdown that will include preparing the staff
9 and the plant for changes needed to support the cessation of power
10 generation at the units. The transition may take 18-24 months.

11 Decommissioning Project Staff work activities include the following:

- 12 • Development of future NDCTP submittals (including revisions to the
13 DCE), efforts associated with discovery, responses, hearings.
- 14 • Decommissioning pre-planning including:
 - 15 – Developing more detailed decommissioning strategies and work
16 execution approaches; and
 - 17 – Integration of the additional activities with other decommissioning
18 planning efforts to support the development of a more
19 comprehensive, and well-defined decommissioning strategy and
20 greater efficiencies in work execution.
- 21 • Executable work planning. Validating plans once external inputs are
22 received.
- 23 • Program development and changes to existing programs
24 (e.g., engineering and RP programs).
- 25 • Procedure updates/development to support new programs for a
26 decommissioned site.
- 27 • Development/revision to existing work processes and detailed work
28 package development.
- 29 • Oversight to contractors developing specific approved scope of work.
- 30 • Oversight and project management of scopes of work discussed
31 previously.
- 32 • Worker training (new roles and new procedures).
- 33 • Contract support for scopes of work to start early in decommissioning.

- 1 • Specialty contracts to prepare to execute Historical Site Assessment
- 2 surveys prior to shutdown.
- 3 • Planning, engineering for early removal of Tcom/Medical building (#102)
- 4 to increase efficiencies for decommissioning by eliminating
- 5 traffic/congestion issues between it and the Unit 1 buttress and
- 6 increasing laydown areas which will be required for decommissioning,
- 7 and to support more efficient security personnel use.
- 8 • Administrative costs associated with the decommissioning
- 9 planning staff.
- 10 • Overall ramp-up of staff in later years to support decommissioning
- 11 implementation.

12 **F. Waste/Transportation/Material Management**

13 The Waste, Transportation, and the Material Management programs are

14 integral to successful implementation of key decommissioning activities. In

15 order for these programs to be ready for the start of decommissioning, program

16 development prior to shutdown, including procedure writing, mobilization, and

17 planning activities must occur.

18 **G. Power Block Modifications**

19 PG&E's DCE includes three projects scheduled immediately after plant

20 shutdown, each of which supports safe, efficient, cost-effective implementation

21 of the remaining decommissioning activities: security modifications, SFPI, and

22 C&D power. To ensure immediate implementation of these projects upon plant

23 shut down, PG&E proposes to complete necessary design changes (including

24 revisions to calculations and drawings), planning, licensing, and/or sourcing in

25 advance of plant shut down.

26 Completing the preliminary work necessary to implement security

27 modifications, SFPI, and C&D power immediately upon plant shutdown will save

28 time and money and support safe, efficient decommissioning activities

29 throughout the project. Early planning and NRC approval is particularly

30 important for the planned security modifications because the cost savings

31 associated with the modifications begin as soon as they are installed, earlier

32 installation will result in greater net savings.

1 For security modifications, SFPI and C&D power, having NRC approvals in
2 hand allows PG&E to implement approved changes into plant documentation
3 and design packages prior to plant shutdown. That means PG&E can
4 immediately execute the approved changes upon plant shut down, rather than
5 initiating the process after plant shut down and taking several months or a year
6 to develop and issue documentation changes. Additionally, developing the
7 installation work packages prior to final shutdown allows for timely installation
8 of these early projects, allowing the decommissioning project to move forward
9 on schedule.

10 This cost estimate includes the costs of the activities described below. They
11 include only the costs to ensure physical installation can occur immediately upon
12 plant shutdown, not the costs of physical installation. Physical installation will
13 occur after plant shutdown.

14 **1. Security Modifications**

15 There are significant changes at a site during decommissioning
16 activities. Security plans and staffing can be adjusted to reflect the site
17 changes. Implementing security modifications improves efficiency and,
18 ultimately, allows security staff reductions while still maintaining a robust
19 decommissioning defense strategy.

20 To prepare for physical installation of these proposed security
21 modifications, PG&E must develop and submit design changes to the NRC
22 for approval. While the NRC considers these design changes, PG&E will
23 issue a request for proposals to select the contractor to install the
24 modifications. The contractor and PG&E will develop, review, and issue
25 detailed work instructions, diagrams, and documentation to support
26 necessary installation, testing, operation, and maintenance of the planned
27 security modifications consistent with work planning procedures.

28 **2. Spent Fuel Pool Island**

29 Several existing plant systems are used to ensure there is adequate
30 cooling of the spent fuel pools. These existing systems could continue to be
31 used for SFP cooling during decommissioning; however, to facilitate safe
32 and efficient decommissioning, the nuclear industry has implemented the
33 SFPI concept. A SFPI is an independent cooling system for the SFPs that

1 allows the licensee to abandon the in-place plant systems supporting SFP
2 cooling. PG&E plans to develop and install an SFPI to reduce the risk of
3 decommissioning activities impacting the SFPs.

4 To prepare for physical installation of the SFPI, PG&E must develop and
5 submit an engineering design (including revisions to calculations and
6 drawings) to the NRC. While the NRC considers these design changes,
7 PG&E will issue a request for proposals to select the contract to install the
8 SFPI after shutdown. PG&E and the chosen contractor will develop, review,
9 and issue detailed work instructions, diagrams, and documentation to
10 support necessary installation, testing, operation, and maintenance of the
11 planned SFPI in accordance with the existing work planning procedures.

12 **3. Cold and Dark**

13 Perhaps the most significant safety hazard associated with
14 decommissioning power plants is the risk posed by personnel and
15 equipment coming in direct contact with exposed and energized electrical
16 circuits. Industry operating experience indicates that even a robust electrical
17 clearance program is insufficient at managing risks associated with electrical
18 shock or arc flash events, in power plants being decommissioned and
19 demolished. The most effective approach to manage these risks is to
20 remove or disconnect the original power supplies from structures and
21 components within structures before undergoing demolition. This
22 necessitates the installation of an alternate external power supply to support
23 decommissioning work and for selected power plant loads and lighting. This
24 alternate power supply, referred to as C&D power, is independent of the
25 normal plant power supply and distribution system. PG&E intends to install
26 C&D power to reduce the risk of decommissioning activities.

27 To prepare for physical installation of C&D power, PG&E must develop
28 and submit an engineering design (including revisions to calculations and
29 drawings) to the NRC. While the NRC considers these design changes,
30 PG&E will issue a request for proposals to select the contract to install C&D
31 power after plant shut down. PG&E and the chosen contractor will develop,
32 review, and issue detailed work instructions, diagrams, and documentation
33 to support necessary installation, testing, operation, and maintenance of the
34 planned SFPI in accordance with the existing work planning procedures. To

1 ensure that materials are on-site for installation, long lead-time items will be
2 purchased prior to final plant shut down.

3 **H. Site Infrastructure**

4 Site Infrastructure work activities includes development of plans and design
5 to relocate the telecommunications equipment in Building 102 to enable early
6 demolition of this building which supports more efficient security personnel use
7 and greater space efficiency for key decommissioning activities.

8 **I. Reactor/Internals Segmentation**

9 In addition to the general project staff activities noted above, the
10 decommissioning team will need to perform (or contract) technical evaluations
11 prior to decommissioning to support implementation of strategies, respond to
12 NRC or permitting agency requests for additional information, and other
13 activities supporting decommissioning work. As an example, a technical
14 evaluation must be performed to confirm that the Holtec packaging system
15 and waste transportation cask will accommodate the radioactivity quantities
16 and heat loads that will be present in the RPV and internals. This evaluation
17 must be completed long before planned segmentation given the significant
18 lead time for design, fabrication, and delivery of the waste packages and
19 transportation casks.

20 The cost estimate for this analysis includes PG&E and contractor labor
21 costs, technical evaluations, planning and procurement activities, not already
22 included elsewhere in this application.

23 **J. Balance of Site Demolition**

24 Early completion of preparation work will support demolition of site buildings
25 as soon as practical after final shutdown. Detailed engineering and planning is
26 needed for each structure to ensure that it is demolished in a safe, timely, and
27 cost-effective manner. In addition, early mobilization of personnel and
28 equipment also will be completed prior to shutdown to gain efficiencies.

29 **K. Conclusion**

30 The Commission should adopt PGE's proposed early decommissioning planning
31 activities and associated costs.

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5 **A. Introduction**

6 The purpose of this chapter is to present the results of Pacific Gas and
7 Electric Company's (PG&E) Diablo Canyon Power Plant (DCPP) Units 1 and 2
8 site-specific decommissioning cost estimate (DCE). The DCE identifies the cost
9 and schedule to conduct radiological decommissioning of DCPP; termination of
10 the DCPP 10 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 50 licenses; spent fuel
11 management until the Spent Nuclear Fuel (SNF) and Greater Than Class C
12 (GTCC) waste have been removed to an off-site facility; termination of the
13 Diablo Canyon Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (DC ISFSI) 10 CFR
14 Part 72 license; and site restoration activities.

15 The DCE provided as PG&E Prepared Testimony, Chapter 4, Attachment A
16 includes a comprehensive explanation of PG&E's derivation of the costs of
17 decommissioning DCPP.

18 **B. Summary**

19 As described in PG&E Prepared Testimony, Chapter 2, the DCE was
20 developed from the ground up without reference to the unit cost factor
21 methodology used for purposes of financial planning in prior Nuclear
22 Decommissioning Cost Triennial Proceedings (NDCTP).

23 The projected total cost to decommission DCPP, including costs spent
24 to date, is \$4.8 billion (nominal/2017 \$) as shown in Table 4-1.

**TABLE 4-1
PROJECTED TOTAL COST TO DECOMMISSION DCP
(THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)**

ID	Scope Description	Total
1	Program Management, Oversight, & Fees	\$1,462,045
2	Security Operations	560,686
3	Waste/Transportation/Material Management (Excluding: Breakwater, Reactor Vessel/Internal Segmentation, & Large Component Removal)	855,211
4	Power Block Modifications	80,707
5	Site Infrastructure	140,972
6	Large Component Removal	166,370
7	Reactor/Internals Segmentation	332,341
8	Spent Fuel Transfer to ISFSI	235,541
9	Turbine Building	68,667
10	Aux Building	92,122
11	Containment	121,012
12	Fuel Handling Building	48,627
14	Balance of Site	80,702
15	Intake	41,654
16	Discharge	15,122
17	Breakwater	286,326
18	Non-ISFSI Site Restoration	135,075
19	Spent Fuel Transfer to United States (U.S.) Department of Energy (DOE)	24,258
20	ISFSI Demolition and Site Restoration	54,956
21	Grand Total	\$4,802,395

1 As explained in PG&E Prepared Testimony, Chapters 3 and 11, PG&E is
2 proposing to perform decommissioning planning during the next six years, and
3 to adopt a separate revenue mechanism for recovery of these planning costs.
4 While included in Table 4-1, these costs are not included for purposes of
5 determining the amount of trust contributions and revenue requirements
6 contained in Chapter 10 and 11.

7 **C. Organization of the DCE**

8 Because DCP decommissioning is a large, complex project that will span
9 decades, PG&E organized its cost estimate using a standard project
10 management methodology consisting of a work breakdown structure that details
11 scopes of work required, time tables, and cost estimates. PG&E divided the
12 DCE into three Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)-defined cost categories
13 (or phases):

14 License Termination: Costs that are consistent with “decommissioning” as
15 defined by the NRC in its financial assurance regulations (10 CFR 50.75). The
16 costs included in this category are generally sufficient to terminate the plant’s

1 operating licenses, recognizing that spent fuel management represents an
2 additional cost liability that will interact with the license termination effort.

3 License Termination cost estimates are described in DCE Section 4.1.1.

4 Spent Fuel Management: Costs associated with the containerization and
5 transfer of spent fuel from the Spent Fuel Pools (SFP) to the DC ISFSI and the
6 transfer of casks from the DC ISFSI to an approved off-site location. Costs also
7 are included for the operations of the SFPs and management of the DC ISFSI
8 until all SNF and GTCC waste is transferred to an approved off-site location.

9 Spent Fuel Management cost estimates are described in DCE Section 4.1.2.

10 Site Restoration: Costs associated with the dismantling and demolition of
11 buildings and facilities demonstrated to be free from radiological contamination.
12 This includes structures never exposed to radioactive materials (such as office
13 buildings), as well as those facilities that have been decontaminated to
14 appropriate levels (such as the turbine building). Structures are assumed to be
15 removed to a depth of three feet (unless noted otherwise) and backfilled to
16 conform to local grade. Site Restoration cost estimates are described in
17 Section 4.1.3.

18 Table 4-2 provides a breakdown of the DCE by decommissioning phase
19 and unit.

TABLE 4-2
PROJECTED TOTAL COST TO DECOMMISSION DCP
BY DECOMMISSIONING PHASE AND UNIT
(THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)

Line No.	Decommissioning Phase	Unit 1	Unit 2	Grand Total
1	License Termination	\$1,465,834	\$1,462,531	\$2,928,365
2	Spent Fuel Management	600,752	571,839	1,172,592
3	Site Restoration	190,308	511,130	701,438
4	Grand Total	\$2,256,894	\$2,545,501	\$4,802,395

20 Within each category, costs were estimated by scope of work. The costs
21 assigned to these categories are allocations. Cost elements are designated to
22 enable comparison (e.g., with NRC financial guidelines) or to permit specific
23 financial treatment (e.g., asset retirement obligation determinations). In fact,
24 there may be considerable interaction among the activities in the
25 three subcategories. For example, an owner may decide to remove

1 non-contaminated structures early in the project to improve access to
2 contaminated facilities or plant components. However, in general, the
3 allocations represent a reasonable accounting of those costs that can be
4 expected to be incurred for the specific subcomponents of the total estimated
5 program cost.

6 **D. Comparison to Prior NDCTP Estimates**

7 In order to comply with the Commission's directive to provide a comparison
8 with the two most recent NDCTP cost estimates, Table 4-3 allocates the 2012
9 and 2015 NDCTP cost estimates into the cost categories used in this NDCTP.

TABLE 4-3
COMPARISON OF 2012, 2015, AND 2018 NDCTP DCP COST ESTIMATES
(THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)

ID	Scope Description	2012 NDCTP		2015 NDCTP		2018 NDCTP
		As-Filed 2012 NDCTP (2017\$)	Approved 2012 NDCTP (2017\$)	As-Filed 2015 NDCTP (2017\$)	Approved 2015 NDCTP (2017\$)	Request 2018 NDCTP (2017\$)
1	Program Management, Oversight, and Fees	\$976,691	\$866,017	\$1,210,156	\$836,038	\$1,462,045
2	Security Operations	684,366	406,887	748,516	218,574	560,686
3	Waste/Transportation/Material Management (Excluding: Breakwater, Reactor Vessel/Internal Segmentation, & Large Component Removal)	286,847	244,821	371,944	314,761	855,211
4	Power Block Modifications	66,994	67,892	59,174	57,861	80,707
5	Site Infrastructure	11,365	11,518	19,158	11,534	140,972
6	Large Component Removal	162,727	125,380	181,640	178,861	166,370
7	Reactor/Internals Segmentation	181,766	126,442	276,862	190,933	332,341
8	Spent Fuel transfer to ISFSI	213,162	213,249	236,855	287,098	235,541
9	Turbine Building	28,103	28,480	28,141	28,737	68,667
10	Aux Building	63,214	64,062	67,171	64,669	92,122
11	Containment	204,418	192,258	198,340	193,228	121,012
12	Fuel Handling Building	27,201	27,566	24,008	23,632	48,627
14	Balance of Site	30,914	31,329	33,325	31,593	80,702
15	Intake Structure	10,354	10,493	10,504	10,523	41,654
16	Discharge Structure	1,460	1,480	1,495	1,483	15,122
17	Breakwater	72,818	73,794	376,809	74,019	286,326
18	Non-ISFSI Site Restoration	112,851	60,888	120,248	83,737	135,075
19	Spent Fuel transfer to DOE	128,645	130,370	107,309	104,928	24,258
20	ISFSI Demolition and Site Restoration	5,216	5,277	9,734	417	54,956
21	Grand Total	\$3,269,112	\$2,688,201	\$4,081,388	\$2,712,625	\$4,802,395

1 As stated in Chapter 2, the current DCE is a ground-up study prepared as
2 an executable decommissioning plan. It was not prepared with reference to the
3 prior TLG cost studies and uses a completely different methodology than the
4 prior unit cost factor methodology. In other words, the estimated costs were
5 developed through entirely different processes, and differences between the
6 estimates may not correlate to specific individual assumptions.

7 **E. Major Components of DCE**

8 This section provides additional information about significant
9 decommissioning activities.¹

10 **1. Breakwater Facilities**

11 The DCE includes the costs for the complete removal of the DCP
12 intake structure, breakwaters, and discharge structure. Removal of the
13 DCP breakwaters presents environmental challenges and represents a
14 significant component of decommissioning costs, but, as described below,
15 PG&E is contractually liable to remove these facilities by the terms of
16 PG&E's California State Lands Commission (CSLC) lease. Therefore,
17 breakwaters removal must be included in the cost of decommissioning
18 DCP. This section describes the DCP breakwaters facilities and the
19 costs of removal; possible alternatives to removal are discussed in PG&E
20 Prepared Testimony, Chapter 5, Section D.

21 **a. Description of Off-Shore Facilities**

22 As part of its once-through cooling system, DCP has structures
23 (facilities) that are situated on tide and submerged lands in and adjacent
24 to the Pacific Ocean. These are the Cooling Water Intake Structure,
25 Breakwaters, and the Cooling Water Discharge Structure (see
26 Figures 4-1 and 4-2). The DCP circulating water system draws water
27 from the Pacific Ocean via the cooling water intake structure.

28 Breakwaters extend from two points into the ocean, creating an area of
29 calm surface water around the intake structure. The breakwaters are
30 built from man-made interlocking concrete tri-bar, (concrete block in a

1 SNF issues are discussed in PG&E Prepared Testimony, Chapter 6.

- 1 complex geometric shape weighing up to 38 tons, used to protect harbor
- 2 walls from the erosive force of ocean waves) (see Figure 4-3).

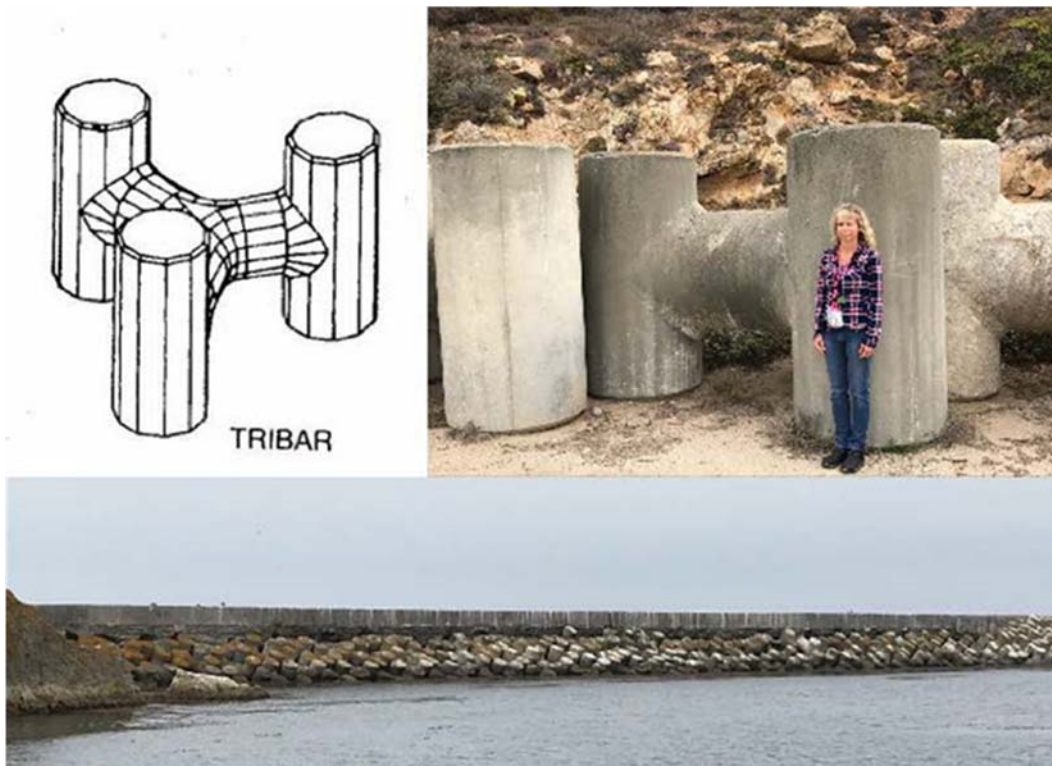
**FIGURE 4-1
DCPP'S INTAKE STRUCTURE, BREAKWATERS, AND
DISCHARGE STRUCTURE LOOKING NORTH**



FIGURE 4-2
DCPP'S INTAKE STRUCTURE, BREAKWATERS, AND
DISCHARGE STRUCTURE LOOKING SOUTHEAST



FIGURE 4-3
CONCRETE TRIBAR



b. California State Land Commission Lease Requirements

Prior to construction of DCP, PG&E obtained a 49-year lease and a 49-year right-of-way from the CSLC to construct, operate, and maintain the cooling water intake and discharge structures. See Table 4-4.

**TABLE 4-4
PREVIOUS CSLC LEASE AND RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR DCP**

Line No.	Commencement	Lease Premise(s)	Lease	Original Expiration
1	August 28, 1969	Intake Structure & Intake Breakwaters	Lease No. PRC 4307.1 General Lease	August 27, 2018
2	June 1, 1970	Cooling Water Discharge Channel	Lease No. PRC 4449.1 Right of Way	May 31, 2019

Lease No. PRC 4307.1 Section 14 and Lease No. PRC 4449.1 Section 16 both required PG&E to restore the lease premises, as nearly as possible, to the conditions existing prior to the installation or construction of any improvements when the lease is terminated:

That the following specifically enumerated and described structures, buildings, pipe lines, machinery and facilities placed or erected by Lessee or existing and located upon said demised premises shall become and remain the property of the State upon expiration or earlier termination of this agreement;...

All other structures, buildings, pipe lines, machinery and facilities placed or erected by Lessee or existing and located upon said demised premises shall be salvaged and removed by Lessee, at Lessee's sole expense and risk, within ninety (90) days after the expiration of the period of this agreement or prior to any sooner termination of this agreement; and Lessee in so doing shall restore said demised premises as nearly as possible to the condition existing prior to the erection or placing of the structures, buildings, pipe lines, machinery and facilities so removed....

As a result of the decision to retire DCP, PG&E and the CSLC agreed to replace the old general lease and right-of-way with one new lease that would expire at the same time as DCP's NRC license for operation of Unit 2 (see Table 4-5). On June 28, 2016, the CSLC authorized termination of the old leases and right-of-way and the execution of a new lease.

**TABLE 4-5
CURRENT CSLC LEASE FOR DCPD**

Line No.	Commencement	Lease Premise(s)	Lease	Expiration
1	June 28, 2016	Discharge Channel, Intake Structure, Intake Breakwaters, & Associated Facilities	Lease No. PRC 9347.1 General Lease – Industrial Use	August 26, 2025

1 Lease No. PRC 9347.1 defines the Intake Structure, Breakwaters,
2 and Discharge Structure as improvements and retains PG&E's
3 obligation contained in the prior lease and right-of way to remove all
4 improvements. The CSLC agreed to eliminate the time frame for
5 removal of improvements within 90 days after the expiration of
6 the lease:

7 Lessee must remove all or any Improvements, together with the
8 debris and all parts of any such Improvements at its sole expense
9 and risk, in accordance with a decommissioning and restoration plan
10 under Section 3, Paragraph 13(a)(3), regardless of whether Lessee
11 actually constructed or placed the Improvements on the Lease
12 Premises. Lessor may waive all or any part of this obligation in its
13 sole discretion if doing so is in the best interests of the State. Lease
14 No. PRC 9347.1 Section 2, Item 5.i

c. Breakwaters Removal Costs

15 The costs associated with the complete removal of the breakwater
16 are summarized in Table 4-6, below, with a more detailed discussion on
17 the removal process in DCE Section 4.1.3.2.4.
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**TABLE 4-6
BREAKWATER REMOVAL COSTS
(THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)**

Line No.		Labor	Material	Equipment	Disposal	Other	Grand Total
1	Cost	\$18,652	\$2,374	\$114,526	\$18,166	\$132,608	\$286,326

19 Because of salt concentration in the breakwater concrete due to
20 years of immersion in the salt water, this concrete material is limited in
21 its allowed reuse due to the potential for corrosive interaction with
22 structural steel. The limited allowed reuse would require a recycling
23 company to segregate concrete waste that has been exposed to salt

1 water from clean concrete waste. This makes it unlikely that a recycling
2 company would accept the breakwater concrete material, meaning it
3 would have to be considered as waste.

4 It is possible that the concrete from the breakwaters could be reused
5 in non-structural applications to improve existing roads. Potential
6 on-site reuse of the concrete from the breakwaters was evaluated as
7 material for improving the DCPN North Ranch Road, DCPN Primary
8 Access Roads, 500 kilovolt Tower Access roads, and the ISFSI
9 Transporter Route/Reservoir Road. However, prior to reuse for road
10 surfacing, the concrete would need to be characterized through
11 sampling and lab analysis to determine the leaching potential for
12 chlorides and pH.

13 The concrete from the breakwaters could also possibly be reused to
14 fortify the breakwaters at either the Morro Bay Harbor Entrance or at
15 Port San Luis. Per U.S. Army Corps Engineers Shore Protection
16 Manual, Tri-bars and Tetra-pods have been used in conjunction with
17 rubble-mound breakwaters. However, these potential actions also
18 require significant discretionary permitting from agencies outside of
19 PG&E's control.

20 Due to the low likelihood of a recycling company accepting the
21 breakwater material and the high uncertainty of what percentage of
22 breakwater material may be reused on site, dependent of future salinity
23 testing for potential leaching impacts, and uncertainty of potential offsite
24 marine reuse, the breakwater concrete is classified as waste in this cost
25 estimate. Its waste volume is approximately the same as all the other
26 waste on site combined.

27 In addition to the costs in Table 4-6, there are environmental
28 impacts associated with the removal of the breakwater. Removal of the
29 breakwaters would disrupt the well-established existing ecosystem.
30 During the evaluation of demolition techniques required to implement full
31 removal of the breakwater, PG&E determined that underwater
32 explosives would need to be used, which would involve significant
33 impacts to the local ecosystem, assuming PG&E were to be able to
34 obtain the permits to use underwater explosives at all. To the extent

1 that established wetlands within this area are disturbed or destroyed
2 during removal of the breakwaters, PG&E could be required to mitigate
3 for temporal losses, and to re-create permanently lost habitat in a
4 new location.

5 The removal of the breakwaters would also have a truck
6 emissions impact from approximately 32,500 truckloads worth of waste.
7 The breakwaters concrete has high levels of salt concentration due to
8 years of immersion in salt water; this concrete waste is limited in its
9 allowed reuse because of the potential for corrosive interaction with
10 structural steel.

11 **2. Disposal of Decommissioning Material**

12 **a. Summary**

13 Decommissioning of a nuclear facility involves the generation of
14 materials, including structures, components, concrete, soils, and other
15 debris that must be dispositioned. Disposal costs are a significant
16 portion of the overall decommissioning cost estimate. The cost is based
17 largely on the volume of material generated during decommissioning
18 and the disposal costs for that material. Although this cost is driven by
19 the size of the plant Radiological Controls Area buildings, contamination
20 levels, and building radiological release strategy, careful management
21 and planning can help control disposal costs.

22 PG&E is proactively planning to manage the waste disposal
23 process. First, PG&E plans to minimize the amount of waste generated
24 through building demolition techniques. Next, PG&E is identifying all
25 reasonable opportunities to: (a) reuse clean materials and thus avoid
26 both transportation and disposal costs; (b) recycle clean materials when
27 reuse is not a viable option and thus avoid the cost of disposal; and
28 (c) when reuse and recycle of clean materials is not an option, to seek
29 the lowest cost transportation and disposal options available. PG&E's
30 goal is that clean materials stay clean and are not mixed in with higher
31 level waste.

32 In addition to actively managing clean materials, PG&E has a
33 strategy to minimize the costs of disposing of radiological materials.

1 Since the least expensive radiological materials to dispose of are those
2 materials containing the lowest radiological activity concentrations,
3 PG&E will minimize the higher activity Class B/C wastes and segregate
4 Low-Activity Radioactive Waste (LARW) from Class A wastes to the
5 maximum extent possible.

6 Decommissioning materials fall into three basic categories:

7 Radiological material: Material that contains radioactive
8 contaminants from the operation of DCPD that exceed established
9 limits. Radiological material must be shipped to an NRC licensed
10 facility.

11 Hazardous/regulated materials: Material that contains other
12 regulated substances, such as asbestos, lead, or mercury. Hazardous
13 wastes must be disposed of at a facility designated as a hazardous
14 landfill and are destined to be shipped out-of-state. A subcategory of
15 this waste is "mixed waste" that contains both hazardous and
16 radiological materials. Mixed wastes must be shipped to an NRC
17 licensed facility and are destined to be shipped out-of-state.

18 Clean materials: Materials that do not meet the criteria to be
19 classified as radiological, hazardous, or mixed wastes. Clean materials
20 may be evaluated for reuse (e.g., concrete for backfill), recycling
21 (e.g., metals such as rebar), or disposal

22 In developing the current cost estimate, PG&E has taken substantial
23 steps to minimize the total amount of waste, minimize the amount of
24 high-level waste versus lower-level radiological waste by segregating
25 higher-level wastes, and maximize reusing waste to avoid the costs of
26 off-site disposal.

27 **b. Waste Reduction Through Building Removal Techniques**

28 Over the last three decades, the nuclear industry has adopted
29 several approaches to nuclear facility building decontamination and
30 demolition of structural steel and concrete to meet free release criteria.
31 The decontamination methods include:

- 32 • Mechanical decontamination, such as scabbling;
- 33 • Chemical decontamination to reduce the contaminants to the free
34 release criteria prior to demolition; and

- Commodity removal to completely remove non-structural highly contaminated components.

By sequencing the demolition, meaning to demolish clean buildings first, then contaminated buildings, plants have been able to minimize the waste generated and optimize the schedule for removal of the waste. This leads to cost efficiencies and is better for the environment. After removing large or highly contaminated components, most plants have chosen aggressive techniques to remove concrete to lower contamination levels to allow lower cost disposal rather than to spend the time to completely decontaminate the concrete. Contamination in cracks and construction joints was found to require significant time and effort to fully mitigate, adding to the overall decommissioning costs. Aggressive techniques include using of hydraulic-rams to rapidly remove large thicknesses of concrete instead of taking multiple passes with a concrete shaver (scabbling). The DCE Section 4.1.3. provides detailed information on decontamination methods.

PG&E has elected to use a combination of all three methods based on input from industry experts, to prepare for Open Air Demolition (OAD), which is the fastest and most cost-effective way to demolish large buildings in preparation for dispositioning the resultant materials. Prior to OAD, the structures will be evaluated to quantify both radiological and hazardous/regulated materials contained inside. Limits for each type of hazard will be developed to ensure the continued protection of the workforce, public, and environment during OAD.

The buildings will then be separated into different categories to ensure the waste is segregated properly. Clean concrete will be used for backfill, if appropriate; all other materials will be recycled or disposed of in an appropriate landfill.

In buildings with contaminated systems/areas, the highly contaminated systems or large components will be removed first, then they will be decontaminated or sealed in place. Examples of a large contaminated component are the steam generators or reactor coolant pumps. If any hazard exceeds the limit, then the hazard is further mitigated prior to OAD. Residual concrete surfaces of impacted

1 structures would be decontaminated by using an abrasive, or scabbling
2 would be used to lower contamination levels in these areas. Similarly,
3 residual structural steel surfaces of impacted structures will be
4 decontaminated to a bare bright finish by abrasive blasting or
5 mechanical abrading. Once all hazards are below the established limits,
6 OAD can proceed.

7 This method minimizes cross-contamination of other areas when a
8 building is demolished, which would potentially increase disposal costs.
9 The building and remaining components will be demolished at the same
10 time. The resultant demolition material will then be loaded and
11 transported to a waste or recycling center as appropriate. Clean
12 material will be kept segregated from radiological and
13 hazardous/regulated material to prevent cross contamination that would
14 result in cost increases with disposal.

15 PG&E has preliminarily identified all buildings on site and initially
16 categorized them into these categories.

- 17 • Category 1: Structures that require little or no decontamination or
18 hazardous material removal.
- 19 • Category 2: Structures that require significant amounts of
20 preparation.
- 21 • Category 3: Large structures that are unique and have significant
22 amounts of preparation work.

23 **Category 1 and 2**

24 During OAD, Category 1 and 2 structures will first be demolished
25 down to each structure's floor slab elevation. During this period, the
26 Demolition Group will segregate the demolition debris to the greatest
27 extent practicable. Clean concrete rubble from demolition will be used
28 as backfill and other uses on site to the extent possible. To minimize
29 potential environmental concerns (pH issues) with concrete backfill,
30 PG&E assumes that the concrete will be blended with soil at a rate
31 of 5:1 (soil to concrete). Reuse of concrete was approved by the County
32 of San Luis Obispo in the Chevron/Estero Marine Terminal Source
33 Removal Project. However, PG&E expects there will be more clean
34 concrete generated from decommissioning activities than the site can

1 use for backfill. This excess debris will be transported to the
2 Pismo Beach Railyard. Contaminated debris will be sent to an area
3 designated by the Waste Operations Group for packaging and required
4 documentation.

5 The subsequent removal of the remaining Category 1 and 2
6 structures will occur once the Final Status Survey (FSS) Plan has been
7 developed by the Final Site Restoration Group and any required surveys
8 conducted.

9 **Category 3**

10 The Intake Structure is large and unique. It will be demolished when
11 it is no longer needed for site operations. As is the case with the
12 disposal of the breakwater's concrete discussed above, this material will
13 not be reused or recycled due to its salt content from years of contact
14 with the ocean.

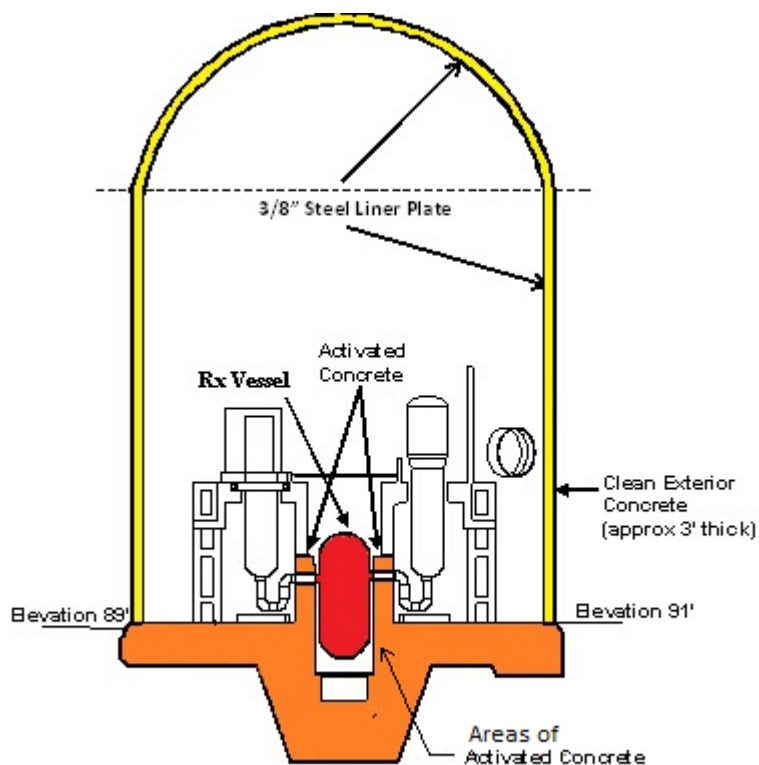
15 The demolition of the Containment Buildings, Turbine Building, and
16 Auxiliary Building, which include the Fuel Handling Buildings and the
17 Discharge Structure, will begin after all of the SNF, special nuclear
18 materials, and GTCC waste have been transferred to the ISFSI.

19 The Containment Buildings at the DCPD site are unique in that they
20 are not occupied during the plant's operation. The buildings are typically
21 only accessed when the plant is shut down for periods such as refueling
22 outages every 18 months. During operations, some containment
23 surfaces may become contaminated due to minor amounts of system
24 leakage. When the plant is shut down for an outage, the accessible
25 surfaces are decontaminated.

26 Certain parts of the structures' interiors have limited accessibility or
27 small concrete cracks below the surface that remain radiologically
28 contaminated. The containment building exteriors are not expected to
29 be contaminated because they have a steel liner plate that serves as a
30 barrier—preventing contamination that's on the interior surfaces from
31 migrating into the buildings' outer shell. These liners will be left in place
32 until the interior is demolished to prevent contamination of the exterior
33 shell. The liners will then be decontaminated. With this sequence the

1 exterior dome of containment is expected to remain clean material and
2 be available for repurposing on site. See Figure 4-4.

**FIGURE 4-4
CONTAINMENT**



3 The concrete and steel around the Reactor Vessel is expected to be
4 activated from years of power operations. The activation comes from
5 years of neutron exposure with the concrete around the reactor vessel
6 while it is producing power. Activated concrete cannot be
7 decontaminated, and therefore, is radiological material. The activation
8 of the concrete around the reactor vessel and years of work in
9 containment make the interior of containment concrete a waste that
10 cannot be reused or recycled.

11 **c. Disposal of Material**

12 Prior to demolition, material slated for removal from the site will be
13 evaluated to identify what can be repurposed (or reused), recycled, or
14 disposed of as waste. This approach minimizes costs and is

1 environmentally responsible. Where possible, materials generated
2 during decommissioning will be prioritized for reuse, then recycle.
3 Materials designated for reuse are those clean materials that have
4 another use on-site, avoiding transportation and disposal costs and the
5 associated environmental impacts with transportation and off-site
6 disposal. Materials designated for recycling will be clean materials that
7 still possess usable value but are not useable on-site, incurring
8 transportation costs but no disposal costs. Off-site disposal will be
9 considered in cases where neither reuse or recycling is possible
10 because the material contains radiological or hazardous/regulated
11 contaminants, is not suitable for recycling, or when it is not economical.

12 Demolition methods and handling techniques will be selected to
13 minimize cross-contaminating clean materials with those required to be
14 disposed of as wastes. To minimize cross-contamination with clean
15 materials, the clean materials will be removed first and segregated from
16 the transportation and storage areas used for radiological or
17 hazardous/regulated materials.

18 Concrete, for example, was used extensively during DCP's
19 construction. Most of the non-marine concrete is clean and can be
20 reused at the site for fill, avoiding both transportation and disposal costs.
21 To minimize potential environmental concerns (pH issues) with concrete
22 backfill, PG&E assumes that the concrete will be blended with soil at a
23 rate of 5:1 (soil to concrete). Reuse of concrete was approved by the
24 County of San Luis Obispo in the Chevron/Estero Marine Terminal
25 Source Removal Project. There is more clean concrete than is needed
26 for fill; and the remaining concrete will need to be transported to a
27 recycler. Recycling the excess concrete is more cost effective than
28 disposing of it because only transportation costs are incurred. Last, a
29 small fraction of the concrete slated for removal from the site will exhibit
30 some radiological characteristics that renders the material unsuitable for
31 reuse or recycling. Those materials will be disposed as radiological
32 waste.

33 An overall goal of DCP's decommissioning is to reduce the amount
34 of material that is disposed of in a landfill/burial facility. PG&E has

1 evaluated the site and detailed the types and quantities of each material
2 on site to determine the lowest cost option, including what quantities of
3 material could be recycled or reused on-site instead of shipped offsite
4 for disposal. PG&E determined the estimated cost of disposal based on
5 the type and amount of material, disposal location, and transportation
6 method.

7 Several transportation methods were evaluated—including trucking,
8 barging, and rail. PG&E determined that it is cost effective to use a
9 combination of trucks and rail. Some disposal or recycling centers
10 cannot receive rail cars; therefore, in these cases, trucking was
11 selected. Rail was the preferred option for radiological waste because
12 the disposal sites that can receive this waste have rail spurs; this option
13 also reduces the impacts to roads and the environment due to lower
14 emissions.

15 While work boats and barges could be used during DCPD
16 decommissioning to assist in the removal of the intake and discharge
17 structures, east and west breakwaters, and to transport waste materials
18 from the project site to ports in either Southern or Northern California
19 their use presents additional regulatory, operational, and cost
20 challenges.

21 In review of state regulations and mitigation measures from the
22 San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS) draft environmental
23 impact review (EIR), PG&E determined that the use of work boats and
24 barges would present several challenges for the DCPD
25 decommissioning project. The SONGS draft EIR proposes as a
26 mitigation measure that all barges and work boats to be used during the
27 SONGS decommissioning project originate from ports located within
28 California. The restriction of marine vessels to specific harbors reduces
29 the likelihood of vessel availability and is potentially cost-prohibitive as
30 there are a limited number of marine work vessels in California.

31 Additionally, while the SONGS draft EIR proposes extensive
32 mitigation measures to limit the spread of non-native marine species,
33 the DCPD coastline has been touted by many as pristine and virtually
34 untouched and is not exposed to such risks today. The use of work

1 boats and barges from local ports still has the potential to introduce
2 invasive marine species into this pristine environment. The introduction
3 of non-native marine species can result in permanent changes to the
4 coastal environment and marine community; several local groups have
5 expressed explicit interest in preserving this area, and introducing this
6 risk does not result in favorable tradeoffs for operations or other
7 considerations.

8 The use of barges to transport waste materials offsite present
9 two additional challenges not easily overcome: greenhouse gas
10 emissions from barges during transport of waste to a nearby port and
11 the potential for waste to be discharged to the ocean during an accident.
12 The use of marine barges for transport of waste from DCPD to a local
13 port (likely Port Hueneme) would result in a significant increase of air
14 emissions, as the trip would be over approximately 125 nautical miles
15 vs. the nearby rail spur in Pismo Beach, California. The SONGS
16 decommissioning project will not be using barges for waste transport,
17 even with several local ports available with significantly shorter travel
18 distances.

19 Finally, the costs to retrieve any waste discharged into the ocean
20 during an accident would likely be significant, if even technically
21 feasible, with both the risks and costs outweighing any potential costs
22 savings versus hauling waste offsite by truck.

23 Further details can be found in DCE Section 4.1.1.7.

24 **1) Radiological Material**

25 There are five types of radioactive waste listed below, in
26 ascending order of contamination and unit disposal costs:

27 LARW is radioactive waste in which there is minimal detectable
28 activity, where the level does not cross the lower threshold of
29 Class A waste definition parameters. It will be disposed of as
30 10 CFR 20.2002 waste. Although 10 CFR 20.2002 waste is
31 radioactive waste, it is not LLRW.

32 Class A waste is radioactive waste in which the radiological
33 activity concentration is easily detectable and does not exceed
34 0.1 times the value in Table 1 of 10 CFR 61.55.

1 Class B is waste that must meet more rigorous requirements, as
2 set forth in 10 CFR 61.56. The physical form and characteristics of
3 Class B waste must meet both the minimum and stability
4 requirements.

5 Class C waste has increasing levels of activity as compared to
6 Class A; it exceeds 0.1 times the value in Table 1 of 10 CFR 61.55,
7 but does not exceed the values in Table 1; it not only must meet
8 more rigorous requirements on waste form to ensure stability, but it
9 also requires additional measures at the disposal facility to protect
10 against inadvertent intrusion. The physical form and characteristics
11 of Class C waste must meet both the minimum and stability
12 requirements set forth in 10 CFR 61.56.

13 GTCC is waste in which the radiological activity concentration
14 exceeds the value in Table 1 in 10 CFR 61.55; the waste is not
15 generally acceptable for near-surface disposal; it is managed the
16 same as high level radioactive waste. There are no licensed
17 facilities that can accept GTCC waste; and, therefore, will be stored
18 in the ISFSI. The generation and packaging of GTCC waste is
19 discussed in DCE, Section 4.1.1.4. and Section 4.1.2.3.1.

20 Currently, there are three licensed facilities that can accept
21 DCPD radiological material for disposal in the U.S.: Clive Disposal
22 Facility in Clive, Utah; Waste Control Specialists LLC in Andrews,
23 Texas and US Ecology in Grand View, Idaho. Each of these
24 facilities can receive different types of radiological materials. To the
25 extent practical, PG&E will minimize the generation of Class B/C
26 waste in order to avoid the high cost of disposing it. Further, much
27 of the material that is potentially contaminated is expected to have
28 very low radiological contamination, below Class A, known as
29 LARW.

30 The Idaho facility is currently the most cost-effective facility
31 available to DCPD and licensed to accept this LARW waste. PG&E
32 will attempt to segregate this LARW material from the material that
33 meets the Class A criteria because it can be disposed of at one-fifth
34 the cost of Class A waste. PG&E estimates that there will be about

1 60 percent more LARW waste than all of the Class A waste. Taking
2 into account the different locations and disposal costs, disposing of
3 LARW waste is about 75 percent less expensive than disposing of
4 that same waste if it were classified as Class A waste. Segregation
5 activities and proper classification of the waste would result in a cost
6 avoidance of approximately \$470 million. The costs of the various
7 disposal options are depicted in the confidential version of the DCE
8 Table 3-9 Radiological and Hazardous Materials Disposal Costs.

9 There are no facilities in the U.S. that can receive GTCC
10 wastes. The GTCC wastes will be packaged in containers similar to
11 those used for packaging of SNF in order to provide for safe on-site
12 storage and to ensure that the material is isolated from the
13 environment. Ultimately, PG&E believes the GTCC wastes will be
14 transferred to DOE or some other federally licensed final repository.

15 **2) Hazardous Material (Excluding Mixed Waste)**

16 The most common hazardous materials include asbestos, lead,
17 mercury, and PCBs. Suitable disposal locations were identified for
18 the cost estimate. For detailed cost information see DCE
19 Section 4.1.1.3.

20 **3) Clean Material**

21 Clean Material is non-radiological/non-hazardous material that
22 fall into one of three categories:

- 23 1. Reusable concrete material
- 24 2. Recyclable materials, which include two primary categories:
 - 25 a) Concrete
 - 26 b) Metals, both ferrous and non-ferrous
- 27 3. General demolition debris

28 PG&E plans to disposition clean materials by one of the
29 following methods:

30 **Reuse**

31 A significant portion of the clean concrete rubble will be reused
32 on site. The material will be crushed and screened on-site by the
33 Materials Management Group and then used as backfill during the

1 final site restoration phase. All clean concrete rubble in excess of
2 the required backfill quantity will be shipped off-site as recycled
3 material to avoid disposal costs. Reuse material will be blended
4 with soil as described above. This reuse results in a significant
5 amount of avoided transportation costs from the site.

6 **Recycle**

7 By recycling clean waste, selling certain items for reuse or to a
8 recycling center, PG&E reduces disposal fees and the
9 environmental impact of decommissioning. The current assumption
10 for determining the cost of recycling non-radioactive material
11 includes utilizing a truck to transport the items. The recycling
12 centers are out of state in Nevada or Utah. Non-radiological metallic
13 materials, ferrous and non-ferrous, will be sold to a metal recycler
14 that will provide the metallic materials to an end user. The local and
15 regional recycling companies function as brokers, processing and/or
16 sizing the material before moving the scrap to larger companies,
17 which in-turn typically move the scrap to international locations
18 through the Ports of Oakland or Long Beach in California. See DCE
19 Section 4.1.1.8. for further discussions on material management.

20 Every company or broker involved in the metal scrap chain
21 between the site and the recycling endpoint further depletes the
22 scrap value because of compounded costs for their handling,
23 transport further down the line and profit. For example, steel sold to
24 a local buyer that ends up in Asia would have appreciable hidden
25 cost buried in the gross steel value offered by the local scrap
26 (e.g., brokering) dealer. For this reason, PG&E has determined that
27 the most economical approach to moving metal scrap is to sell and
28 transport it directly to the end buyer. Salt Lake City has the closest
29 large recycler of steel. There currently are no large steel recyclers
30 in California. Steel is about 10 percent of the overall waste material
31 on site.

32 Concrete that cannot be reused on site will be trucked to a
33 recycler in Las Vegas. This is the closest large recycling facility for

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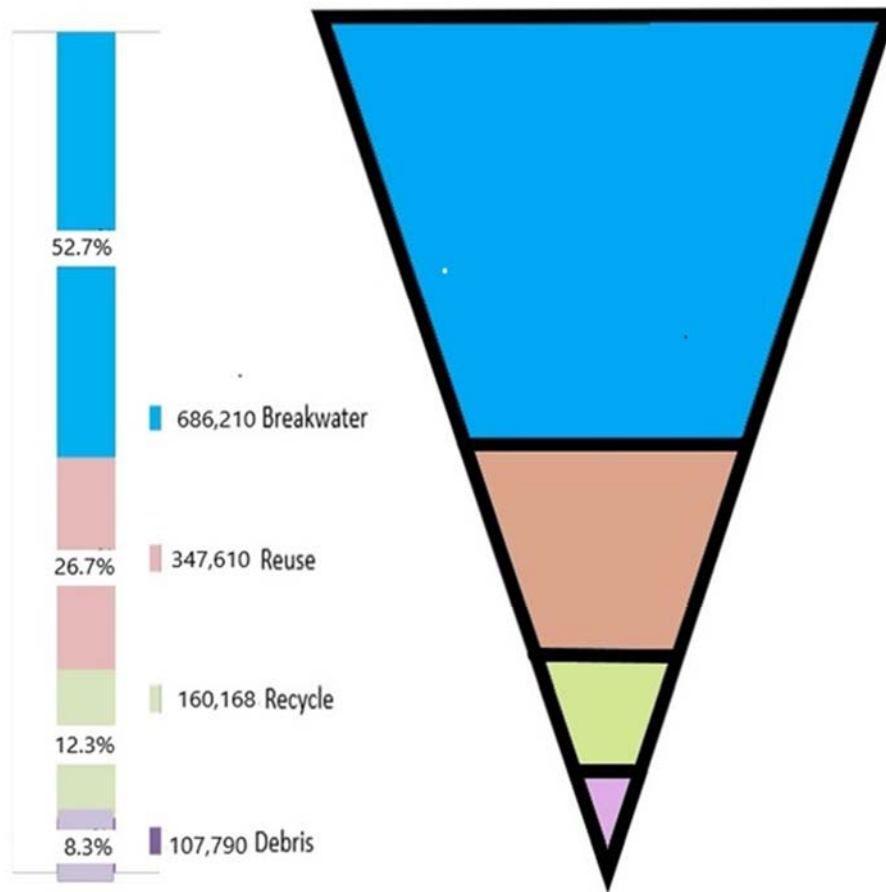
concrete that can support the volume of concrete that will be recycled.

Disposal

Clean general debris that is not suitable for reuse and recycling (e.g., drywall, ceiling tile and wood) will be shipped to a landfill in La Paz, Arizona, which is determined to be the most appropriate location because of its proximity to the DCPD site and that it can take the general debris via rail.

The relative volumes of clean wastes are depicted in Figure 4-5 Clean Material Disposition.

**FIGURE 4-5
CLEAN MATERIAL DEPOSITION
(IN TONS)**



1 **d. California Executive Order D-62-02**

2 Disposal of nuclear decommissioning waste within California with
3 radiological levels below those that are covered by NRC regulations has
4 been a contentious issue for several decades.

5 In September 2002, then-governor Davis issued California
6 Executive Order D-62-02 in response to Senate Bill (SB) 1970.

7 The Governor vetoed the bill and wrote:

8 This bill redefines the term 'radioactive waste' to include any
9 discarded decommissioned material with the slightest trace of
10 detectable radioactivity not attributable to background sources, and
11 prohibits all such material from being disposed of at all existing
12 hazardous or solid waste disposal facilities in the State of California.

13 After vetoing SB 1970, the governor issued Executive
14 Order D-62-02 which states the Department of Health Services (DHS)
15 has been directed by court order to conduct a California Environmental
16 Quality Act (CEQA) review:

17 ...including an assessment of the public health and environmental
18 safety risks and the threat to California's ground and drinking water
19 associated with disposal of decommissioned material.

20 The Executive Order directed DHS to promulgate regulations for the
21 disposal of "decommissioned materials" at California licensed sites.

22 It defined decommissioned materials as:

23 ...materials with low residual levels of radioactivity that, upon
24 decommissioning of a licensed site, may presently be released with
25 no restrictions upon their use...

26 The Executive Order also directed the State Water Resources
27 Control Board and the Regional Water Quality Control Boards (Water
28 Boards) to impose a moratorium on disposal of decommissioned
29 materials into Class III landfills and unclassified waste management
30 units. The moratorium is to remain in place until the DHS completes its
31 assessment of the public health and environmental safety risks
32 associated with the disposal of decommissioned materials and adopts
33 regulations setting dose standards.

34 In testimony on March 7, 2003, when asked where facilities should
35 dispose of decommissioned materials, Dr. Diana Bonta, Director of the
36 DHS, testified that "...*facilities can certainly remove the*
37 *[decommissioned] materials to a licensed, low-level radioactive site*

1 *which would be out of state.*” She further testified that DHS would be
2 completing a CEQA review and determining what should be the proper
3 level for disposal in a safe fashion. Her testimony provided no guidance
4 on safe levels for disposal and left open the possibility of a complete
5 prohibition on decommissioned material being placed in a landfill in
6 California.²

7 DHS was re-organized in 2007, creating the Department of Health
8 Care Services and the Department of Public Health. Neither department
9 has begun the CEQA review and regulatory actions required by the
10 Executive Order, and the moratorium remains in place. In the 2015
11 NDCTP, the Commission directed PG&E to consult with various state
12 agencies as to “the application of Executive Order D-62-02 to
13 decommissioned material at DCPD.”³ PG&E Prepared Testimony,
14 Chapter 5, Section E discusses PG&E’s recent agency communications
15 with various state agencies with respect to Executive Order D-62-02.

16 It would never be appropriate for decommissioned material to be
17 disposed of in a Class III facility, which is a municipal landfill that is not
18 authorized to accept hazardous waste. There are four Class I disposal
19 facilities and eight Class II disposal facilities holding active licenses in
20 California. Two of the Class II facilities accept only waste from within
21 their county. This leaves four Class I and six Class II facilities as
22 possible disposal options.

23 For reference purposes, PG&E estimated the cost differential if
24 PG&E were able to dispose of this material in state. To be clear, PG&E
25 does not believe in-state facilities will accept this material without state
26 action. In order to compare hypothetical in-state vs. out-of-state costs
27 for recycling and for debris disposal, PG&E used a uniform disposal rate
28 based on published information for both in state and out of state
29 disposal. Therefore, the only difference in cost would be for
30 transportation. In-state transportation is assumed to be by truck, while

2 California Legislature Senate Select Committee on Urban Landfills Public Hearing
Disposal of Radioactive Waste March 7, 2003. Transcript available at:
www.committeetobridgethegap.org/pdf/romero_03072003.pdf.

3 D.17-05-020, Ordering Paragraph (OP) 7.

1 out-of-state transportation is by rail or truck, depending on the amount to
 2 transport. The difference in costs between out-of-state vs. in-state
 3 disposal was calculated by subtracting in-state from out-of-state
 4 transportation costs. This calculation identified a total transportation
 5 cost difference of approximately \$10.37 million for non-breakwater
 6 debris and recycling, and a total of \$87.86 million with the breakwater
 7 debris included (see Table 4-7).

**TABLE 4-7
 IN-STATE/OUT-OF-STATE TRANSPORTATION COMPARISON
 (MILLIONS OF DOLLARS)**

Line No.	Transport Destination/ Method	General Debris	General Debris, Plus Breakwater	Recycle Concrete	
1	In-State	\$6.00 (Truck)	\$44.19 (Truck)	\$4.89 (Truck)	
2	Out-of-State	\$12.52 (Truck)	\$128.2 (Rail)	\$8.74 (Truck)	
3	Difference (Out-of-State minus In-State)	\$6.52	\$84.01	\$3.85	
4	Total Difference (Out-of-State minus In-State) Without Breakwater				\$10.37
5	Total Difference (Out-of-State minus In-State) With Breakwater				\$87.86

8 In addition to the fact that the state of California has yet to establish
 9 clear guidelines regarding in-state disposal of decommissioned
 10 materials, it is reasonable to assume that in-state facilities may not be
 11 able or willing to receive the significant amount of projected waste
 12 volumes. By contrast, the disposal facilities that PG&E anticipates using
 13 for this effort all have projected continued operation and available
 14 capacity for at least 30 years, sufficient to complete the planned
 15 decommissioning. Given these circumstances, PG&E's assumption that
 16 this material will be disposed of at the disposal site in La Paz, Arizona is
 17 reasonable. This facility is also being utilized for the SONGS
 18 decommissioning project.

e. 2015 and 2018 Waste Disposal Volumes

20 Estimated waste disposal costs have more than doubled between
 21 the 2015 and 2018 estimates. This difference is attributable to
 22 increases in both estimated volumes of waste and estimated waste
 23 disposal rates in the 2018 DCE.

1 Table 4-8 compares assumed radioactive waste volumes between
 2 the 2015 and 2018 estimates. The 2015 estimate did not delineate out
 3 Low Activity Radioactive Waste (LARW) from the waste streams.
 4 Table 4-8 shows a substantial difference in assumed radioactive waste
 5 volumes between the two filings. The difference in Class A volume
 6 appears to arise from the unit-factor cost methodology used in 2015.

**TABLE 4-8
 WASTE CLASSIFICATION VOLUME COMPARISON**

Line No.	Classification	Class A (cu ft)	Class B (cu ft)	Class C (cu ft)	LARW 20.2002 (cu ft)
1	2015 DCE	1,206,787	3,700	1,178	N/A
2	2018 DCE	3,146,643	3,784	2,800	5,019,379

7 PG&E was able to make a direct comparison for assumed concrete
 8 volumes. Table 4-9 provides a comparison of estimated concrete
 9 volumes associated with the Containment Structures and Auxiliary
 10 Building. PG&E also brought in a third party to provide a separate
 11 estimate for concrete waste volumes and those results are also included
 12 in Table 4-9.

**TABLE 4-9
 WASTE VOLUME ESTIMATE COMPARISON**

Line No.	Building	Cubic Yards
1	<u>U1 Containment</u>	
2	2018 DCE	38,997
3	2018 3rd Party 3D model	34,328
4	2015 DCE	24,122
5	<u>U1 Auxiliary & Fuel Handling Building</u>	
6	2018 DCE	31,850
7	2018 3rd Party 3D model	31,509
8	2015 DCE	23,843

13 Waste disposal rates, the second area of differences, are
 14 confidential, and identified in the confidential version of the DCE in
 15 Section 4.1.1.7.

1 **3. Security**

2 **a. Summary**

3 The DCPD security cost estimate includes costs for implementing
4 proposed security modifications, and security staffing between
5 permanent shutdown and transfer of SNF and GTCC waste to an
6 approved, off-site facility.

7 In previous NDCTPs, the Commission has expressed concerns
8 about the basis for PG&E’s determination of post-operational security
9 staffing costs. For purposes of preparing the current estimate, PG&E
10 first reviewed NRC requirements and PG&E’s existing staffing. In order
11 to meet PG&E’s existing NRC mandated security obligations, PG&E
12 requires 272 security Full Time Equivalent (FTE).

13 PG&E then evaluated security risks and vulnerabilities from the time
14 the first unit is shut down through decommissioning. PG&E used a
15 widely-accepted commercial 3D modeling and statistical analysis
16 program to determine vulnerabilities, and the number of posts, or
17 positions which must be staffed in order to protect the target areas.
18 Once posts were determined, to ensure adequate staffing, PG&E
19 determined the number of FTEs required to fill each post. Additionally,
20 PG&E proactively evaluated steps which could be undertaken prior to
21 each phase of decommissioning to obtain regulatory approvals to
22 reduce the number of required posts.

23 An independent third party reviewed and validated PG&E’s
24 proposed protective plan, including the proposed security modifications.

25 **b. PG&E Compliance With NRC Security Regulations**

26 Whether the plant is operating or not, NRC regulations in
27 10 CFR 73.55 require PG&E to establish and maintain the capability to
28 detect, assess, interdict, and neutralize security threats. The regulations
29 also require a “defense in depth” approach to demonstrate the
30 continuous effectiveness of the security program. Defense in depth is
31 the use of multiple and diverse security measures to protect the DCPD
32 site. In addition, PG&E must establish, maintain, and implement an
33 NRC-approved Physical Security Plan, Training and Qualification Plan

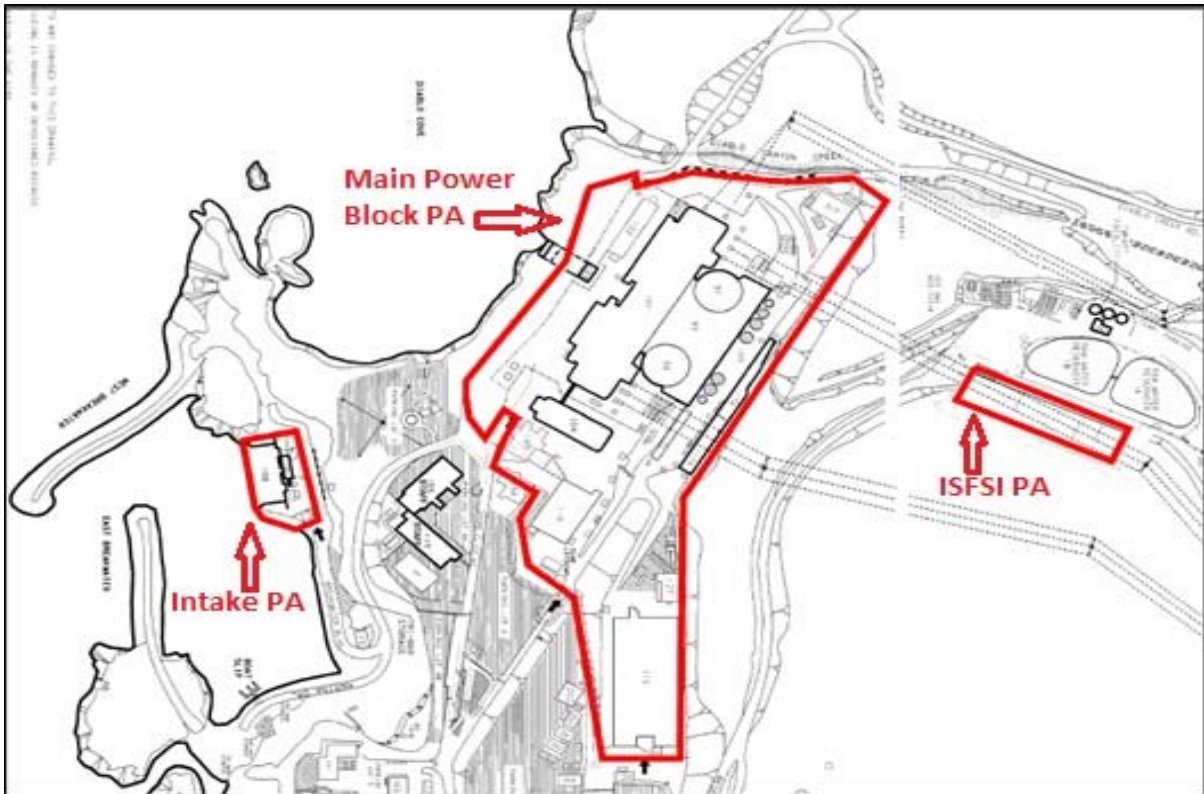
1 and Safeguards Contingency Plan, including amendments. PG&E is
2 also required to control personnel access to areas that do not contain
3 special nuclear material but may contain significant quantities of
4 radioactive materials that could be used for nefarious purposes.

5 After the events of September 11, 2001, the NRC required a series
6 of additional security measures, including increased patrols, augmented
7 security forces and capabilities and more restrictive site access controls.
8 These NRC requirements are contained in 10 CFR 73, various NRC
9 orders and guidance documents and have been incorporated in PG&E's
10 NRC-approved security plans.

11 PG&E also holds an ISFSI 10 CFR 72 site-specific license, which is
12 separate from the reactor unit licenses. Security requirements for a
13 licensee that holds a specific ISFSI license are contained in
14 10 CFR 73.51 and are generally less stringent than those for a reactor
15 because of the reduced risks associated with ISFSI operations. In lieu
16 of maintaining separate security programs for the DCPD reactor units
17 and the ISFSI, PG&E maintains a single security program compliant with
18 10 CFR 73.55 for DCPD Unit 1, Unit 2 and ISFSI.

19 There are three protected area (PA) locations within the site
20 boundary as shown in Figure 4-7 DCPD Protected Area Locations. The
21 three PAs consist of the main power block PA, intake PA, and ISFSI PA.
22 Within these areas, DCPD maintains a physical protection system and
23 security personnel to protect identified vital equipment and structures
24 against radiological sabotage, to prevent the theft or diversion of special
25 nuclear material and to provide adequate protection of public health and
26 safety from any security event described in the Site Emergency Plan.

**FIGURE 4-7
DCPP PROTECTED AREA LOCATIONS**



1 The DCPP Protective Strategy, in conjunction with the Physical
2 Security Plan, Training and Qualification Plan and Safeguards
3 Contingency Plan, were implemented to comply with 10 CFR 73.55
4 security requirements and have been approved by the NRC.

5 The DCPP Protective Strategy describes the detailed response
6 types, timelines, and situational information necessary for DCPP
7 security personnel to successfully interdict and neutralize a Design
8 Basis Threat (DBT). The DCPP Protective Strategy identifies the
9 internal and external security measures necessary to protect against
10 acts of radiological sabotage, prevent the theft or diversion of special
11 nuclear material and to provide adequate protection of public health and
12 safety. Multiple threats and possible risk scenarios for various vital
13 equipment and structures within the on-site protected areas are
14 addressed as part of the protective strategy.

1 The Physical Security Plan describes the physical protection system
2 and security personnel protecting the DCPD site against radiological
3 sabotage and preventing the theft of special nuclear material.

4 The Safeguards Contingency Plan describes actions that will be
5 taken to protect the DCPD site against radiological sabotage and to
6 prevent the theft of special nuclear material.

7 The Security Training and Qualification Plan ensures that security
8 personnel are trained, qualified, and equipped to perform their assigned
9 duties as identified in the protective strategy and security plans.

10 Security personnel are also responsible for administrative and
11 programmatic controls (e.g., criminal history, background checks,
12 Fitness for Duty Program, Behavior Observation Program, and Insider
13 Mitigation Program) that are required by the NRC to ensure the physical
14 fitness and trustworthiness of security personnel and other critical
15 employees.

16 Security at DCPD is in place 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week.
17 To implement NRC requirements, the combined pre-shutdown security
18 staffing level at DCPD Unit 1, Unit 2 and ISFSI is 272 FTEs. The
19 272 FTEs include security posts, management, and support staff.
20 Support staff includes access authorization, training, fitness for duty and
21 other staff required to procure security-related equipment and protect
22 safeguard information.

23 It should be noted that the NRC routinely conducts security
24 inspection activities to ensure that the DCPD security program complies
25 with 10 CFR 73.55 and is effectively implemented to protect public
26 health and safety. In addition, the NRC conducts Force-on-Force drills
27 to test PG&E's capability to detect and neutralize potential threats.
28 During an NRC 2010 security inspection at DCPD, the NRC identified
29 several security-related deficiencies; and to restore compliance, DCPD
30 was required to install additional security equipment, and acquire
31 supplemental security staff. While Units 1 and 2 are operating, the
32 current level of staffing is required to ensure compliance with
33 10 CFR 73.55, various NRC orders and NRC guidance documents.

1 **c. Preparation of Decommissioning Security Cost Estimate**

2 PG&E began estimating decommissioning security costs by
3 evaluating security risks and vulnerabilities during decommissioning.
4 Security-related plant modifications were also identified to mitigate or
5 eliminate potential risks and exposures, optimize security operations,
6 and reduce security costs. Based on several factors, including risks of
7 unintended openings, cost, duration in wet storage, and benchmarking
8 of plants entering active decommissioning, PG&E determined that the
9 existing protective area fence lines should remain unchanged.

10 To develop a post shutdown protective strategy, PG&E used a
11 commercial 3D modeling and statistical analysis. The AVERT Software
12 by ARES Corp results can be used to identify vulnerabilities and reduce
13 the number of required performance-based drills and exercises to
14 establish an optimal defensive strategy by determining ideal locations
15 for security positions and barriers, and permitting validation by modeling
16 removing posts until security breaking point. The AVERT software has
17 been used to assess potential security vulnerabilities at the U.S. DOE,
18 U.S. Department of Defense, and several commercial nuclear power
19 plants. It is an NRC-recognized tool for performing security vulnerability
20 assessments and is actively used by several NRC licensees to identify
21 cost reduction measures in security operations.

22 PG&E modeled the DCCP site interior and exterior features and
23 access points and simulate multiple security threat types. Various
24 security configurations and scenarios were performed to identify
25 potential vulnerabilities and areas where security operations can be
26 potentially optimized. PG&E evaluated simulations to confirm the
27 adequacy of the current security strategy and security posts, as well as
28 those that will be set up between the times Units 1 and 2 are shut down
29 and spent fuel is transferred to an approved off-site facility.

30 To validate the results, additional simulations were performed to
31 sequentially remove security posts to identify the point where high
32 assurance to protect against radiological sabotage would no longer be
33 maintained. The validation simulations identified a sharp decline in the
34 defensive capabilities after the removal of two security posts. Therefore,

1 PG&E concluded that that the validation simulation results confirms that
2 the defensive strategy after permanent shutdown demonstrates high
3 assurance that adequate protection will be provided against radiological
4 sabotage as required in 10 CFR 73.

5 In addition, the results were used to determine: (1) the
6 reasonableness of several security modifications that could optimize
7 security operations and reduce overall security costs; and (2) the best
8 time to implement changes to the physical security system, obtain
9 regulatory relief and reduce security staffing levels during
10 decommissioning.

11 **d. Independent Review of Decommissioning Security Approach**

12 PG&E hired industry expert G4S Regulated Security Solutions
13 Special Tactical Services (STS) to independently review PG&E's
14 security plan. STS has an expert understanding of past and current
15 tactics, techniques, and procedures available to the DBT adversary.
16 Mr. Williamson, who performed the review, has conducted protective
17 strategy reviews at numerous nuclear facilities; helped adjust strategies
18 after identifying efficiencies and margin; designed extensive barrier
19 plans; provided on-site consultation about all aspects of the NRC's
20 triennial Force on Force Program; conducted exploitability analysis for
21 unattended openings and safeguards violations; and supported the
22 development and use of the AVERT system for nuclear-specific DBT
23 adversary and security force response. He conducted an in-depth
24 analysis by performing site inspections and tabletop exercises to assess
25 the reasonableness of PG&E's application of the AVERT software,
26 proposed security modifications, number of security posts and the
27 overall defensive strategy. The report is provided as PG&E Prepared
28 Testimony, Chapter 4, Attachment B.

29 STS concluded that:

- 30 1) PG&E's decommissioning defensive strategy is well thought out and
31 is reasonable.
32 2) The use of the AVERT 3D modeling and statistical analysis results
33 is a reasonable approach to identify the security staffing needed to

1 successfully protect the plant during decommissioning and storage
2 of fuel at the ISFSI.

3 3) Based on the AVERT results, PG&E has identified the most efficient
4 strategy, while maintaining a high assurance to provide protection
5 against radiological sabotage.

6 4) PG&E has identified the necessary number of security posts to
7 ensure protection of the plant in accordance with the 10 CFR 73.55
8 security requirements; the number will initially increase and then
9 decrease over subsequent periods. STS noted that PG&E was
10 attempting to avoid a costly mistake made by other
11 decommissioning sites—reducing too many security personnel,
12 then having to hire additional security staff later at greater cost.

13 STS also analyzed PG&E’s proposed security modifications.

14 To reduce security posts, PG&E originally planned to reconfigure the
15 main protected area fencing so that the main warehouse is located
16 outside the main protected area. The independent review concluded
17 that doing so would have a limited cost benefit. As a result, PG&E
18 determined that it would not be cost effective to implement the main
19 protected area modification and eliminated it from further consideration.
20 STS concluded that the remaining proposed security modifications
21 would improve security response times, reduce the number of interior
22 response positions, and reduce the likelihood of an adversary gaining
23 access to a target set location.

24 **e. Phased Strategy for Security**

25 The primary security cost is staffing. In order to reduce staffing
26 costs, PG&E has determined that, with NRC concurrence, security
27 staffing may be based on four decommissioning periods (Periods 0, 1, 2
28 and 3). Periods 1, 2 and 3 align with NRC-identified decommissioning
29 milestones in decommissioning guidance documents. PG&E added a
30 fourth period (Period 0) to reflect the ramp-up of security-related
31 decommissioning planning activities (e.g., preparation and submittal of
32 NRC exemptions, license amendments) and security staffing prior to the
33 shutdown of the second unit. The NRC Levels and DCCP comparable
34 periods are:

- 1 • Period 0: One unit is shutdown and defueled with one unit
2 operational. The duration of Period 0 is approximately 10 months.
- 3 • Period 1: Both units are shut down, defueled, and spent fuel is
4 stored in the spent fuel pools. However, the spent fuel has not
5 sufficiently cooled such that the probability of a zirc-fire accident is
6 very low. The duration of Period 1 is approximately 18 months.
- 7 • Period 2: Spent fuel is stored in the spent fuel pools and has
8 sufficiently cooled such that the probability of a zirc-fire accident is
9 very low. The duration of Period 2 is approximately 5.5 years.
- 10 • Period 3: All spent fuel is stored at the ISFSI. Based on PG&E's
11 current assumptions about DOE pickup of spent fuel, the duration of
12 Period 3 is approximately 35 years.

13 During each decommissioning period, the security protective
14 strategy will be adjusted as required to reflect the security staffing
15 necessary to protect the site. PG&E performed a series of reviews and
16 analyses to:

- 17 • Assess the impact of reducing the number of vital equipment and
18 structures and determine the resulting increase or decrease in
19 security costs to implement compensatory measures
20 (e.g., additional posts);
- 21 • Identify security modifications that most likely would reduce security
22 posts and create more efficient security operations.
- 23 • Identify potential NRC regulatory relief that should be sought during
24 decommissioning. Regulatory relief consists of NRC exemption
25 requests from security regulations, license amendment requests to
26 modify security licensing basis documents, and requests to rescind
27 NRC security-related orders that no longer apply to a permanently
28 shutdown facility.

29 The results were used to identify the best time to implement security
30 modifications, obtain regulatory relief and reduce security staffing levels
31 during the decommissioning periods. As security risks and
32 vulnerabilities decrease, security staffing levels will gradually decline.

33 To the extent practical, early implementation of security-related
34 modifications is planned after permanent shutdown of the first reactor

1 unit to optimize security operations, prepare the DCPD site for
2 decommissioning of both reactor units and minimize the net increase in
3 security staffing. A detailed description of each modification is included
4 in DCE Section 4.1.1.2.3.

5 In addition, based on previously granted NRC security-related
6 decommissioning exemptions, PG&E concluded that the largest
7 reductions in security staffing may occur at the end of the zirc fire
8 window (Period 1) driven by the implementation of security
9 modifications; after devitalization of the control room (Period 2); and
10 upon the transition from a 10 CFR 73.55 to a 10 CFR 73.51 security
11 program (Period 3). As such, regulatory exemption requests are
12 planned during the decommissioning periods associated with these
13 milestones. To minimize potential delays in implementing security
14 staffing reductions, the goal is to submit requested regulatory relief to
15 the NRC at least 18 months in advance to ensure that the NRC has
16 sufficient time to review and approve the request prior to the scheduled
17 implementation date of the DCPD security revision.

18 **1) Period 0: Initial Shutdown**

19 Period 0 begins when Unit 1 is permanently shut down and
20 ends when Unit 2 is permanently shut down. The duration of
21 Period 0 is approximately 10 months. During Period 0, the
22 shutdown reactor will be defueled, and the spent fuel transferred to
23 the SFP for wet storage. The second unit will remain operational.
24 In addition, the control room will remain operational to support
25 operation of the second unit and Safe Storage (SAFSTOR) of spent
26 fuel at the shutdown unit. To ensure that there is no reduction in
27 safeguard effectiveness, the DCPD protective strategy will remain
28 unchanged until the second reactor unit is permanently shut down
29 and defueled.

30 During Period 0, the ramp-up of security-related
31 decommissioning planning activities will begin. With the control
32 room operational and the protective strategy unchanged, no NRC
33 security-related exemptions are planned. In addition, no changes to
34 the security plans are expected during Period 0 that would result in

1 a decrease in safeguards effectiveness and require prior NRC
2 approval.

3 Crystal River Nuclear Power Plant submitted exemption
4 requests and license amendment requests to modify its physical
5 security configuration. However, these changes were primarily to
6 optimize SAFSTOR operations.

7 As described further in DCE Section 3.4.4., the security posts
8 during Period 0 will initially be the same as the number of
9 pre-shut-down security posts that are required to ensure that there
10 are no reductions in safeguards' effectiveness with one unit shut
11 down and one unit operational. As Period 0 progresses, security
12 posts will be gradually increased to the Period 1 staffing levels. The
13 = increase is to account for the compensatory measures necessary
14 to protect against new security vulnerabilities that did not exist when
15 both units were operating (e.g., new openings in structures to
16 facilitate equipment removal and draining piping that was previously
17 filled with water).

18 Planned security modifications during Period 0 have been
19 evaluated to ensure that there will be no impact on the operating
20 reactor unit. The security modifications scheduled to be
21 implemented during Period 0 include:

- 22 • Installing a "kicker" on the main protected area fence to make it
23 more difficult for an adversary to access the area;
- 24 • Reconfiguring the delay fence inside of the main protected area
25 to provide additional time for security to deter or stop an
26 adversary;
- 27 • Backfilling the shutdown unit intake tunnel with dirt or concrete
28 to protect the unattended openings;
- 29 • Removing siding from the shutdown unit buttress to improve line
30 of sight and enhance the ability to detect and neutralize
31 potential security threats;
- 32 • Constructing and installing fighting positions in the shutdown
33 unit to provide protection for internal responders from an
34 adversary, maintain a good defense in depth and provide

1 continued high assurance of the ability to neutralize an
2 adversary; and

- 3 • Sealing doorways in the shutdown unit that will no longer be
4 used. With fewer travel routes to access vital equipment and
5 structures, security staff will be able to execute the protective
6 strategy with fewer responders.

7 **2) Period 1: Wet Storage During Zirc Fire**

8 Period 1 begins after permanent shutdown and defueling of the
9 second reactor unit and terminates at the end of the zirc-fire window
10 with spent fuel in the pool. The duration of Period 1 is
11 approximately 1.5 years. All spent fuel is in wet storage, the control
12 room remains operational to support SAFSTOR of spent fuel until
13 the end of the zirc fire window, and decommissioning activities are
14 underway.

15 During Period 1, the protective strategy will be modified to
16 ensure adequate protection of spent fuel and continuous compliance
17 with 10 CFR 73.55 during the zirc-fire window. To minimize the net
18 increase in security staffing, vital equipment in the shutdown unit
19 that is no longer in use will be de-vitalized and security modifications
20 will be implemented to reduce security posts.

21 Changes to the security protective strategy and security plans
22 are expected to reflect the shutdown units and installation of security
23 modifications. NRC review and approval will be sought prior to
24 implementation of any security-related change that could potentially
25 result in a reduction in safeguard effectiveness. While the control
26 room is operational, PG&E does not plan to implement NRC
27 security-related exemptions.

28 During Period 1, security staffing levels take into account both
29 the additional security posts and compensatory measures
30 necessary to protect against new security vulnerabilities with both
31 reactor units shutdown and the efficiencies gained after early
32 decommissioning activities.

33 There are 52 security posts required during Period 1 to protect
34 the DCPD site. Thirty of them are required to implement the DCPD

1 protective strategy. These 30 posts consist primarily of security
2 officers who are stationed and/or patrolling at various locations
3 throughout the plant. An additional eight administrative posts are
4 required for access control to the DCPD site and, DCPD protected
5 areas, security escorts and coordination/control of vehicles that
6 access the DCPD site. The administrative posts are also staffed by
7 security officers. Three supervisory posts are required to manage,
8 coordinate and plan work for security resources. An additional
9 11 posts are staffed by relief officers who are required to comply
10 with California labor laws. Relief officers provide continuous
11 coverage to support California labor law by providing required break
12 and meal times.

13 Security labor costs are presented as security FTEs.
14 Section 3.f. below discusses how PG&E converts posts to FTEs.
15 The 52 posts equate to 289 FTEs. The 289 FTEs include an
16 additional 17 FTEs, compared to the Period 0 security staffing
17 levels. The increase is needed to protect against new security
18 vulnerabilities that did not exist with both units operating.
19 For example, empty intake and discharge tunnels require as
20 many as 25 FTEs for continuous monitoring. These compensatory
21 measures will be eliminated after the tunnels are backfilled with dirt
22 and concrete.

23 During Period 1, unit-specific and common area security
24 modifications will be implemented to minimize the net increase in
25 security staffing because of efficiencies gained in security
26 operations and/or elimination of potential vulnerabilities. Examples
27 of planned security modifications during Period 1 include:

- 28 • Backfilling the second shutdown unit intake tunnel and common
29 discharge tunnels with dirt or concrete to protect the unattended
30 openings;
- 31 • Installing delay cages/gates for the personnel and roll-up doors
32 in the Turbine Building, Auxiliary Building and Fuel Handling
33 Building to give external responders more time to engage an
34 adversary attempting to breach the delay cages and reduce the

1 likelihood of an adversary gaining access to vital equipment and
2 structures;

- 3 • Removing the 140' pedestrian bridge (and associated electrical
4 conduits and other structural items) that extends between the
5 Administration Building to the Turbine Building to help early
6 detection of a potential adversary and reduce the likelihood of
7 an adversary gaining access to vital equipment and structures;
- 8 • Removing the siding from the second shutdown unit buttress to
9 improve line of sight and enhance the ability to detect and
10 neutralize potential security threats;
- 11 • Constructing and installing fighting positions in the second
12 shutdown unit to provide protection for internal responders from
13 an adversary, maintain a good defense in depth and continue to
14 ensure the ability to neutralize an adversary; and
- 15 • Sealing doorways in the second shutdown unit that will no
16 longer be used. With fewer travel routes to access vital
17 equipment and structures, security will be able to execute the
18 protective strategy with fewer responders.

19 **3) Period 2: Wet Storage Post Zirc Fire**

20 Period 2 begins after the zirc fire window and ends after all
21 spent fuel is transferred to the onsite ISFSI. The duration of
22 Period 2 is approximately 5.5 years. All spent fuel is in wet storage
23 as decommissioning activities progress. During Period 2, the
24 control room will be devitalized at the end of the zirc fire window.
25 In addition, a protective strategy will still be required to ensure
26 continuous compliance with 10 CFR 73.55 and adequate protection
27 of spent fuel.

28 Prior to Period 2, the majority of planned and designed security
29 modifications will have been implemented to eliminate vulnerabilities
30 associated with the shutdown plants. During Period 2, de-energized
31 overhead transmission lines will be removed, eliminating a potential
32 way for an adversary to access the protected area. Compensatory
33 measures will be required until the de-energized overhead lines
34 are removed.

1 To reduce overall security costs and security staffing levels, the
2 DCCP protective strategy will be revised to consolidate or eliminate
3 some security operations and functions, reflect implementation of
4 security modifications, and incorporate approved regulatory relief
5 from NRC security requirements that are no longer applicable. The
6 following exemption requests will be prepared and submitted to the
7 NRC in Period 1 and implemented in Period 2 after the decay heat
8 associated with spent fuel has sufficiently decreased such that the
9 probability of a zirc fire accident is very low.

- 10 • 10 CFR 73.55(b)(3) that requires protection against significant
11 core damage. With the reactor units defueled, the requirement
12 is no longer applicable.
- 13 • 10 CFR 73.55(e)(9)(v) that requires the control room to be a
14 vital area. A control room is no longer required after permanent
15 shutdown and defueling.
- 16 • 10 CFR 73.55(j)(4)(ii) that requires continuous communications
17 between the central alarm station and the control room.

18 A control room is no longer required after permanent shutdown
19 and defueling.

20 The exemption requests will be submitted to the NRC at least
21 18 months in advance to minimize potential delays in implementing
22 security staffing reductions. Sufficient industry precedent exists to
23 support these requests.

24 Security staffing will remain unchanged until PG&E obtains all
25 required NRC approvals. Once obtained, reductions will be made.
26 With the control room devitalized and the zirc fire window no longer
27 a concern, the number of security posts is expected to decrease to
28 39 during Period 2. Twenty of the 39 posts will be required to
29 implement the DCCP protective strategy. The eight administrative
30 posts and three supervisory posts will still be required to provide the
31 same functions as described in Period 1. With fewer posts needed
32 to implement the protective strategy, the relief posts will be reduced
33 to eight. Similarly, the total posts, including relief posts, are
34 converted to FTEs. During Period 2, security staffing is expected to

1 decrease from 289 to 207 FTEs due to the reduced security risks
2 with both reactor units shutdown. For example, the 25 FTEs added
3 in Period 1 that provided continuous monitoring of the intake and
4 discharge tunnel openings will be eliminated after the tunnels are
5 backfilled with dirt or concrete.

6 **4) Period 3: Dry Storage (ISFSI Only)**

7 Period 3 begins after the wet storage period (after all spent fuel
8 is transferred from the SFPs to the ISFSI) and ends after all spent
9 fuel and GTCC is transferred to the DOE. The duration of Period 3
10 is approximately 35 years. During Period 3, decommissioning of the
11 reactor units will continue until the NRC licenses are terminated.

12 After highly radioactive materials are removed from the DCP
13 reactor sites, the DCP nuclear security footprint will be limited to
14 the protection of the ISFSI only, and the focus of the protective
15 strategy will be protecting the spent fuel and GTCC stored at the
16 ISFSI. As such, the required nuclear security staffing in this period
17 is significantly diminished.

18 PG&E intends to submit an exemption request from the
19 10 CFR 73.55 security requirements, such that PG&E can transition
20 to a 10 CFR 73.51 security program for a stand-alone ISFSI.
21 A 10 CFR 73.51 security program is subject to less stringent
22 requirements than a 10 CFR 73.55 security program because of the
23 reduced risks associated with ISFSI operations.

24 Security staffing levels will significantly decrease after the
25 transition from a 10 CFR 73.55 to a 10 CFR 73.51 security program.
26 In addition, the security organization will be restructured, and the
27 security staffing levels will be substantially reduced from the
28 207 FTEs in Period 2. During Period 3, security functions will
29 primarily be performed by management and/or supervisory
30 personnel working 12-hour shifts; no relief posts are included. The
31 security organization will consist of six security posts supported by a
32 total of four security administrative and managerial personnel. The
33 six posts, converted to FTEs, plus the security administrative and
34 managerial personnel total 29 FTEs. The combined benefits

1 associated with an exemption from 10 CFR 73.55, the transition to a
2 10 CFR 73.51 security program and restructuring of the security
3 organization will result in significant reductions in security staffing
4 levels and overall security costs.

5 The 10 CFR 73.51 ISFSI nuclear security program will remain in
6 effect until the spent fuel and GTCC waste is transferred to DOE.
7 Afterward, PG&E may seek an NRC exemption from all nuclear
8 security requirements, or the nuclear security program will terminate
9 with the ISFSI license, whichever occurs first.

10 **f. Security Staffing Projections**

11 The DCPD protective strategy, as approved by the NRC, is the
12 primary basis for determining the number of DCPD security posts
13 necessary to protect the site in accordance with 10 CFR 73.55. Prior to
14 permanent shutdown of the second unit, decommissioning activities will
15 be limited to ensure that there is no impact on the operating unit. After
16 permanent shutdown of the second unit, full-scale decommissioning will
17 begin. To reflect the initial reductions in security staffing (stated in
18 number of posts and FTEs) after permanent shutdown of the second
19 unit, Period 1 security staffing is presented as Period 1a and Period 1b.
20 Period 1a shows the security staffing immediately after shutdown of the
21 second unit. During Period 1a, plant equipment that is no longer in use
22 will be devitalized. In addition, an evaluation of the security protective
23 strategy will be performed. Regulatory approvals will be sought where
24 required for changes that could potentially reduce the safeguards
25 effectiveness. Period 1b shows the security staffing after
26 implementation of identified changes in Period 1a, including the NRC
27 approval, as required, for the updated protective strategy.

28 Security posts are the security personnel that are needed to
29 implement the DCPD protective strategy and perform site-specific
30 security functions (e.g., communication with local law enforcement and
31 incident response times). Staffing projections also include relief posts to
32 meet the California labor requirements (non-work hour requirements and
33 benefits (e.g., breaks, vacations and holidays); PG&E bargaining
34 agreements and administrative posts that are responsible for

1 maintaining and executing the access authorization program, fitness for
 2 duty program and ancillary security duties, such as vehicle escorts; and
 3 managerial posts to supervise security personnel.

4 Table 4-10 provides an estimate of the number of security posts for
 5 the four DCPD decommissioning periods. Security modifications are
 6 summarized in each decommissioning period and detailed descriptions
 7 of each modification is included in DCE Section 4.1.1.2.3. The security
 8 staffing costs for period 0 are not included in DCPD Decommissioning
 9 costs.

**TABLE 4-10
 DCPD DECOMMISSIONING SECURITY POSTS**

DCPD Periods	Period Duration	Posts					
		Protective Strategy	Security Support (24/7 shift)	Security Support (10 hr shift)	State Law Relief	Supervision	Total
0 Initial Shutdown See Note 1	8 months	See Note 2	2	6	See Note 2	3	See Note 2
1a Zirc-Fire	18 months	30	2	6	11	3	52
1b Zirc-Fire		29	2		11		51
2 Post Zirc-Fire	5.5 years	20	2	6	8	3	39
3 ISFSI Only	35 years	5	0	0	See Note 3	1	6

Note 1: Period 0 posts are not included in Decom costs.

Note 2: Safeguards Information.

Note 3: All management personnel working 12-hour shifts with no relief posts.

10 To determine the number of personnel required, PG&E first
 11 determined the number of security posts required during each period.
 12 To ensure adequate staffing, each security post requires 5.5 FTEs for
 13 continuous coverage (24 hours/day, 7 days/week) and 1.5 FTEs for
 14 each 10-hour shift. In addition, one relief post is assigned to every
 15 four posts to account for personnel breaks in accordance with California
 16 labor laws. For example, assume 12 security posts are required. The
 17 equivalent FTEs for security posts are shown in Table 4-11.

1 The 5.5 multiplier for 24/7 shifts and the 1.5 multiplier for 10-hour
 2 shifts begin with the number of FTE’s required to fill the post (4.2 & 1.0,
 3 respectively) per year. Afterwards, the multipliers, based on empirical
 4 data from 2017, consider all non-productive time including vacations,
 5 sick time, employees on disability, employees on maternity leave,
 6 employees on paternity leave and jury duty.

**TABLE 4-11
 EQUIVALENT FTE(S) PER SECURITY POST(S)**

Line No.	Shift Duration	Posts	Full Time Equivalent (FTEs)
1	(1) 24 hrs	12	(12 posts + 12/4 relief posts) x 5.5 = 82.5 FTEs
2	(2) 12 hrs	12	(12 posts + 12/4 relief posts) x 1.5 = 22.5 FTEs

7 The estimates of projected security staffing levels are shown in
 8 Table 4-12 and 4-13. Table 4-12 shows the pre-shutdown and the
 9 decommissioning staffing levels for specific milestones when major
 10 changes in security staffing are anticipated. The pre-shutdown security
 11 staffing levels, which reflect both reactor units and the ISFSI, are shown
 12 for comparison with the decommissioning periods. During each
 13 decommissioning period, staffing levels will fluctuate as risks are
 14 reduced and security modifications are implemented. The milestones
 15 correlate to the peak staffing levels that are expected to occur during
 16 each period and are based on conservative assumptions of the
 17 decommissioning status at the beginning of each period.

18 Table 4-12 includes the security officers, support personnel,
 19 supervisors and management needed to support decommissioning
 20 operations, to implement security-related modifications, and to revise
 21 security protective strategy and supporting documents for submission to
 22 the NRC.

23 The Period 3 security staffing levels are shown in Table 4-13 to
 24 reflect the realignment of security resources during dry storage.

**TABLE 4-12
DCPP REACTOR DECOMMISSIONING SECURITY STAFFING PROJECTIONS (FTES)**

Milestone	Period	Officers	AA/FFD	Training Staff	On-Shift Supervisors	Other (Management and Support)	Total Staffing
Pre-Shutdown	N/A	211	5	10	26	20	272
One unit defueled, no plant mods; no NRC regulatory approvals	0	211	5	10	26	20	272
Both units defueled, no plant mods; no NRC regulatory approvals	1a	244	5	8	20	12	289
Both units defueled, no plant mods; and NRC regulatory approvals	1b	238					283
Both unit(s) defueled, with plant mods; and NRC regulatory approvals	2	173	5	5	20	4	207
AA – Access Authorization FFD – Fitness for duty Other – Security Director and Managers (e.g., Operations, Strategy, Programs)							

**TABLE 4-13
DCPP ISFSI SECURITY STAFFING PROJECTIONS (FTES)**

Milestone	Period	Specialist/ Leads	Director DCPP and Humboldt Bay Power Plant (HBPP)	Security Ops Mgr	AA/FFD	Security Training & Weapons	Total Staffing
Stand-alone ISFSI	3	25	1	1	1	1	29
Specialists/Leads: Management/supervisory personnel that perform security functions. Notes: The following functions are captured in the Staffing support plan: ISFSI/I&C/Security Engineer, Procurement/Work Control. The EP Coord & SGI Coord functions are captured in the Security Ops Mgr position.							

1 **g. DCPP Total Security Cost Estimate**

2 The decommissioning security cost estimate includes the cost of the
 3 security modifications, security staffing and the supporting costs for

1 project management and controls. The security modification costs are
 2 based on an Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) cost
 3 estimate performed by a vendor with security modification experience at
 4 DCPP. PG&E labor costs for planning, project management,
 5 engineering oversight and permitting were added to the EPC cost
 6 estimate. Security staffing labor rates are based on current PG&E or
 7 industry standards. Labor costs are in 2017\$ and are based on straight
 8 time hourly rates.

9 The total estimated security staffing cost for decommissioning
 10 DCPP is \$560.7 million. The total security modification cost is
 11 \$13.2 million.

12 **h. Industry Security Cost Comparisons**

13 Table 4-14 identifies projected staffing levels for DCPP and other
 14 decommissioning facilities during similar periods.

**TABLE 4-14
 DCPP SECURITY STAFFING PROJECTIONS AND INDUSTRY COMPARISONS**

Milestone	Period (See Note 1)	DCPP(d) Total Staffing (2 units)	SONGS ^(b,c) (2 units)	Crystal River 3 ^(a,c) (1 unit)
Pre-shutdown	N/A	272	450	225
Both units defueled, no plant mods, no NRC regulatory approvals	1a	289	360	*
Both units defueled, no plant mods, and NRC regulatory approvals	1b	283	216	*
Both unit(s) defueled, with plant mods, and NRC regulatory approvals	2	207	183	*
Stand-alone ISFSI	3	29	34	50

- (a) SAFSTOR plant.
- (b) DECON plant.
- (c) General ISFSI License.
- (d) Specific ISFSI License.
- * No data.

Note 1: Period 0 was excluded since the table comparisons do not include a site with one unit shutdown and one unit operational.

1 The industry comparisons to DCPD security staffing levels in
2 Table 4-14 are illustrative only. Security staffing projections are
3 dependent on several variables, such as site-specific configurations and
4 vulnerabilities, bargaining agreements and state labor laws. Thus, there
5 is no direct correlation between projected DCPD security staffing levels
6 and costs to other decommissioning sites. Several factors affect the
7 DCPD security related cost estimate that are different from other
8 decommissioning sites.

9 The timing of major security staffing reductions after permanent
10 shutdown was obtained from benchmarking. Typically, the decisions to
11 reduce security staffing were made based upon site-specific milestones.
12 To the extent practical, PG&E mapped the industry data to the DCPD
13 milestones that were reasonably similar to show the relative
14 comparison. Except for Period 3 (stand-alone ISFSI), there is no direct
15 correlation between projected DCPD security staffing levels and the
16 industry comparisons during Periods 1 and 2.

17 **1) Location, Terrain, and Site-Specific Vulnerabilities**

18 The DCPD terrain is more challenging than most U.S. nuclear
19 power plant sites. The DCPD is a dual reactor unit site on
20 approximately 750 acres of land. The plant site occupies a coastal
21 terrace that ranges in elevation from 60' to 310' above sea level and
22 is approximately 1,000 ft. wide. Plant grade is at elevation 85'.
23 A portion of the site boundary and principal structures are bounded
24 by the Pacific Ocean. The seaward edge of the terrace is a near-
25 vertical cliff. After permanent shutdown of both units, the proximity
26 of the intake and discharge structure openings to the SFP areas
27 creates additional security challenges to prevent potential
28 adversaries from entering the protected area. Given the size,
29 terrain, and site-specific challenges at the DCPD site, additional
30 security measures and staffing are necessary to meet regulatory
31 requirements.

32 In comparison, SONGS is a three-unit site on 84 acres of
33 federal land. The SONGS topography is sloping coastal plain that
34 terminates at the shoreline by high sea cliffs. The site is surrounded

1 principally by unused land and the natural exclusion provided by the
2 U.S. Marine Corps reservation. The intake and discharge structure
3 openings are not close to the SFP area. Crystal River is a single-
4 unit site on less than 130 acres. The Crystal River topography is flat
5 and previously disturbed land.

6 **2) Transfer of Spent Fuel and GTCC to DOE**

7 PG&E assumes that DOE would begin picking up DCPD spent
8 fuel in 2038 with full acceptance of all spent fuel and GTCC by
9 2067. As a result, PG&E assumes security costs are estimated
10 through 2067. In comparison, SONGS and Crystal River DCEs
11 assumed complete transfer of spent fuel to DOE in 2049 and 2036,
12 respectively. Therefore, the DCPD cost estimate includes 16 to 31
13 additional years of security costs until all spent fuel and GTCC is
14 transferred to DOE. DCPD security staffing costs are approximately
15 \$7.0 million/year during dry storage.

16 **3) State of California Labor Laws**

17 California labor laws will result in higher security staffing levels
18 than decommissioning sites in other states with less restrictive labor
19 laws. For example, California law mandates periodic breaks for
20 meals and rest periods, and a recent California Supreme Court
21 decision concluded that security personnel could not be on call
22 during breaks, necessitating separate security coverage.⁴ Labor
23 laws for decommissioning sites on federal land (e.g., SONGS) can
24 be less stringent than state labor law requirements.

25 **4) Timing of Permanent Shutdown**

26 Permanent shutdown of the last DCPD operational unit will
27 occur during Period 1. In Period 1, all spent fuel is in the SFP;
28 however, the spent fuel has not sufficiently cooled to ensure the
29 probability of a zirc-fire accident is very low. Some utilities made the
30 decision to permanently shut down near the end of or after the zirc
31 fire window of concern.

4 *Jennifer Augustus v. ABM Security Services Inc.*, 2 Cal.5th 257 (2016).

1 For instance, SONGS Units 2 and 3 shutdown in January 2012
2 due to steam generator-related issues and submitted the
3 certification of permanent shutdown to the NRC in June 2013.
4 Thus, the SONGS to DCCP security staffing comparisons during
5 Period 1 are illustrative only. As a result, SONGS Period 1a staffing
6 levels are higher than the DCCP staffing levels and reflect the
7 security staffing required to meet the pre-shutdown security
8 requirements. The SONGS staffing levels shown for Period 1b
9 reflect the security staffing post- zirc fire accident. During Period 1b,
10 fewer security vulnerabilities existed at SONGS compared to DCCP
11 during the same period. Therefore, the DCCP staffing levels during
12 Period 1b are higher because the staffing levels include the security
13 staffing needed to protect spent fuel before the end of the zirc fire
14 window and relief staff for security posts.

15 Crystal River shutdown in September 2009 due to containment
16 structural issues and submitted the certification of permanent
17 shutdown to the NRC in February 2013. As a result, the potential
18 risk associated with a zirc fire accident were significantly lower, and
19 fewer security vulnerabilities existed compared to DCCP during the
20 same period.

21 **4. Site infrastructure**

22 Site infrastructure costs are estimated to be \$141.0 million. The
23 current estimate reflects a change in scope from the prior estimated site
24 infrastructure costs. Previously, the detail of site infrastructure work was not
25 developed on a project-specific basis. For the 2018 DCE, PG&E
26 determined site infrastructure scope in cooperation with the project planning
27 performed for other scopes of site work. This detailed planning effort
28 identified site infrastructure needs that were not included as part of previous
29 estimates. Major scopes of work in this category include construction of
30 waste handling facilities, construction of an ISFSI security building,
31 upgrades to the rail yard in Pismo Beach, and other modifications.
32 Site infrastructure costs are discussed in DCE Section 4.1.1.2.2.

1 **5. Contingency**

2 Table 4-15 identifies the contingency percentage applied by PG&E for
 3 each line item cost category.

**TABLE 4-15
 CONTINGENCY FACTORS**

Line No.	Cost Category	Contingency Factor
1	Program Management, Oversight, and Fees	13.8%
2	Security Operations	15.0%
3	Waste/Transportation/Material Management (Excluding: Breakwater, Reactor Vessel/Internal Segmentation, & Large Component Removal)	29.8%
4	Power Block Modifications	15.0%
5	Site Infrastructure	15.0%
6	Large Component Removal	25.0%
7	Reactor/Internals Segmentation	43.2%
8	Spent Fuel transfer to ISFSI	15.0%
9	Turbine Building	35.9%
10	Auxiliary Building	23.5%
11	Containment	24.1%
12	Fuel Handling Building	24.3%
14	Balance of Site	18.8%
15	Intake Structure	19.8%
16	Discharge Structure	17.7%
17	Breakwater	25.0%
18	Non-ISFSI Site Restoration	19.1%
19	Spent Fuel transfer to DOE	15.0%
20	ISFSI Demolition and Site Restoration	19.6%
21	Grand Total	20.6%

4 **a. Definition of Contingency in Nuclear Decommissioning Context**

5 As the Commission has recognized on several occasions,
 6 contingency in the context of forecasting nuclear decommissioning
 7 expenditures has a specific meaning: the contingency factor is meant to
 8 account for the difference between the base cost and unforeseen, but
 9 anticipated, costs.

10 The base cost estimate defines the project scope and accounts for
 11 the known and reasonably anticipated costs of decommissioning in the
 12 future. The contingency factor accounts for unforeseen costs within the
 13 defined activity scope (i.e., events that will occur in the field during the
 14 implementation of the overall decommissioning work period and which
 15 are not accounted for in the base cost estimate).

1 For example, the mechanical failure of heavy equipment, tool
2 breakage, weather delays, and the flooding of a trench are all known
3 unknown events that increase the cost of decommissioning activities.
4 Such cost increases are deemed to be within the scope of the
5 decommissioning project because they occur during the conduct of an
6 activity that is included in the base estimate. At the same time, they are
7 unforeseeable because no one can predict when equipment will break
8 or when the weather will cause delays (causing rescheduling of
9 activities, inefficiencies in production, loss of productivity, overtime,
10 slippages, etc.).

11 The events covered under contingency are often characterized as
12 the “known unknowns” that will occur over the duration of a
13 decommissioning project. Contingency factors in this sense reflect only
14 one type of risk—the specific risks of increased costs resulting from
15 conditions at the project site after the commencement of the
16 decommissioning work. Contingency dollars provide assurance that
17 sufficient funding is available to accomplish the intended project scope
18 and are expected to be fully expended during decommissioning.

19 An estimate without contingency, or an inadequate allowance for
20 contingency, can result in significant schedule delays and increased
21 costs associated with delays if the project is unable to proceed. This
22 definition of contingency does not include scope changes, or “unknown
23 unknowns” such as a change in regulatory criteria, significant natural
24 disasters, and security or terrorist activity.

25 **b. Previous Commission Determination as to the Appropriate Level**
26 **of Contingency**

27 In the 2005 NDCTP, the Commission directed the California utilities
28 to perform a detailed analysis to develop a conservative contingency
29 factor to be applied to each cost estimate and present the findings in the
30 2009 NDCTP.⁵ To comply with the Commission’s order, PG&E
31 prepared an analysis titled “Technical Position Paper for Establishing an
32 Appropriate Contingency Factor for Inclusion in the Decommissioning

5 D.07-01-003, Finding of Fact 9, OP 8.

1 Revenue Requirements” (Technical Position Paper). Based on industry
2 and regulatory documents, the Technical Position Paper concluded that
3 it is appropriate to apply an overall 25 percent contingency factor to
4 estimated decommissioning costs. Consistent with this
5 recommendation, the Commission found reasonable a 25 percent
6 contingency factor for DCPD in each of PG&E’s subsequent NDCTPs.

7 This determination of the appropriate contingency was made at a
8 time when it was expected that decommissioning would not begin until
9 decades in the future. By the time of the 2012 NDCTP Phase 2
10 decision, Southern California Edison Company had ceased operations
11 at SONGS 2 & 3, but the Commission continued to determine that a
12 25 percent contingency factor for SONGS 2 & 3 remained appropriate.

13 Likewise, in evaluating the SONGS 2 & 3 site-specific DCE
14 proceeding, when SONGS had completed decommissioning conceptual
15 designs and was initiating decommissioning activities, the Commission
16 again approved an overall 25 percent contingency factor.⁶

17 **c. Proposed Contingency for Current DCE**

18 PG&E reevaluated current industry and regulatory guidance since
19 the development of the Technical Position Paper to determine whether
20 the previous conclusion that 25 percent is an appropriate contingency
21 factor for nuclear decommissioning costs remains valid.

22 The most recent NRC advice states that:

23 In general, a contingency of 25 percent applied to the sum of all
24 estimated decommissioning costs should be adequate, but in some
25 cases a higher contingency may be appropriate. The 25 percent
26 contingency factor provides reasonable assurance for unforeseen
27 circumstances that could increase decommissioning costs and
28 should not be reduced or eliminated simply because foreseeable
29 costs are low. Proposals to apply the contingency only to selected
30 components of the cost estimate, or to apply a contingency lower
31 than 25 percent, should be approved only in circumstances when a
32 case-specific review has determined there is an extremely low
33 likelihood of unforeseen increases in the decommissioning costs

6 D.16-04-019.

1 (e.g., if the decommissioning costs are highly predictable and are
2 established by binding contracts.)⁷

3 As it has in previous NDCTP filings, PG&E has calculated
4 contingency at the line item level. However, PG&E has not adjusted the
5 overall contingency to 25 percent as the Commission approved in prior
6 NDCTP decisions. The overall line item contingency rate based on the
7 site specific DCE is 20.6 percent. PG&E believes that this contingency
8 level is appropriate given the current early stage of decommissioning.
9 PG&E will continue to assess applicable project contingency levels in
10 future NDCTPs.

11 **6. Environmental Reviews/Permits**

12 PG&E will require many regulatory approvals and permits to
13 decommission DCCP which will require close coordination with federal,
14 state, and local agencies. Delays in obtaining (or failure to obtain)
15 approval and/or possible regulatory conditions could significantly
16 impact estimated costs.

17 As an illustrative example how failure to obtain agency approvals could
18 have a major effect on estimated costs, DCE Section 3.1.6. explains how
19 PG&E's cost estimate for its water management plan relies on the
20 assumptions that: (1) PG&E will obtain an extension of its lease from the
21 CSLC to continue use of the intake cove and discharge structure for drawing
22 in ocean water and discharging waste water to the ocean; and (2) PG&E will
23 obtain a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit to allow for
24 discharges of waste water to the Pacific Ocean during decommissioning.

25 With these assumptions, the water management plan uses a
26 combination of existing site infrastructure and temporary equipment to
27 continue provide a supply of ocean water to the desalination plant for fresh
28 water supply and to dispose of waste water to an approved discharge point.
29 In their absence, PG&E would lack access to the Pacific Ocean and would
30 need to develop other water use options. The options that could be

⁷ U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Regulation (NUREG)-1757, Consolidated Decommissioning Guidance Financial Assurance, Recordkeeping, and Timeliness, Vol. 3, Rev. 1 dated February 2012 at A.3.2.1.3.

1 considered include the use of trucks; the installation of additional water
2 wells; and the installation of pipelines to tie into local water.

3 **F. Schedule**

4 A summary DCCP decommissioning schedule is presented in Figures 4-F
5 and 4-G.

6 **1. Schedule Assumptions**

7 The following assumptions were made in developing the schedule:

- 8 • Detailed decommissioning planning will begin in 2019.
- 9 • Permanent shutdown for Units 1 and 2 is November 2024 and
10 August 2025, respectively.
- 11 • SNF and GTCC waste will be moved to ISFSI within seven years after
12 Unit 2 shutdown.
- 13 • The SFP zirconium fire period will end 18 months after each unit
14 shutdown.
- 15 • Major building demolition will not occur until after the main power block
16 PA is devitalized and security requirements are relaxed.
- 17 • The Part 50 licenses will be terminated in May 2038.
- 18 • All SNF and GTCC waste will be removed from DC ISFSI by
19 August 2067.
- 20 • The Part 72 site-specific license will be terminated in May 2072.
- 21 • All work (except cask transfer activities) will be performed during a
22 10-hour workday, four days per week (termed a 4x10 work schedule),
23 with no overtime.
- 24 • Activities that do not follow a 4x10 work schedule will be performed with
25 separate crews working on different shifts with a corresponding charge
26 for the second shift.
- 27 • The schedule is optimized to allow multiple crews to work parallel
28 activities to the maximum extent possible allowing for: (1) access to
29 various site facilities to execute work; (2) removal and/or staging areas;
30 and (3) safety measures required to ensure safe efficient
31 decommissioning of the site's equipment, components, and structures.

- Critical path is determined based on the systems and scopes of work in the Decommissioning Project. Delay of any part of the critical path will delay the overall project completion date.

The DCPD decommissioning schedule was developed by vendors with industry expertise in nuclear decommissioning and by personnel with direct experience with HBPP decommissioning. As a result, the schedule incorporates best practices and lessons learned from several sites that have undergone or are undergoing decommissioning.

2. Critical Path Activities

Schedule activity durations were established between milestones for each subproject; these durations were used to establish a critical path (minimum time needed) for the entire Decommissioning Project. Critical path activities and bottlenecks/constraints were determined for those items that highly influence the schedule and are shown in Figures 4-F and 4-G.

These activities include:

- **Units 1 and 2 spent fuel cooling window:** Cooling time reduces the heat load of spent fuel assemblies. The initial critical path cooling window activity duration extends approximately seven years after Unit 2 shut down (see DCE Section 3.5. for further discussion). The spent fuel is cooled in the SFPs until heat loads are low enough to transfer to dry cask storage in accordance with the DC ISFSI license from the NRC.
- **Units 1 and 2 spent fuel and GTCC waste transfer to the DC ISFSI:** While the SFPs are being used to store spent fuel or GTCC waste, systems and structures that support the SFPs' operation cannot be demolished. Once transfer to the DC ISFSI is complete, several work activities may begin.
- **Units 1 and 2 Reactor Pressure Vessel and Internals Segmentation, Packaging and Disposal:** Removal and disposal of the Reactor Pressure Vessel (RPV) and internals has typically been performed long after final reactor shutdown which allows for substantial radioactive decay of the irradiated materials. In addition, many of the previously segmented reactors had poor operational performance or unexpectedly ceased operation early in life, resulting in considerably lower levels of radiation as compared to that which will be present in the DCPD RPVs

1 and internals when Units 1 and 2 stop operating in 2024 and 2025,
2 respectively. Put another way, total radionuclide concentrations in the
3 DCPD RPV and internals will be significantly higher than any that have
4 been encountered during previous segmentation activities at other
5 plants. To address this unique challenge, a team of subject matter
6 experts with vast decommissioning experience developed a
7 comprehensive segmentation plan and schedule drawing from actual
8 experience obtained from previously executed RPV and internals
9 segmentation projects. The plan addresses the health and safety risks
10 posed by the inherent danger and complexity of this work, and is based
11 on site specific design characteristics, operating parameters, and
12 materials of construction for the DCPD Units 1 and 2 RPVs and
13 internals.

14 Due to close proximity to the nuclear fuel, the RPV and internals
15 become highly radioactive, and the radionuclide concentrations
16 estimated to be present at end of operation result in extremely high
17 levels of radiation emanating from the materials. To develop a basis for
18 the radionuclide isotopes and concentrations that will be present within
19 the RPVs and internals at the time of final shutdown for Units 1 and 2,
20 a unit-specific waste characterization analysis was performed by
21 consultants with experience and expertise in the area of RPV and
22 internals segmentation and disposal. Based on results of the waste
23 characterization analysis, segmentation and packaging plans that meet
24 NRC and DOT regulation limits for transporting and disposing of
25 radioactive waste were developed for both Units 1 and 2. Since the cost
26 to dispose of Class A waste is significantly less than Class B or Class C
27 waste, the plans ensure the quantity of waste that will be disposed of as
28 Class A is maximized.

29 Results of the waste characterization analysis support the
30 determination that the optimal time to begin RPV and internals
31 segmentation and packaging is approximately five years after shutdown.
32 This allows time for adequate radioactive decay of short-lived gamma-
33 emitting radionuclides, which will reduce accumulation of worker dose;
34 allow for immediate transportation of waste to licensed off-site waste

1 disposal facilities; optimize RPV and internals segmentation duration by
2 allowing for larger individual pieces; and support timely reduction in
3 security staffing requirements for areas beyond the ISFSI pad, as
4 described in DCE, Section 3.4.3.3., by ensuring the reactor internals
5 waste classified as GTCC is removed from the Containment Buildings
6 and placed for storage on the ISFSI pad no later than seven years after
7 Unit 2 is shut down.

8 To minimize the total schedule duration for Units 1 and 2 RPV and
9 internals segmentation activities, segmentation of the Unit 2 RPV and
10 internals will be performed concurrent with completion of the Unit 1 RPV
11 and internals segmentation activities. The start of activities associated
12 with Unit 2 are labor resource dependent following a period of operating
13 experience obtained from operations within Unit 1. This results in an
14 offset of approximately seven months between the start of segmentation
15 operations between Units 1 and 2. To support parallel segmentation
16 activities for both Units 1 and 2, two complete sets of RPV and internals
17 segmentation equipment will be provided. The total duration for both
18 units, with Unit 2 work in parallel commencing seven months after Unit 1
19 start is approximately 56 months.

- 20 • **Unit 2 Containment Building Interior Demolition:**⁸ Due to As Low As
21 Reasonably Achievable (ALARA) and safety concerns, the containment
22 building interior demolition work cannot take place until: (1) the spent
23 fuel and GTCC waste are removed from the SFP, and (2) the last of the
24 major components (i.e., RPV and reactor vessel internals (RVI) as
25 described above) are removed.
- 26 • **Unit 2 Auxiliary Building and Fuel Handling Building (FHB)**
27 **Demolitions:** The Auxiliary Building and FHB demolitions cannot take
28 place until the spent fuel and GTCC waste are removed from the SFP.
- 29 • **Unit 2 Containment Building Demolition:** Due to ALARA and safety
30 concerns, this containment building exterior demolition work cannot take

⁸ It should be noted that demolitions of the Unit 1 Containment Building, Auxiliary Building, and FHB are not considered critical path because the Unit 1 RPV/RVI segmentations and removals complete five months before Unit 2 RPV/RVI segmentations start. This five-month lead allows the Unit 1 demolitions to start sooner than Unit 2; thus, making it non-critical path.

1 place until: (1) the spent fuel and GTCC waste are removed from the
2 SFP, and (2) the interior has been demolished.

- 3 • **Radioactive Waste Processing Facility:** The formerly titled
4 Warehouse Building, Building 115, is being repurposed as the
5 Radioactive Waste Processing Facility. It cannot be demolished until all
6 other buildings and structures with radioactive waste have been
7 demolished.
- 8 • **Breakwaters Demolition:** Breakwater removal is scheduled late in the
9 project to allow the breakwater structure to maintain a calm water supply
10 suction location for plant demolition water needs, as stated in DCE
11 Section 3.1.6.1., and to distribute waste stream volumes across the
12 project so as to not overcome the capability of transferring waste offsite.
13 This also allows for FSSs to be completed while the Breakwaters are
14 being removed. Earlier removal of the breakwater will require
15 identification of an alternate water supply path and will challenge offsite
16 waste transportation activities.
- 17 • **Final Landscaping, Re-vegetation, and Demobilization:** This is the
18 last activity to be completed for non-ISFSI decommissioning. Because
19 overhead costs can be reduced or eliminated once this activity is
20 completed, it is imperative to the budget that it be finished as soon as
21 possible.
- 22 • **Spent Fuel and GTCC Waste Transfer From the ISFSI to a**
23 **Permanent Offsite Facility:** Transfer to a permanent offsite facility
24 cannot begin until all spent fuel and GTCC waste has been moved from
25 the SFPs to the ISFSI and the offsite facility is ready to accept the spent
26 fuel and GTCC waste (see DCE Section 3.5.8.).
- 27 • **ISFSI Demolition Activities:** The ISFSI demolition cannot begin until
28 all spent fuel and GTCC waste have been transferred to the DOE. The
29 critical path activities related to ISFSI demolition include
30 mobilizing/demobilizing contractors; removing utilities, ancillary roads,
31 fences, barriers, and the ISFSI pad; performing soil remediation;
32 backfilling, grading, and landscaping; establishing erosion control; and
33 revegetation.

1 It is important to track critical path activities as they can put the
2 remainder of the schedule at-risk. For example, if the spent fuel and GTCC
3 waste are not transferred to the DC ISFSI as-scheduled, then building
4 demolition cannot be completed, and the licenses cannot be terminated. In
5 addition, although not initially determined to be a critical path activity, an
6 activity may become critical path as new information is identified during the
7 detailed planning efforts or project execution. For instance, new critical path
8 activities may be identified if existing critical path activities are completed
9 significantly earlier, significantly delayed, or if there is a change to the order
10 of work activities.

11 **3. Alternatives Considered**

12 In developing the schedule, several options were considered to
13 minimize the critical path activities such as conducting work in parallel and
14 completing planning work before physical work begins. Facets of these
15 options were incorporated into the schedule as follows:

- 16 • RPV and RVI segmentation were originally scheduled to occur in a
17 series (segmentation starts at the second unit after it's completed at the
18 first unit). Adding additional equipment and personnel so that
19 segmentation could be completed in parallel for both units as much as
20 possible reduced the time to do this by 13 months. That savings in
21 overhead costs more than offsets the added cost for additional
22 equipment and personnel.
- 23 • The feasibility of commencing segmentation and disposal of the RPV
24 and internals at approximately two years following final reactor
25 shutdown was evaluated by decay correcting the results of the waste
26 characterization analysis and drafting representative segmentation and
27 packaging plans. To ensure the ability to transport the loaded waste
28 containers beginning approximately two years following shutdown of the
29 units, the segmentation and packaging plans were developed based on
30 the capacity and radioactivity limitations of the NRC licensed TN-RAM
31 Type B transportation cask. The capacity and radioactivity limitations of
32 the cask necessitate exorbitant time and effort to segment the RPV and
33 internals into sizes sufficiently small to fit within the cask, ultimately
34 requiring the use of greater than 100 waste containers and Type B

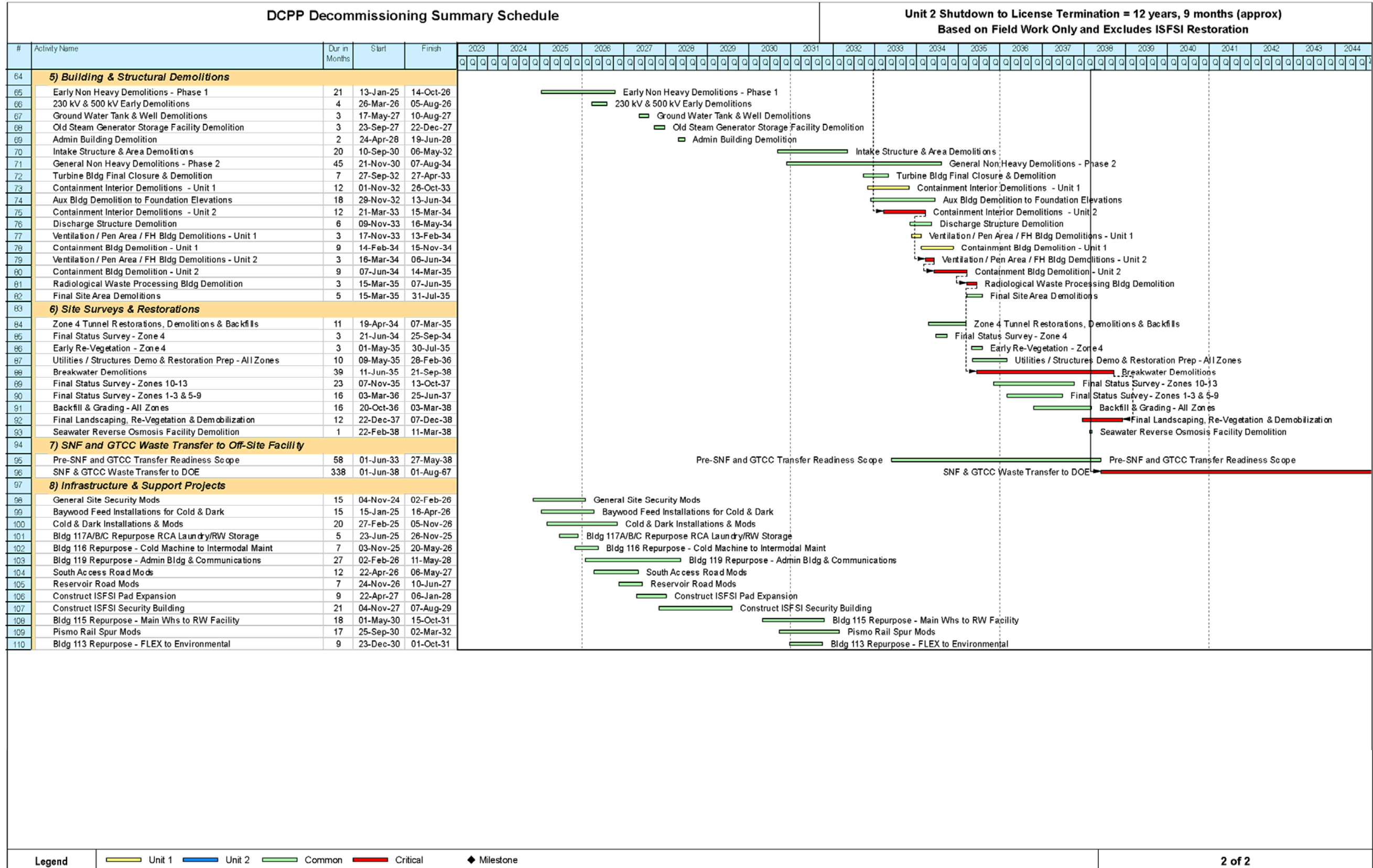
1 waste shipments per unit. This was contrary to goal of minimizing the
2 amount of time required to segment the RPV and internals and
3 minimizing the number of waste shipments requiring the use of a NRC
4 licensed Type B transportation cask. Therefore, commencing
5 segmentation and disposal of the RPV and internals at approximately
6 two years following final reactor shutdown was deemed unreasonable.

- 7 • The time spent for: (1) spent fuel and GTCC waste transfer to the ISFSI
8 and (2) RPV and RVI segmentation and disposal were optimized to
9 allow for as many parallel activities as possible. By incorporating
10 parallel work, critical path building demolition (i.e., Containment
11 Buildings, Auxiliary Building, and FHBs) can begin as soon as possible.
- 12 • Planning, licensing, and permitting efforts were originally scheduled to
13 occur after both units are permanently shut down. However, to save
14 time and money, they are scheduled to be completed prior to permanent
15 shutdown.

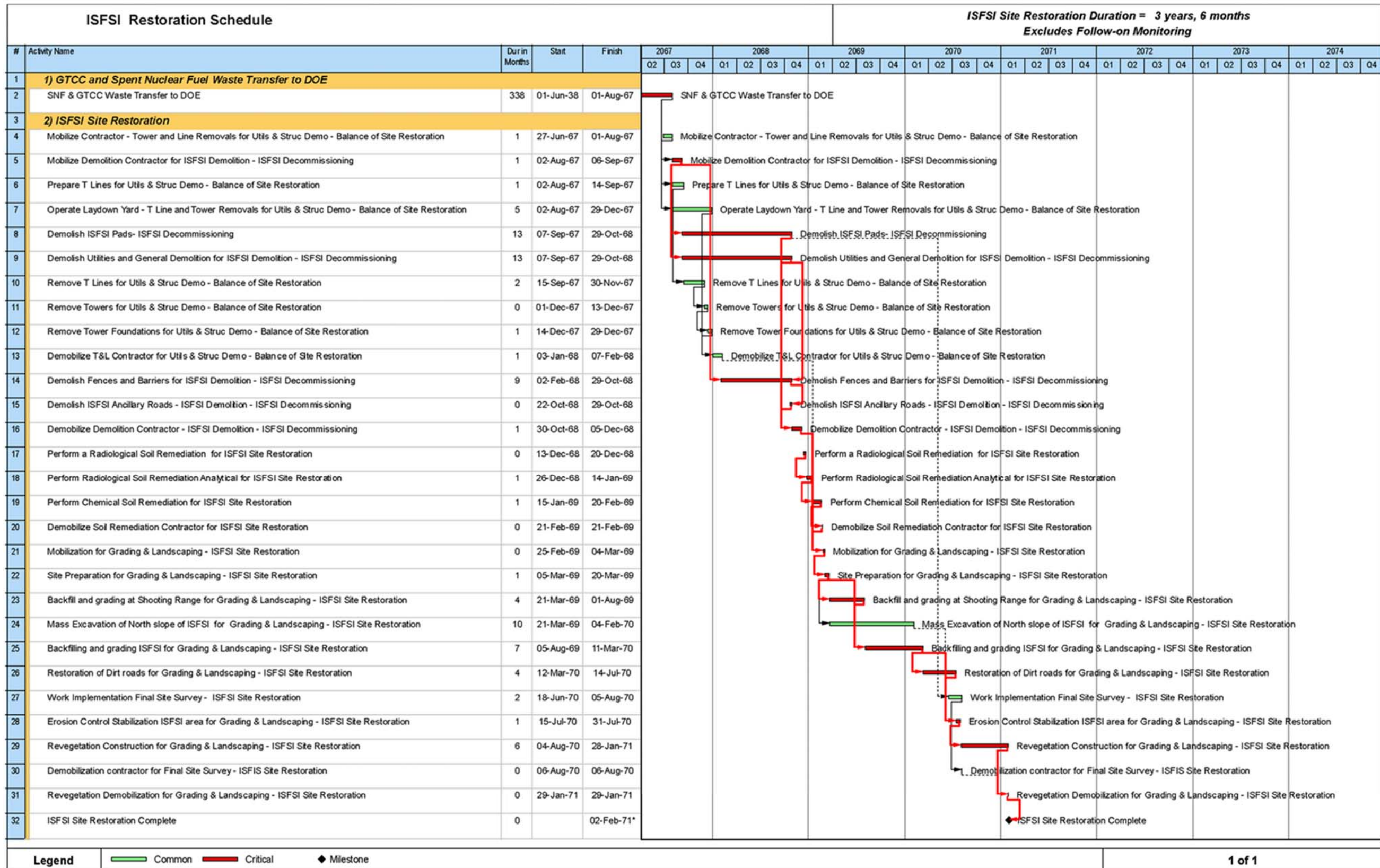
16 **G. Conclusion**

17 The Commission should adopt PG&E's estimate to decommission DCPD of
18 \$4,802.4 million.

**FIGURE 4-F
DCPP DEMOLITION AND SITE RESTORATION SCHEDULE
(CONTINUED)**



**FIGURE 4-G
ISFSI DEMOLITION AND ISFSI SITE RESTORATION SCHEDULE**



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1 **PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY**
2 **CHAPTER 5**
3 **DIABLO CANYON POWER PLANT LANDS**
4 **AND RELATED MATTERS**

5 **A. Introduction**

6 The purpose of this chapter is to describe Diablo Canyon Power Plant
7 (DCPP or Diablo Canyon) lands and land ownership; provide an update on
8 the activities and status of the public stakeholder process ordered by the
9 California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC or Commission) in Decision
10 (D.) 18-01-022; provide preliminary information about ideas developed through
11 the public stakeholder process for repurposing the breakwaters and use of
12 DCPP lands after decommissioning is completed; provide a status on Pacific
13 Gas and Electric Company’s (PG&E or the Company) discussions with state
14 agencies regarding the disposition of the breakwaters and Executive Order (EO)
15 D-62-02; and provide information necessary to comply with the Commission’s
16 directive that PG&E identify all environmental permits necessary to
17 decommission DCPP Units 1 and 2.

18 **B. DCPP Lands**

19 The lands around DCPP are owned by two entities—either PG&E, or Eureka
20 Energy Company (Eureka), which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of PG&E. There
21 are approximately 12,800 acres that make up this area and are known generally
22 in the public and in San Luis Obispo County Planning parlance as the “Diablo
23 Properties,” though not all the parcels are contiguous. Much of the Diablo
24 Properties are subject to leases held by other parties and there are other
25 encumbrances, such as public access trails and deed restrictions arising from
26 various Coastal Development Permits (CDP) that restrict the use of the Diablo
27 Properties. There are three land use categories under the San Luis Obispo
28 General Plan, Framework for Planning, that apply to the Diablo Properties. Most
29 of the parcels are zoned for agriculture or rural lands use by the County of
30 San Luis Obispo, which has land use jurisdiction over the properties. Only the
31 parcels of land where DCPP resides have a different zoning use, which is public
32 facilities, that allows for such uses as power plants.

1 Approximately 4,000 of the 12,800 acres of the Diablo Properties are also in
2 the coastal zone and are subject to the jurisdiction of the California Coastal
3 Commission (CCC or Coastal Commission) in addition to the County of San Luis
4 Obispo's approved Local Coastal Program.

5 As a general matter, PG&E's land acquisition strategy for the Diablo
6 Properties has been to build a large buffer zone surrounding DCPD to facilitate
7 and secure plant operations and access. As additional parcels or land interests
8 have become available, often through bankruptcy or other court proceedings,
9 PG&E has acquired additional land interests to expand the DCPD buffer zone
10 and to secure access to DCPD.

11 Many of the original land interests acquired by PG&E for the DCPD footprint
12 were long-term lease interests. As the fee interests in these properties later
13 became available, Eureka often acquired these interests in order to preserve the
14 original leasehold structure. The objective of these acquisitions was to facilitate
15 utility operations and access to DCPD, and to mitigate the risk of third-party land
16 uses conflicting with or being inconsistent with the safety, access and power
17 production objectives at DCPD. Today, the land interests owned or controlled by
18 PG&E and/or Eureka are managed under the Company's Land Stewardship
19 Program. A map showing all lands adjacent or contiguous to DCPD owned or
20 leased by PG&E, or any affiliates or subsidiaries and identifying ownership of the
21 lands and other property rights in the lands and total acreage is presented in
22 Attachment A.

23 **1. PG&E Affiliates or Subsidiaries That Hold Property Rights in Any of**
24 **the Lands**

25 Eureka is a California corporation and a wholly-owned subsidiary of
26 PG&E. Its date of formation is September 22, 1978. Eureka is the owner
27 and lessor of the parcels highlighted in green on the map provided in
28 Attachment A and performs no other business activity.

29 **2. Property or Contractual Rights in the Lands Held by Third Parties,**
30 **Such as Leases, Easements or Options**

31 **a. Pecho Coast Trail**

32 In 1983, PG&E obtained a CDP in connection with the
33 training/simulator building project. The CDP required PG&E to establish

1 a lateral shoreline and bluff top hiking access trail on the South Ranch,
2 known as the Pecho Coast Trail. PG&E manages the Pecho Coast Trail
3 in accordance with an Accessway Management Plan approved by the
4 Coastal Commission.

5 **b. Land Transactions with the Port San Luis Harbor District**

6 In 2006, PG&E obtained a CDP in connection with PG&E's Steam
7 Generator Replacement Project. The CDP required, as conditions of
8 approval, that PG&E enter into certain land transactions with the Port
9 San Luis Harbor District and place a deed restriction on 1,200 acres of
10 property on the South Ranch. The land transactions with the Port
11 included the conveyance of a road easement to access the historic Port
12 San Luis Lighthouse, the conveyance of 11.72 acres of land (which
13 included 6.24 acres of land under the Properties lease described in
14 more detail in Section C.3. below), and a construction access and
15 drainage easement. PG&E obtained the CPUC's approval of these land
16 transactions in Advice Letter (AL) 4235-E with the effective date of
17 July 5, 2013. PG&E is currently working with the Coastal Commission
18 staff on the form of the deed restriction on the 1,200 acres.

19 **c. Point Buchon Deed Restriction**

20 In 2004, PG&E obtained a CDP in connection with PG&E's
21 Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation Project. The CDP required,
22 as conditions of approval, that PG&E place a deed restriction on
23 property on the North Ranch for a public use trail and associated public
24 viewing areas along the North Ranch Property. PG&E obtained the
25 Commission's approval of this deed restriction in AL 3630-E with the
26 effective date of June 11, 2010. PG&E is currently working with the
27 Coastal Commission staff on the form of the deed restriction for the
28 Point Buchon Trail.

29 **d. Pre-Existing Encumbrances to Eureka Energy Company's Fee Title**

30 At the time Eureka acquired fee title in 1995, there were several
31 existing road and utility easements encumbering the property. These
32 pre-existing encumbrances are summarized below:

- 1 (1) An easement for road and incidental purposes granted to
2 Ramona W. Willard and recorded October 15, 1892, in Book 17 of
3 Deeds, Page 437. This easement affects a portion of Rancho
4 San Miguelito.
- 5 (2) An easement for pole line, ingress, egress and incidental purposes
6 granted to Sunset Telephone and Telegraph Company and
7 recorded November 11, 1903 in Book 62 of Deeds, Page 136.
- 8 (3) An easement for pipe lines and incidental purposes in favor of Union
9 Oil Company of California and recorded February 1, 1906 in
10 Book 69 of Deeds, Page 22.
- 11 (4) An easement for road and incidental purposes for the exclusive use
12 of the U.S. Coast Guard and recorded October 10, 1962, as
13 Book 1205 Page 561 of Official Records.
- 14 (5) An easement for electrical facilities and incidental purposes granted
15 to PG&E and recorded May 28, 1969, as Book 1519 Page 7 of
16 Official Records.
- 17 (6) An easement for access, ingress, egress and incidental purposes
18 granted to James Talcott, Inc. and recorded April 3, 1978, as
19 Book 2059 Page 615 of Official Record.
- 20 (7) An easement for communication facilities and incidental purposes
21 granted to Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company and recorded
22 June 20, 1979, as Book 2164 Page 480 of Official Records.

23 **3. Other Third Party Uses**

24 On March 6, 2008, Eureka granted a road easement to
25 Robert Rolla Martin, Trustee of the Robert Rolla Martin Living Trust Dated
26 December 16, 1996, for ingress and egress to Martin's adjoining property.
27 The grant of easement was the result of a settlement of an action brought in
28 San Luis Obispo County Superior Court and is recorded on September 8,
29 2008, as Instrument No. 2008045979.

30 On March 20, 2017, PG&E issued a license for grazing and agricultural
31 purposes to Frank Mello, Jr. This license expires September 30, 2021, but
32 may be renewed.

1 On June 16, 2016, PG&E issued a license for grazing and agricultural
2 purposes to Robert Blanchard, Jr. This license expires June 5, 2021, but
3 may be renewed.

4 On March 4, 2013, PG&E issued a license to use a house located on
5 the North Ranch to Jim Blecha and Sally Krenn on a month-to-month basis
6 to serve as an on-site presence to oversee the use of the Point Buchon trail.

7 On September 1, 2013, PG&E issued a license to GTE Mobilenet of
8 Santa Barbara Limited Partnership for telecommunication facilities on
9 Parcel P. This license expires in 2022, but may be renewed until 2027.

10 **C. Description of the Acquisition and Ownership History of the Lands**

11 **1. Lease of Parcels P, T, L and R**

12 PG&E is currently the lessee under that certain Lease dated
13 September 17, 1966, originally entered into between Luigi Marré Land &
14 Cattle Co. (LMLCC), as lessor, and San Luis Obispo Bay Properties, Inc.
15 (SLOBP), as lessee, pertaining to lands comprising the Diablo Canyon plant
16 site (Parcel P), transmission line corridor (Parcel T), an easement for use as
17 an access road between Parcel P and Avila Beach Drive (Parcel R), and a
18 large coastal shelf extending southerly of the plant site (Parcel L) (the
19 “Properties lease”). The term of the Properties lease is 99 years.

20 By way of background, PG&E had previously been the sublessee of the
21 Properties lease. This sublease was dated September 17, 1966, SLOBP,
22 as sublessor, subleased to PG&E, as sublessee, Parcel P, Parcel T and
23 Parcel R. In the 1970s, SLOBP filed for bankruptcy. As a result of the
24 bankruptcy proceedings, PG&E acquired SLOBP’s leasehold interest in the
25 Properties lease. This acquisition is memorialized in the Assignment of
26 Lease dated July 28, 1980, by John F. Ready, as trustee in the bankruptcy
27 of SLOBP, and recorded on July 29, 1989 as Instrument No. 32982 in
28 Volume 2258, Page 67 of Official Records of San Luis Obispo County. As a
29 result of this Assignment of Lease, PG&E became the successor in interest
30 to the lessee under the Properties lease. At all times since this Assignment
31 of Lease, PG&E has remained the lessee under the Properties lease. The
32 Properties lease is included in PG&E’s rate base.

1 **2. Lease of Lots W and Z and the Diablo Northwest Parcel**

2 PG&E is currently the lessee under that certain Lease dated
3 December 26, 1968, originally entered into between LMLCC, as lessor, and
4 Diablo Canyon Corporation (DCC- no relationship to PG&E), as lessee,
5 pertaining to lands comprising Lots T, U, V, W, X, Y and Z of the Hartford
6 Subdivision of the Rancho San Miguelito and a parcel known as the Diablo
7 Northwest Parcel in the Rancho Pecho (the “Diablo lease”). The term of the
8 Properties lease is 99 years.

9 As part of the bankruptcy proceedings of DCC, PG&E acquired DCC’s
10 leasehold interest in the Diablo Northwest Parcel. This acquisition is
11 memorialized in the Assignment of Lease dated July 28, 1980, by John F.
12 Ready, as trustee in the bankruptcy of DCC, and recorded on July 29, 1989,
13 as Instrument No. 32983 in Volume 2258, Page 80 of Official Records of
14 San Luis Obispo County.

15 On December 19, 1985, PG&E acquired the leasehold interest in
16 Lots W and Z. This acquisition is memorialized in the Assignment of
17 Lease by Graylor Investment, Inc., and recorded on January 31, 1986, as
18 Instrument No. 5960 in Volume 2796, Page 773 of Official Records of
19 San Luis Obispo County.

20 The Diablo Northwest Parcel, Lots W and Z are included in PG&E’s
21 rate base.

22 **3. Eureka Energy Company’s Acquisition of Fee Title to the South Ranch**
23 **(Parcels P, T, L and R, the Diablo Northwest Parcel and Lots T, U, V, W,**
24 **X, Y, and Z)**

25 By Sheriff’s Deed dated April 5, 1995, Eureka acquired the fee interest
26 to Parcels P, T, L and R, the Diablo Northwest Parcel and Lots T, V, U, X,
27 W, X, Y and Z, subject to certain existing exceptions described in the
28 Sheriff’s Deed. Title to these properties were acquired by Eureka Energy
29 Company so that PG&E’s existing leasehold interest in the Properties lease
30 and Diablo lease would continue in full force and effect. As a result of
31 acquiring the fee title, Eureka Energy Company is successor in interest to
32 LMLCC, as lessor, under the Properties Lease. As noted above in
33 Section A.3, PG&E is the successor in interest to the lessee under the
34 Properties Lease. Eureka is also the successor in interest to LMLCC, as

1 lessor, under the Diablo Lease. As noted above in Section B.2 and B.3,
2 PG&E is the successor in interest to the lessee under Diablo lease as to the
3 Diablo Northwest Parcel and Lots W and Z. Eureka also is the owner of
4 certain lands that are not subject to either the Properties lease or the Diablo
5 lease, including a 5.21-acre parcel of land on Lot Z (APN 076-172-016) and
6 a 2 acre area of land on Lot Y (076-172-022) commonly known as the
7 Marre House.

8 Eureka's fee title to Lots T, U, V, X, and Y (comprising approximately
9 2,369 acres) is subject to the Diablo lease. Currently, Pacho Limited
10 Partnership, a California limited partnership, and San Luis Bay Limited
11 Partnership, a California limited partnership, hold the leasehold interest
12 in the Diablo lease to Lots T, U, V, X, and Y. According to SEC filings,
13 HomeFed Corporation, a Delaware corporation with its principal office
14 in Carlsbad, California holds a 90 percent controlling interest in Pacho
15 Limited 4. These properties are commonly referred to as Wild Cherry
16 Canyon.

17 **4. PG&E's Acquisition of Fee Title to North Ranch**

18 In 1968, PG&E acquired title to 168 acres of land lying north of and
19 contiguous to Parcel P. This acquisition is memorialized in the grant deed
20 dated March 4, 1968, and recorded on March 8, 1968, in Volume 1468,
21 Page 49 of Official Records of San Luis Obispo County.

22 In 1986, PG&E acquired title to an additional 4,517 acres of land on the
23 North Ranch, lying between Parcel P and Montana del Oro State Park.
24 These acquisitions were memorialized in 4 separate grant deeds from the
25 Fields family: (1) Grant Deed dated November 25, 1986, and recorded on
26 December 18, 1986, as Instrument No. 84013 in Volume 2927, Page 154
27 (conveying 3,104 acres); (2) Grant Deed dated November 25, 1986, and
28 recorded on December 18, 1986, as Instrument No. 84014 in Volume 2927,
29 Page 158 (conveying 457 acres); (3) Grant Deed dated December 12, 1986
30 and recorded on December 18, 1986, as Instrument No. 84015 in
31 Volume 2927, Page 159 (conveying 899 acres); and (4) Grant Deed dated
32 November 25, 1986, and recorded on December 18, 1986, as Instrument
33 No. 84014 in Volume 2927, Page 161 (conveying 57 acres). These
34 properties in the North Ranch are included within PG&E's rate base.

1 **5. PG&E’s Lease From the California State Lands Commission**

2 In 2016, PG&E received a new lease from the California State Lands
3 Commission (CSLC) for use of tidelands and offshore areas for use of a
4 cooling water discharge channel, water intake structure, intake cove
5 breakwaters and related structures associated with the operation of the
6 power plant through 2025.

7 **D. Diablo Canyon Decommissioning Engagement Panel and Other Public**
8 **Outreach**

9 In D.18-01-022, the Commission directed:

10 Pacific Gas and Electric Company will take no action with respect to any of
11 the lands and facilities, whether owned by the Utility or a subsidiary, before
12 completion of a future process; there will be local input and further
13 Commission review prior to the disposition of Diablo Canyon facilities and
14 surrounding lands.¹

15 In response to this directive, PG&E established the Diablo Canyon
16 Decommissioning Engagement Panel (DCDEP or Engagement Panel) to
17 engage in open and transparent dialogue with all interested stakeholders on
18 matters regarding decommissioning and future use of the lands around DCP.
19 The Engagement Panel was established and adopted its charter as of May 24,
20 2018. As of December 1, 2018, the panel has held seven public meetings which
21 were noticed in advance to solicit public attendance and participation. In
22 addition to these meetings, the DCDEP held 28 hours of workshops over four
23 days where participants brainstormed and shared ideas about repurposing
24 DCPP facilities and structures and potential future uses of DCP lands.

25 In addition to these DCDEP meetings and workshops, PG&E engaged and
26 received feedback from regulators, key stakeholders, appointed and elected
27 officials, and DCP employees regarding DCP operations, the potential
28 repurposing of DCP assets, and the proposals for potential future use (or
29 conservation) of DCP lands.

30 From these engagements and DCDEP meetings, PG&E learned that the
31 public is most interested in repurposing the breakwaters at DCP and in
32 repurposing the property owned by Eureka known as Wild Cherry Canyon, a
33 portion of the South Ranch property, for future use or conservation.

1 D.18-01-022, Ordering Paragraph (OP) 13.

1 PG&E proposes to continue these engagements with the public and when
2 plans for future use of DCPD lands and facilities move beyond a brainstorming
3 and evaluation phase, PG&E will bring these proposals to the Commission
4 as required.

5 **1. Breakwaters**

6 The breakwaters extend from two points into the ocean, creating an
7 area of calm surface water around the intake structure. As explained in
8 more detail in Chapter 4, Section E.1., they are built from man-made
9 concrete tri-bar (concrete block in a complex geometric shape weighing
10 up to 38 tons) and used to protect harbor walls from the erosive force of
11 ocean waves

12 PG&E received public input regarding the breakwaters through the
13 DCDEP, public workshops on proposed repurposing/reuse options, public
14 comments during DCDEP meetings, emails directed to DCDEP members,
15 consultation with potential future operators, such as the Port San Luis
16 Harbor District, and the CSLC staff. These entities and stakeholders have
17 expressed significant interest in repurposing the breakwaters. Suggestions
18 for repurposing or reuse include: marina, commercial fishing, recreational
19 diving, sailing, motor boat access, Marine Research (generic, scientific), Cal
20 State University System marine research, Cal State University System—
21 marine maritime academy, harbor of safe refuge, and marine mammal and
22 wildlife rescue facility

23 PG&E has identified several steps necessary to implement any of these
24 repurposing proposals. In one scenario, PG&E would have to transfer the
25 breakwaters to another entity and CSLC would have to transfer the current
26 lease or issue a new lease.

27 In a different scenario, the legislature could pass legislation to transfer
28 ownership to another governmental entity.

29 PG&E is also considering maintaining the breakwater for future public
30 access and utility operations.

31 In addition to the ownership issues, PG&E must evaluate regulatory and
32 permitting requirements for any repurposing/reuse proposals for DCPD
33 lands. Agencies with jurisdiction may include, but are not limited to: CSLC,
34 CCC, US Army Corps of Engineers, National Marine Fisheries Service, US

1 Fish and Wildlife, California Division of Fish and Wildlife, California EPA,
2 Water Resources Control Board, and San Luis Obispo County.

3 Furthermore, the CSLC Executive Director’s written correspondence
4 to PG&E dated November 21, 2018, reiterated that staff cannot speculate
5 as to what action the CSLC Commissioners may ultimately take on the
6 breakwater. The CLSC will evaluate consistency with the Public Trust
7 Doctrine and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to determine if
8 any proposal is in the best interest of California.

9 Evaluating scenarios and pursuing the permitting necessary for
10 repurposing/reuse proposals may take considerable time and money—
11 indeed, the proposed repurposing may have one-time and/or ongoing costs,
12 but repurposing/reuse may be less impactful to the environment and may
13 cost less than the approximately \$286 million cost to remove and dispose of
14 the breakwaters.

15 **2. Wild Cherry Canyon**

16 The Engagement Panel and other public outreach revealed multiple
17 parties interested in ensuring that a portion of the South Ranch property
18 known as Wild Cherry Canyon be dedicated to conservation. In conjunction
19 with this expressed preference, stakeholders have suggested that there may
20 be an opportunity for acquisition because the voters of California recently
21 passed a park bond to provide funding for open space acquisitions. The
22 Friends of Wild Cherry Canyon, the State of California, the County of San
23 Luis Obispo and other NGOs are assessing how to acquire the Wild Cherry
24 Canyon parcels from Eureka Energy Company and Homefed Corporation
25 for conservation. These properties were part of a complex, open-space
26 acquisition effort that involved many of the same stakeholders that ultimately
27 failed in 2013.

28 **E. Agency Consultations**

29 The 2015 NDCTP decision directed PG&E to provide “a summary and
30 results of consultation with the California Coastal Commission (CCC), CSLC,
31 Department of Public Health (DPH), California State Water Resources Control
32 Board (SWQCB), and the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC)
33 concerning the application of EO D-62-02 to disposal of construction debris

1 and whether the breakwaters will be required to be removed at Diablo Canyon
2 Power Plant.”²

3 In compliance with the Commission’s directive, PG&E engaged in initial,
4 informal communication with each all of the referenced agencies and then
5 scheduled in-person meetings to discuss each agency’s role with both the EO
6 and the potential retention or removal of the breakwater features.

7 These consultations did not provide additional clarity on the issue of in-state
8 disposal opportunities for construction debris from DCPD. The CCC, CSLC, and
9 DTSC conveyed that they do not have jurisdiction in the matter, unless the issue
10 of in-state versus out-of-state disposal is included as part of the project
11 description for which an application is made requiring discretionary action.

12 The SWQCB informed PG&E that they are aware of the EO and have taken
13 no further action since a 2008 memorandum to the Bureau of State Audits in
14 which states in relevant part:

15 While the EO did include adoption of waste discharge requirements, this has
16 not yet occurred because there would be no additional regulatory benefit
17 gained and other high-priority work continues to compete for limited
18 resources. Therefore, issuance of waste discharge requirements has been
19 deferred until such time as there is a clear and compelling benefit to direct
20 resources for such action.

21 Finally, the DPH informed PG&E that they do not regulate nuclear power
22 plants and only review documents provided by the Nuclear Regulatory
23 Commission (NRC) as a “sister agency” to ensure nothing seems to be
24 abnormal in its reporting on decommissioning activities within California. The
25 DPH reiterated they do not regulate either DCPD or the landfills, and they
26 recognize the SWQCB has not issued further formal guidance to landfill
27 operators since the adoption of the moratorium.

28 In addition to these agency consultations, PG&E contacted landfills in
29 California to inquire whether the landfills would accept NRC released
30 construction debris. A few of the landfills contacted indicated they would accept
31 this waste, but only if provided guidance or authority from the State to do so.

32 In summary, the state agencies have taken no further action to address the
33 EO and the landfills contacted by PG&E are not willing to accept DCPD waste
34 without formal state guidance addressing the EO. PG&E concludes that there is

² D.17-05-020, OP 7.

1 insufficient guidance from the State for PG&E and landfill operators to rely on to
2 dispose of DCPD construction debris that is above background radiation levels
3 but below DCGLs established by the NRC in state landfills. Accordingly,
4 PG&E's Decommissioning Cost Estimate (DCE) assumes out of state disposal
5 of this waste.

6 With regard to disposition of the breakwaters, the state agencies provided
7 more clarity. The agencies involved in discretionary permitting or action—the
8 CSLC and the CCC—indicated they would require a specific application and
9 project description to evaluate an outcome and comply with California
10 environmental regulations regarding the breakwaters. The agencies concur that
11 the CSLC has exclusive authority to determine whether the breakwater may be
12 retained, modified, or removed under terms of the current lease, which must be
13 renewed prior to plant shut down. As such, further action is required by the
14 CLSC and PG&E before the CSLC can take action regarding retention or
15 removal of the breakwaters. Proposals to remove or retain the breakwaters
16 trigger environmental review under CEQA (or CEQA equivalent) to evaluate
17 potential impacts and alternatives of the proposed project. The CSLC Executive
18 Director confirmed the CSLC cannot speculate on retention of breakwaters or
19 new lease terms until PG&E applies for its decommissioning activities (which is
20 part of the current lease from CSLC to PG&E).

21 The CCC may have secondary permitting authority associated with
22 disposition of the breakwaters because it may take the position that proposals to
23 remove or retain the breakwaters constitute development under the Coastal Act.

24 **F. Environmental Permits**

25 The 2015 NDCTP decision directed PG&E to include in its 2018 application
26 testimony a report on the environmental reviews required to decommission
27 DCPD.³ PG&E's decommissioning plan involves numerous agency reviews and
28 required permits and close coordination with federal, state, and local agencies.
29 The DCE Section 3.2.1 sets forth in detail the relevant requirements and PG&E's
30 plans for obtaining the expected necessary permits and approvals.

3 D.17-05-020, p 66.



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4 **A. Introduction**

5 The purpose of this chapter is to (1) present Pacific Gas and Electric
6 Company’s (PG&E or the Utility) analysis of the feasibility of both pre-and
7 post-shut down acceleration of dry cask loading at Diablo Canyon Power Plant
8 (DCPP) and identify the costs to expedite dry cask loading; (2) provide an
9 updated assessment of the commencement of Department of Energy (DOE)
10 spent nuclear fuel (SNF) pickup; and (3) describe the status of PG&E’s DOE
11 settlement and the return of DOE net settlement payments to customers.

12 **B. Acceleration of Dry Cask Loading at DCP**

13 In the 2015 Nuclear Decommissioning Cost Triennial Proceeding (NDCTP)
14 decision, the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) directed
15 PG&E to include in PG&E’s 2018 NDCTP an assessment of both pre-shutdown
16 and post-shutdown options for expediting dry cask loading from the 10-year
17 assumption authorized in the 2015 NDCTP, and the associated costs.¹

18 PG&E’s assessment of the feasibility, duration and cost of accelerating SNF
19 loading to dry cask storage pre-and post-shutdown reveals that the most
20 cost-effective strategy is to eliminate SNF loading campaigns between now and
21 permanent cessation of operations and to implement one loading campaign
22 starting in 2030 and ending within seven years after Unit 2 shutdown. This
23 loading strategy results in completing transfer of the SNF in dry cask storage
24 1.4 years earlier than the next most feasible proposal, taking into account
25 required cooling time, the heat load limits of canisters, licensing, seismic and
26 other constraints.

27 The controlling factor in loading casks is the heat load of each SNF
28 assembly. For every relatively hot fuel assembly loaded in the canister an
29 equally cool fuel assembly, relative to the average heat per SNF assembly,
30 needs to be loaded. The relative temperature of a SNF assembly is primarily
31 based on how long it has been cooling in the spent fuel pool (SFP)—the longer it

1 Decision (D.) 17-05-020, Ordering Paragraph (OP) 5.

1 is in the SFP the cooler it is. Any strategy for accelerating transfer must take
2 into consideration the entire mix of SNF assembly heat loads contained within
3 the SFPs currently and through the remainder of the operating licenses.

4 **1. Status of Dry Cask Loading at DCP**

5 The DCP reactor pressure vessels are designed to hold a core of
6 193 fuel assemblies. The cores are designed to run at full power for
7 approximately 20 months before the fuel is taken out of the reactor pressure
8 vessel and placed in the SFP to allow for a refueling outage when a new
9 core is loaded into the reactor pressure vessel. The time that the reactor is
10 operating between refueling outages is referred to as a cycle. The new core
11 loaded during a refueling outage typically contains approximately a third
12 each of new fuel assemblies that have never been in the core, fuel
13 assemblies that have been in the core for one cycle, and fuel assemblies
14 that have been in the core for two cycles.

15 Typically, once a fuel assembly has been in the core for three cycles it
16 will no longer be used in a future core and will remain in the SFP to cool until
17 it has met the heat load parameters for it to be transferred to dry cask
18 storage. Once the SNF is placed in a dry storage canister it is transferred to
19 the Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI) where it will be
20 maintained until it can be transferred to an offsite licensed facility.

21 As of December 2018 there are a total 1,856 SNF assemblies stored
22 within the ISFSI. The SNF assemblies are stored within 58 Holtec
23 HI-STORM 100 casks, with 32 assemblies per cask. There are currently
24 744 and 768 SNF assemblies stored in the Unit 1 and 2 SFPs, respectively.
25 PG&E anticipates that when DCP Unit 2 is shut down for the last time,
26 there will be 1,261 and 1,281 SNF assemblies stored in the Unit 1 and 2
27 SFPs, respectively.

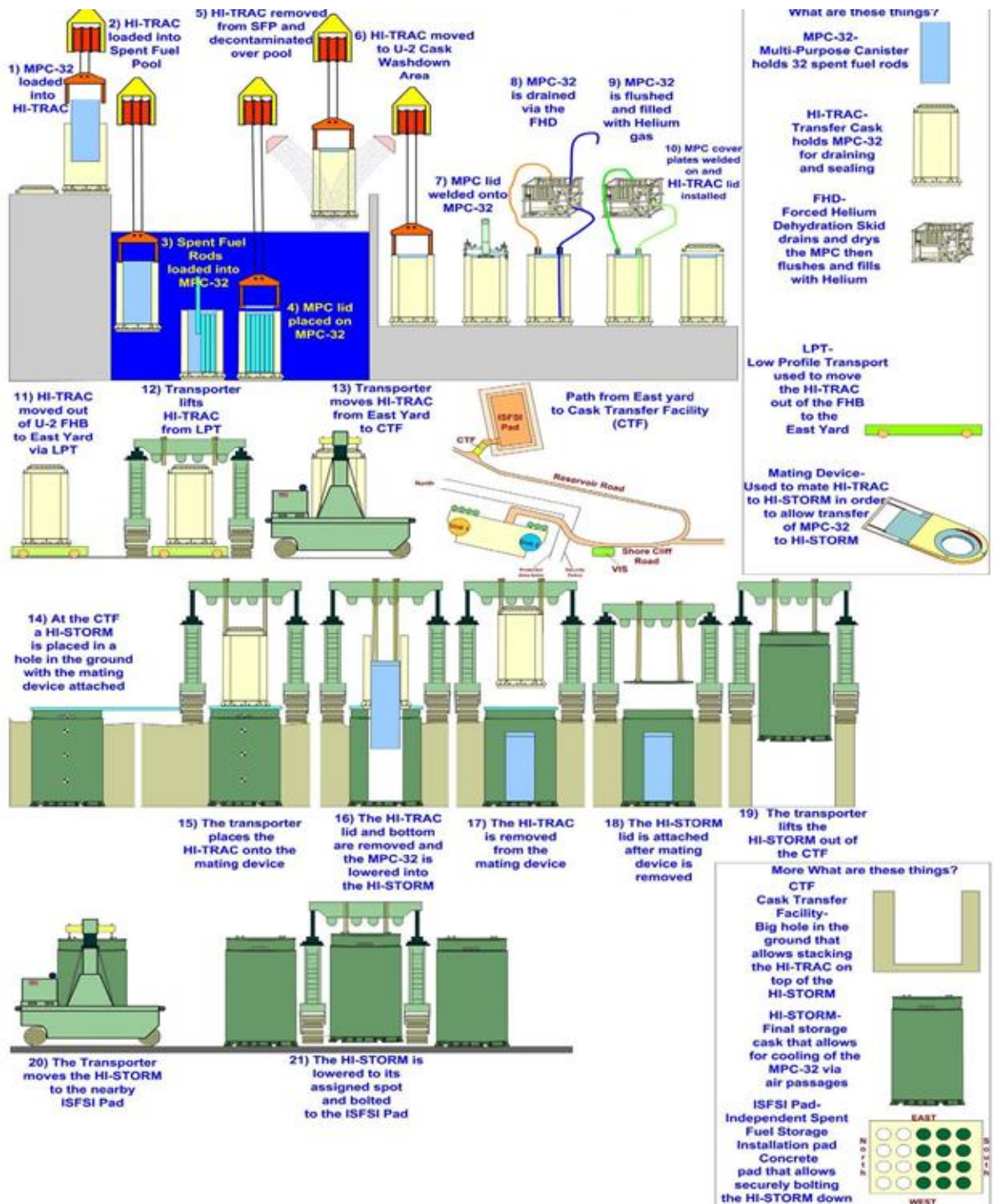
28 **2. NRC Licensing Requirements for Dry Cask Loading at DCP**

29 The current dry cask storage system at DCP uses the Holtec
30 International HI-STORM 100SA overpack, HI-TRAC 125D transfer cask, and
31 Multi-Purpose Canister (MPC) capable of holding 32 fuel assemblies
32 (MPC-32). This system is approved for use by general licensees under
33 Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Docket Number 72-1014.

1 For a general license, the dry cask vendor performs the licensing to
2 gain the NRC's approval for the dry cask design to be used. However,
3 DCPD is not authorized as a general licensee, but rather uses the system
4 under a site-specific ISFSI license (NRC Docket Number 72-26). PG&E
5 chose to obtain a site-specific ISFSI license to adequately address DCPD
6 site-specific conditions including seismic design basis requirements and the
7 associated impacts to the system's thermal capacity.

8 The DCPD site-specific seismic conditions require that potential impacts
9 be evaluated in detail for seismic response of the storage system during
10 an earthquake and for the potential of thermally limiting configurations
11 (i.e., when there is the least amount of margin as compared to the allowable
12 design heat load) during the process of transferring SNF from the SFP to the
13 ISFSI. To meet DCPD site-specific seismic design requirements, PG&E
14 implemented a one-of-a-kind anchored cask design for the current Holtec
15 vertically orientated storage system. The current storage system's most
16 thermally limiting configuration is while the loaded storage cask is in the
17 cask transfer facility (CTF) (see Figure 6-1, steps 17 and 18) because the
18 CTF limits the air flow around the canister. PG&E implemented DCPD's
19 design of a below grade CTF in order to minimize the seismic spectral
20 response of the overpack and transfer cask while the transfer cask is
21 connected to the storage cask to allow the loaded canister to be transferred
22 from transfer cask to the overpack (see Figure 6-1, steps 15 and 16). For
23 other plants with the HI-STORM system the overpack is placed on the
24 ground and the transfer cask is placed on top of the overpack. The loading
25 configuration used at other plants would not meet NRC requirements when
26 using DCPD's seismic spectrum.

**FIGURE 6-1
OVERVIEW OF DCPD CASK LOADING PROCESS**



1 The minimum time allowed under NRC requirements before SNF can be
 2 removed from the SFP and placed into dry storage is dependent on three
 3 factors. The first factor is burnup, which limits the maximum total heat load
 4 the NRC approves for a canister design. The second factor is the maximum

1 total heat load the NRC has approved for a canister design. The third factor
2 is the maximum heat load for a single SNF assembly the NRC has approved
3 for a canister design. The maximum heat load for a single SNF assembly is
4 imposed to ensure the localized physical properties of the canister design
5 are not impacted for storage and transportation requirements (e.g., ensures
6 the material is not weakened from high localized temperatures); it
7 determines the shortest cooling time that the NRC will allow before any
8 assembly may be placed in dry cask storage.

9 To conceptualize burnup, it helps to understand how uranium fuels a
10 reactor. Before it is made into fuel, uranium is processed to increase the
11 concentration of atoms that can split in a controlled chain reaction in the
12 reactor. The atoms release energy as they split; this energy produces the
13 heat that is turned into electricity. In general, the higher the concentration
14 of those atoms, the longer the fuel can sustain a chain reaction. And the
15 longer the fuel remains in the reactor, the higher the burnup. In other
16 words, burnup is a way to measure how much uranium is burned in the
17 reactor. It is the amount of energy produced by the uranium, expressed in
18 gigawatt-days per metric ton of uranium (GWd/MTU).

19 Over time, nuclear fuel designs have improved to allow for a higher
20 average burnup. Utilities now can get more power out of their fuel before
21 replacing it, which means they can operate longer between refueling
22 outages while using less fuel. The burnup level affects the fuel's
23 temperature, radioactivity, and physical makeup. It is important to the
24 NRC's review of SNF cask designs because each system has limits on
25 temperature and radioactivity. How hot and radioactive SNF is depends on
26 burnup, the fuel's initial makeup and conditions in the core. All these factors
27 must be considered in designing and approving dry storage and transport
28 systems for SNF.

29 The NRC's standard approach for approving maximum heat loads for
30 a dry cask design is based on whether the canister will contain SNF
31 assemblies with a burnup greater than 45 GWd/MTU. The canisters that
32 will contain one or more SNF assemblies with a burnup greater than
33 45 GWd/MTU will have a maximum heat load limit that is lower than that of a

1 canister that will contain only SNF assemblies with equal to or less than
2 45 GWd/MTU.

3 Once the maximum heat load limit for a canister is determined, if it will
4 contain a SNF assembly with greater than 45 GWd/MTU, the utility must
5 determine which SNF assemblies from the inventory of SNF in the SFPs it
6 can load into the canister while remaining below the maximum heat load
7 total for the canister while still meeting the maximum heat load limit for a
8 single fuel assembly.

9 There are only so many total kilowatts of heat allowed to be initially
10 stored in a canister. Dividing the total number of kilowatts allowed for a
11 canister by the number of SNF assemblies that can be stored in the canister
12 provides the average heat load allowed per SNF assembly to be stored in
13 the canister. For every SNF assembly to be stored in the canister that has a
14 heat load above the average heat load allowed per SNF assembly for the
15 canister, PG&E must load a SNF assembly that has a heat load an
16 equivalent amount below the average load allowed per SNF assembly for
17 the canister. Essentially, for every relatively hot fuel assembly loaded in the
18 canister an equally cool fuel assembly, relative to the average heat per SNF
19 assembly, needs to be loaded in the canister. The relative temperature of a
20 SNF assembly is primarily based on how long it has been cooling in the
21 SFP. Any strategy for emptying the SFP of SNF must consider take the
22 entire mix of SNF assembly heat loads contained within the SFPs currently
23 and through the remainder of the operating licenses.

24 In addition to the maximum heat load limits, there are additional design
25 basis criteria, such as natural disasters, that must be approved by the NRC
26 for a dry cask storage design. The design basis criteria are based on
27 site-specific conditions. The dry cask storage system general licenses do
28 not bound every site-specific condition and require additional licensing,
29 potential design changes, and NRC approval to allow the use of a generally
30 licensed design at a site that has a condition not bounded by the
31 general license.

32 **3. Alternatives for Acceleration of Dry Cask Loading**

33 The current dry cask storage design in use at Diablo Canyon ISFSI
34 (DC ISFSI) is limited by the ISFSI Technical Specifications to a minimum

1 cooling of 10 years for the amount of burnup of the DCPD SNF. The
2 Technical Specifications limits are based on the design basis accident
3 evaluations using the physical properties of the storage system. The
4 thermally limiting component for the current DC ISFSI system is the SNF
5 fuel basket. To accelerate transition from wet storage to dry storage of SNF
6 before a 10-year cooling time, a dry cask storage design system with a heat
7 load capacity higher than the one currently licensed by the NRC for the DC
8 ISFSI will need to be implemented.

9 There are three major vendors with dry cask storage system designs
10 approved by the NRC for use in the United States. Those three vendors are
11 Holtec International (Holtec), NAC International (NAC), and Orano (formerly
12 known as and referred to here as TransNuclear (TN) Americas). The Holtec
13 and NAC dry storage systems implement storage configuration with the SNF
14 in a vertical orientation. The TN Americas dry cask storage system
15 implements a storage configuration with the SNF in a horizontal orientation.
16 All three of these vendors have gained approval, or are pursuing approval,
17 from the NRC for canister designs with similar maximum heat loads.

18 To implement a new design for the DC ISFSI from any of the three
19 above mentioned vendors would require PG&E to pursue one of two
20 options. Option 1 would be to get NRC approval to amend the site-specific
21 DC ISFSI license to incorporate a generally licensed design. Option 2 would
22 be to perform an evaluation to demonstrate that the general licensed design
23 bounds the site-specific conditions at DCPD.

24 If the evaluation determined that the general design did not bound the
25 site-specific conditions, then NRC approval to amend the general license
26 with design changes to bound the DCPD site-specific conditions would have
27 to be obtained prior to the system could be implemented. Once a vendor is
28 selected and under contract to perform the required analyses and
29 evaluations to determine the design and licensing bases changes needed to
30 implement a new system, a duration of three years would be a reasonable
31 expectation to complete the analyses and receive NRC approvals.

32 The duration for receiving NRC approval is dependent on the
33 significance of any design change that would be needed and if any public
34 hearings are required by the process. An amendment to a general ISFSI

1 license may also be complicated by any other license amendments that
2 would be concurrently under review by the NRC for other users of the
3 general design.

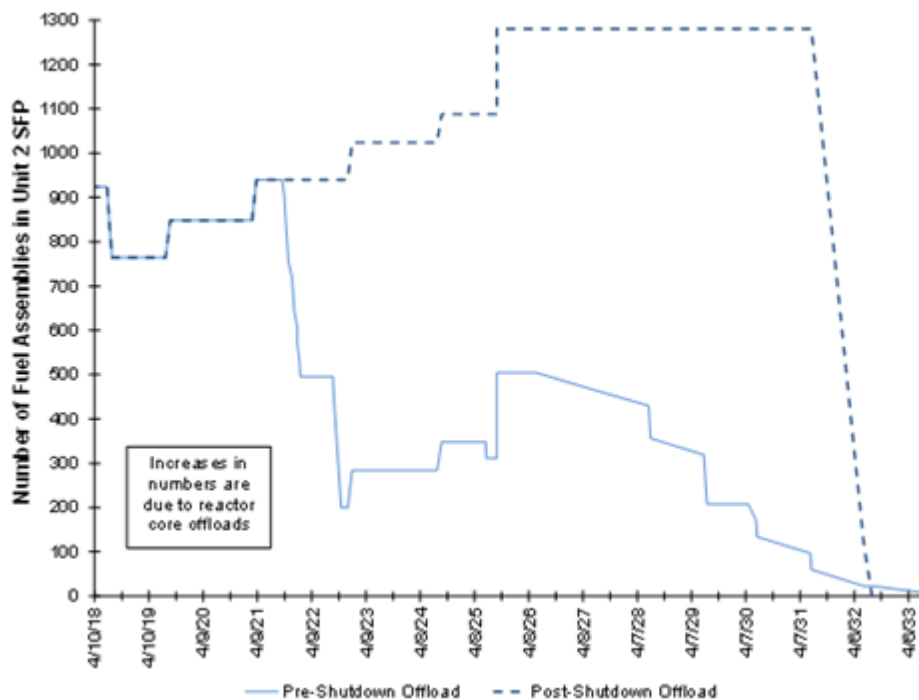
4 In 2017, PG&E evaluated options for expedited transfer of SNF and
5 assessed the cost-effectiveness and regulatory and operational risks and
6 benefits associated with these options. The Holtec and NAC designs are
7 very similar with the only notable difference being that the NAC design is
8 larger dimensionally and heavier than those of Holtec. Based on these
9 similarities PG&E only evaluated Holtec and TN Americas in greater detail.
10 With similar storage capabilities between Holtec and NAC PG&E assumed
11 that any design changes needed to implement a NAC system versus a
12 Holtec system would be similar or greater in difficulty and cost. For both
13 Holtec and TN Americas, multiple systems/designs were evaluated along
14 with multiple loading scenarios to optimize the date that the last SNF would
15 be removed from the SFPs.

16 PG&E has concluded that pre-shutdown acceleration of the SNF offload
17 schedule would result in SNF being in the SFPs longer than if SNF is
18 maintained in the SFPs until a single offloading campaign after DCCP is
19 shutdown. This is driven by the fact that during decommissioning the hottest
20 fuel assemblies in the SFP will be those that were in the reactor core at the
21 time of the final shutdown. The relatively high heat loads and the burnup of
22 these SNF assemblies will be the limiting factor on how soon all the SNF
23 assemblies may be placed into dry cask storage.

24 As explained above, SNF assemblies with lower relative heat loads will
25 be needed to offset the higher heat loads of the SNF assemblies that will be
26 in reactor core at the final shutdown to meet the maximum heat load limit for
27 the canister. If pre-shutdown dry cask storage were to be accelerated it
28 would offload SNF assemblies to dry cask storage sooner, and therefore,
29 not allow them to cool longer in the SNF pools and lower their relative heat
30 loads. Therefore, to accelerate all SNF assemblies being in dry cask
31 storage, the current inventory of SNF assemblies should remain in the SFPs
32 to allow them to cool longer and lower their relative heat load to offset the
33 relatively higher heat loads of the SNF assemblies that will be in the reactor
34 core at the final shutdown. Figure 6-2 provides a graphic example of the

1 above description on the impact of pre-shutdown offloading versus
 2 post-shutdown offloading, with the assumption that a dry cask storage
 3 system with a higher heat load capacity is licensed and available for
 4 implementation at the DC ISFSI in 2021, for illustrative purposes only. As
 5 shown in this figure, by offloading SNF pre-shutdown, the final SFP offload
 6 date is increased by 1.4 years as opposed to only offloading SNF
 7 post-shutdown.

**FIGURE 6-2
 SPENT FUEL POOL OFFLOAD EXAMPLE
 COMPARING PRE-SHUTDOWN VERSUS POST-OFFLOAD**



8 Accelerating pre-shutdown transfer from wet to dry storage will result in
 9 SNF being in the SFPs longer, and therefore, would result in higher costs
 10 and a longer total duration for decommissioning. The annual cost for
 11 security, SFP cooling operations, NRC fees, and insurance is \$54.7 million
 12 higher for every additional year the SNF is in wet storage versus dry
 13 storage. The total increase in costs associated with accelerating
 14 pre-shutdown transfer of SNF from wet to dry storage would be in excess of
 15 \$54.7 million as there would also be the additional costs for the mobilization
 16 and demobilization of the dry cask storage vendor and associated

1 equipment for any offload campaigns that would be performed, and the
2 costs associated with the project oversight for the resulting additional
3 decommissioning project duration.

4 **4. Comparison to Similar Facilities**

5 Dry cask storage systems are designed and licensed for boiling water
6 reactor or pressurized water reactor (PWR) fuel and may only contain SNF
7 from the corresponding reactor design. DCPD uses a PWR design.

8 There are eight PWR power plants that have entered, but not completed
9 decommissioning or have announced a retirement date. Of the eight PWR
10 power plants, five have completed or officially communicated their proposed
11 schedule to complete the transfer of SNF to dry cask storage through a Post
12 Shutdown Activities Report (PSDAR) to the NRC. The average SNF
13 transfer duration of these five PWR power plants is approximately 8.5 years.
14 Figure 6-3 identifies the number of years these five PWR power plants
15 estimate they will need to complete the transfer of SNF to dry cask storage.

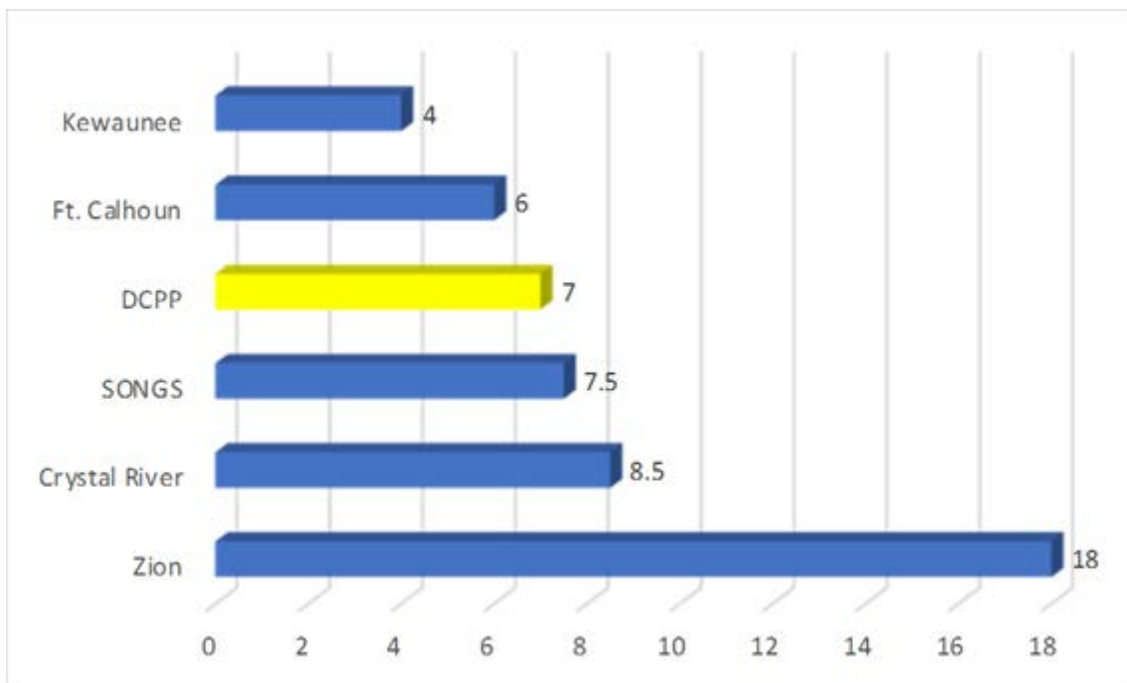
16 Only Kewaunee implemented, and Fort Calhoun has officially stated in
17 its PSDAR that it intends to complete, transfer of all SNF to dry cask storage
18 in less than seven years. Kewaunee implemented a NAC general license
19 design to complete the transfer of all SNF to dry cask storage within
20 approximately four years. Fort Calhoun has forecast completing the transfer
21 of all SNF to dry cask storage in approximately six years. Fort Calhoun is
22 planning to use a general licensed TN America dry cask storage system.

23 At the time that Kewaunee and Fort Calhoun shutdown, these two plants
24 had approximately one-tenth of the amount of high burnup fuel that DCPD is
25 forecast to have at final shutdown for Units 1 and 2. As a result, these two
26 plants had a final SNF inventory requiring fewer casks with more limiting
27 heat loads, and therefore significantly greater flexibility in cask loading
28 options than is expected for DCPD.

29 Additionally, the site-specific seismic design basis for Kewaunee and
30 Fort Calhoun are lower than the design basis requirements for DCPD. As
31 stated earlier, the impacts of the DCPD site-specific seismic conditions must
32 be evaluated in detail for seismic response of the storage system during an
33 earthquake and the potential of thermally limiting configurations, such as a
34 storage cask loaded with SNF while in the CTF, during the process of

1 transferring SNF from the SFP to the ISFSI. The general licensed NAC and
2 TN Americas dry cask storage system designs do not meet the current DC
3 ISFSI design and licensing bases and would require additional NRC review
4 and approval for any design changes that would be needed to meet the DC
5 ISFSI site-specific seismic design basis requirements, which may result in a
6 lower maximum heat load limit from the NRC.

**FIGURE 6-3
DURATIONS IN YEARS TO COMPLETE THE TRANSFER
OF SNF TO DRY CASK STORAGE**



7 **5. Transition From Wet to Dry Spent Nuclear Fuel Storage in Seven Years**

8 PG&E has determined that expediting post-shutdown transfer of SNF to
9 dry cask storage from the 10-year ISFSI Technical Specification limit used in
10 the 2015 NDCTP decommissioning cost estimate (DCE), to seven years of
11 shutdown is technically feasible with the implementation of a new storage
12 system with a higher heat load capacity. The assumption of a seven-year
13 offload duration post-shutdown is similar to the timeframe San Onofre
14 Nuclear Generating Station will complete its transfer of SNF to dry cask
15 storage, which is currently forecast to be completed 7.5 years after its
16 shutdown date.

1 PG&E looked at dry storage system designs that are currently under
2 review by the NRC with a high likelihood of being approved by the NRC
3 which would be bounding of DCPD site-specific conditions prior to the Unit 2
4 shutdown date. To implement a new storage system will require a request
5 for proposal from vendors. PG&E intends to provide DCPD specific
6 information to selected vendors to enable them to identify design and
7 licensing bases changes that will be required for a new storage system to
8 meet the DCPD site-specific requirements. The proposals from the vendors
9 will include the costs for design and licensing bases changes,
10 implementation of changes and new system components, and purchase of
11 new system components.

12 PG&E expects to evaluate the proposals and select one. Once the
13 selected vendor is under contract then the design and licensing change
14 process will start and conclude with the required approvals from the NRC.
15 Once NRC approval is obtained then physical modifications at the plant can
16 commence for implementation of the new storage system.

17 Technology for dry cask storage is continuously improving and the
18 potential for shorter SNF cooling times may be expected. But, as these
19 designs have not been approved by the NRC for the DC ISFSI at this time,
20 and there remains a significant uncertainty as to the maximum heat load
21 limits the NRC may require for the DCPD site-specific seismic design basis,
22 it is reasonable to assume that SNF assemblies will be transferred to the
23 ISFSI within seven years of Unit 2 shutdown.

24 **C. Annual Costs of Wet Versus Dry Spent Nuclear Fuel Storage**

25 Determining the annual costs of wet SNF storage versus dry SNF storage is
26 a complex process that includes consideration of multiple variables. An example
27 of a variable that has significant cost impacts is the location of reactor
28 segmentation waste, which includes greater-than-Class-C (GTCC) waste, in
29 comparison to the SNF and its impact on required security personnel. A brief
30 explanation of this one example is provided below to demonstrate the complexity
31 of the annual cost difference. The annual cost difference for this one example is
32 also provided.

33 To simplify the calculation of annual cost savings of wet versus dry SNF
34 storage, PG&E assumed that the reactor components have had adequate time

1 to allow enough radioactive decay to occur to allow the reactor segmentation
2 and transfer of GTCC waste to DC ISFSI to be completed in seven years. This
3 results in no remaining radiological security needs at the plant site and would
4 reflect an ideal scenario of the most cost savings from the transition. The annual
5 security cost savings from the transition from wet to dry SNF storage under this
6 assumption is \$34.6 million.

7 The above cost savings does not account for several other variables which
8 also have complex interactions with the transition from wet to dry SNF storage,
9 such as insurance, NRC license fees, and the costs to operate the SPF cooling
10 system. A rough estimate for annual cost savings from the transition from wet to
11 dry storage costs for these items is \$20.1 million.

12 **D. Estimated Commencement of DOE SNF Pickup**

13 Congress passed the “Nuclear Waste Policy Act” in 1982, assigning the
14 federal government’s long-standing responsibility for disposal of the SNF
15 created by the commercial nuclear generating plants to the DOE and required
16 the DOE to establish repositories for the disposal of this radioactive waste.
17 PG&E, along with other nuclear power plant operators, entered into a standard
18 nuclear SNF disposal agreement with the DOE; these agreements provide that
19 starting January 31, 1998, DOE would pick up SNF to transport it to a
20 permanent repository.

21 DOE has never established a permanent repository or interim facility, and
22 DOE has never picked up any SNF. In its decommissioning estimates PG&E
23 assumes that it will continue to incur these costs until the date it assumes DOE
24 will have completed picking up SNF.

25 In the 2015 NDCTP, the Commission directed PG&E to provide any new
26 information as to an estimated time frame for DOE to begin pick-up of SNF at
27 DCP and Humboldt Bay Power Plant (HBPP), or change in circumstance as to
28 any progress with approvals for a permanent or long-term off-site repository for
29 SNF.² Sections 3.5.7 and 3.5.8 of the DCP Site Specific DCE discuss in detail
30 developments since the filing of PG&E’s 2015 NDCTP application.

31 In summary, there is no new substantive information from DOE or any other
32 source since the last NDCTP decision was issued with respect to the timing of

² D.17-05-020, OP 10 and p. 66.

1 the actual date upon which DOE will commence picking up SNF. Many complex
2 technical, political, and administrative decisions remain which will eventually
3 drive the development by DOE of any interim or long-term storage of SNF.
4 Consistent with Commission decisions in previous NDCTPs, PG&E therefore
5 believes it is reasonable to assume a 3-year delay in commencement of the start
6 date for DOE initiating transfer of commercial SNF from 2028, as adopted in the
7 2015 NDCTP, to 2031.

8 In light of the DOE's original generator allocation/receipt schedules based
9 upon the oldest fuel receiving the highest priority; information available on
10 the projected rate of transfer; and the backlogged national queue, PG&E
11 assumes that DOE would commence picking up SNF at HBPP in 2031, and
12 at DCPD in 2038. Different DOE acceptance schedules may result in different
13 completion dates.

14 **E. Status of DOE Litigation**

15 In the 2015 NDCTP, the Commission directed PG&E to provide the status of
16 the settlement between PG&E and DOE concerning reimbursement for SNF
17 management costs and how PG&E is crediting settlement funds back to
18 customers.³ As discussed above, the government was to begin accepting spent
19 fuel on January 31, 1998 but the DOE failed to meet this date and has yet to
20 receive any spent fuel. The DOE and the affected utilities have been engaged in
21 litigation ever since the DOE failed to meet its obligations.

22 PG&E first reached a settlement agreement with the DOE in 2012.
23 Pursuant to the settlement, yearly claims are submitted to the DOE. The annual
24 administrative claims process was extended through the end of 2016 in an
25 amendment to the settlement agreement with the DOE that was reached in
26 2013, and was extended through the end of 2019 in a 2016 amendment to the
27 settlement. PG&E anticipates it will continue to collect annual payments under
28 the administrative claims process through 2019. PG&E intends to pursue further
29 extension of the annual administrative claims process and anticipates resolution
30 of this issue in 2019. If the settlement is not extended, PG&E will be required to
31 file a new lawsuit against DOE to recover the costs of spent fuel storage
32 incurred beyond 2019.

3 D.17-05-020, OP 10.

1 In D.14-08-032, PG&E’s 2014 GRC Final Decision, the Commission
 2 determined that for the period 2014-2016 DOE litigation settlement proceeds net
 3 of outside legal costs should be refunded to customers with 28 percent
 4 attributable to HBPP refunded through the Nuclear Decommissioning
 5 Adjustment Mechanism (NDAM) and 72 percent attributable to DCPD refunded
 6 through the Utility Generation Balancing Account (UGBA). Claims proceeds are
 7 to be credited to the Department of Energy Litigation Balancing Account
 8 (DOELBA) as received, and transferred to the UGBA and NDAM on January 1 of
 9 the following year. D.17-05-013 extended this ratemaking methodology for the
 10 2017-2019 period.

11 PG&E reported on settlement and refund amounts through 2014 in the 2015
 12 NDCTP. Tables 6-1 and 6-2 identify all DOE payments received since 2015, the
 13 allocation of the settlement and claims payments to UGBA and NDAM and all
 14 refunds provided to customers during 2015-2017.

**TABLE 6-1
 AMOUNTS RECEIVED FROM DOE 2015-2017**

Line No.	Claim 4 (Jun 2014 – May 2015)	Claim 5 (June 2015 – May 2016)	Claim 6 (June 2016 – May 2017)	Total Refund
1	\$28,088,833	\$14,915,322	\$28,876,560	\$71,880,715

**TABLE 6-2
 ALLOCATION OF AMOUNTS RECEIVED FROM DOE
 RETURNED TO CUSTOMERS**

Line No.		Claim 4 (Jan 2014 – May 2015)	Claim 5 (June 2015 – May 2016)	Claim 6 (June 2016 – May 2017)	Total Refund
1	Humboldt-Attributable	\$7,864,873	\$4,176,290	\$8,085,436	\$20,126,560
2	Diablo Canyon-Attributable	20,223,959	10,739,031	20,791,123	51,574,114
3	Total Refund	\$28,088,833	\$214,915,322	\$28,876,560	\$71,880,715

15 PG&E submitted its most recent claim of approximately \$25 million, covering
 16 costs incurred from June 2017 – May 2018 on October 31, 2018.

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5 **A. Introduction**

6 The purpose of this chapter is to describe how Pacific Gas and Electric
7 Company (PG&E) will track actual Diablo Canyon Power Plant (DCPP)
8 decommissioning expenses in order to present completed projects for
9 reasonableness review. PG&E proposes to use a Milestone Framework which
10 breaks decommissioning work into specific milestones with specified scopes of
11 work, cost estimates and schedules. PG&E will also maintain a Decision Log
12 with a written record of key decisions impacting the cost, scope, or timing of
13 a milestone.

14 **B. Milestone Framework**

15 The DCPP Decommissioning Cost Estimate (DCE) provides PG&E's
16 forecast of decommissioning costs and schedule, which are reviewed for
17 reasonableness upon completion of scopes of work in subsequent NDCTPs.
18 Since this DCE is a new and site-specific estimate, the California Public Utilities
19 Commission (Commission) has directed PG&E to develop a cost accounting
20 system for DCPP that will facilitate tracking decommissioning expenses by major
21 subprojects; allow for comparison to previously approved estimates of activities,
22 costs, and schedules; and require written record of key decisions about cost,
23 scope, or timing of a major project or activity (i.e., varies by plus or minus
24 10 percent).¹

25 PG&E proposes to adopt a milestone framework similar to the approach
26 proposed for the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station. The DCPP milestone
27 framework allocates decommissioning work into 19 milestones. PG&E will track

1 Decision 17-05-020, Ordering Paragraphs 3 and 4.

1 decommissioning expenses by milestone, which will readily enable a
2 comparison of actual costs and schedule to previously approved estimates.²

3 PG&E developed the DCE using three major cost categories (License
4 Termination, Spent Fuel Management and Site Restoration). By contrast, the
5 Milestone Framework groups logical scopes of work together for reasonableness
6 review.

7 Table 7-1 sets out the Milestones, each with identified subprojects. Subject
8 to Commission review in subsequent NDCTPs, PG&E proposes that Milestones
9 may be modified to allow for (1) moving activities from one major subproject
10 to another; (2) adding new activities; and (3) adjusting the proposed
11 decommissioning schedule.

2 PG&E based this DCE on a physical decommissioning plan. However, while the cost estimate and schedule will remain relevant for comparison purposes, it can be expected that as decommissioning approaches, PG&E will make changes and improvements, and this DCE does not represent a commitment to perform decommissioning work exactly as presented in the DCE.

**TABLE 7-1
DCPP DECOMMISSIONING REASONABLENESS REVIEW MILESTONES**

ID	Scope Description	Total EAC (2017\$)
Unassigned Costs		
1	Program Management, Oversight, and Fees	\$1,462,045
1.01	Staffing	\$723,557
1.02	Severance	\$155,429
1.03	Energy	\$68,541
1.04	Insurance	\$27,932
1.05	Property Tax	\$40,211
1.06	NRC Fees / Reviews	\$68,096
1.07	Association/Industry Fees	\$8,055
1.08	Facility Maintenance	\$21,654
1.09	Water Management	\$72,734
1.10	Permits	\$57,872
1.11	Future Land Use	\$12,361
1.12	Spent Fuel Management Plan	\$60,062
1.13	License Termination Plan	\$14,207
1.14	Site Characterization	\$15,013
1.15	Emergency Planning - Senate Bill 1090	\$44,468
1.16	Emergency Planning	\$27,513
1.17	Consumables	\$38,209
1.18	Public Outreach & Stakeholder Engagement	\$6,131
2	Security Operations	\$560,686
2.01	Security Staffing	\$542,064
2.02	Other Security Related Costs	\$18,622
3	Waste/Transportation/Material Management (Excluding: Breakwater, RPV/RVI Segmentation, & Large Component Removal)	\$855,211
3.01	Waste & Transportation Management	\$125,716
3.02	Transportation	\$108,309
3.03	Disposal	\$585,525
3.04	Material Management	\$51,808
3.05	Asset Recovery	-\$53,647
3.06	GTCC Disposal	\$37,500

**TABLE 7-1
DCPP DECOMMISSIONING REASONABLENESS REVIEW MILESTONES
(CONTINUED)**

ID	Scope Description	Total EAC (2017\$)
Discrete Costs		
4	Power Block Modifications	\$80,707
4.01	U1 Spent Fuel Pool Island	\$6,680
4.02	U2 Spent Fuel Pool Island	\$6,090
4.03	Install 230kV Baywood Feed	\$17,338
4.04	U1 Cold and Dark	\$18,692
4.05	U2 Cold and Dark	\$18,692
4.06	Security Modifications	\$13,216
5	Site Infrastructure	\$140,972
5.01	Offsite Infrastructure	\$29,411
5.02	Road Improvements	\$16,543
5.03	Facility Construction	\$28,742
5.04	Existing Building and Structure Modifications	\$20,481
5.05	ISFSI Security Building Construction	\$14,151
5.06	ISFSI Pad Expansion for GTCC Storage	\$14,235
5.07	Project Oversight and Support	\$17,410
6	Large Component Removal	\$166,370
6.01	Legacy Steam Generators	\$45,872
6.02	Legacy Rx Heads	\$3,592
6.03	Steam Generators	\$78,506
6.04	Reactor Heads	\$4,614
6.05	Reactor Coolant Pumps	\$9,361
6.06	Pressurizers	\$4,215
6.07	Manipulators	\$1,024
6.08	Generators and Exciters	\$592
6.09	Main Turbines	\$1,633
6.10	Diesel Generators	\$728
6.11	Other Turbine Building Components	\$5,387
6.12	Large Access Penetrations	\$329
6.13	Project Oversight and Support	\$10,517
7	Reactor/Internals Segmentation	\$332,341
7.01	U1 Internals Segmentation	\$17,308
7.02	U1 Reactor Segmentation	\$10,165
7.03	U2 Internals Segmentation	\$17,136
7.04	U2 Reactor Segmentation	\$8,353
7.05	Waste & Transportation	\$191,129
7.06	Project Oversight and Support	\$36,417
7.07	Specialty Equipment	\$51,833

**TABLE 7-1
DCPP DECOMMISSIONING REASONABLENESS REVIEW MILESTONES
(CONTINUED)**

ID	Scope Description	Total EAC (2017\$)
8	Spent-Fuel-transfer-to-ISFSI	\$235,541
8.01	SNF-and-GTCC-Cask-Procurement	\$181,039
8.02	U1-Spent-Fuel-transfer-to-ISFSI	\$27,552
8.03	U2-Spent-Fuel-transfer-to-ISFSI	\$21,003
8.04	U1-GTCC-Transfer-to-ISFSI	\$3,574
8.05	U2-GTCC-Transfer-to-ISFSI	\$2,374
9	Turbine-Bldg	\$68,667
9.01	U1-Decontamination	\$20,500
9.02	U1-System-&-Area-Closure	\$6,744
9.03	U1-Demolition	\$5,635
9.04	U2-Decontamination	\$18,630
9.05	U2-System-&-Area-Closure	\$10,871
9.06	U2-Demolition	\$6,287
10	Aux-Building	\$92,122
10.01	U1-Decontamination	\$2,969
10.02	U1-System-&-Area-Closure	\$33,998
10.03	U1-Demolition	\$11,228
10.04	U2-Decontamination	\$1,921
10.05	U2-System-&-Area-Closure	\$30,951
10.06	U2-Demolition	\$11,055
11	Containment	\$121,012
11.01	U1-Decontamination	\$8,375
11.02	U1-System-&-Area-Closure	\$33,407
11.03	U1-Demolition	\$19,283
11.04	U2-Decontamination	\$6,540
11.05	U2-System-&-Area-Closure	\$33,888
11.06	U2-Demolition	\$19,519
12	Fuel-Handling-Building	\$48,627
12.01	U1-Decontamination	\$2,013
12.02	U1-System-&-Area-Closure	\$14,905
12.03	U1-Demolition	\$6,982
12.04	U2-Decontamination	\$1,953
12.05	U2-System-&-Area-Closure	\$19,040
12.06	U2-Demolition	\$3,735
14	Balance-of-Site	\$80,702
14.01	Decontamination	\$11,011
14.02	System-&-Area-Closure	\$14,163
14.03	Demolition	\$55,528

**TABLE 7-1
DCPP DECOMMISSIONING REASONABLENESS REVIEW MILESTONES
(CONTINUED)**

ID	Scope Description	Total EAC (2017\$)
15	Intake-Structure	\$41,654
15.01	System-Area-Closure	\$6,486
15.02	Coffer-Dam	\$14,364
15.03	Demolition	\$20,804
16	Discharge-Structure	\$15,122
16.01	Discharge-Piping-Decon	\$570
16.02	Coffer-Dam	\$7,261
16.03	Demolition	\$2,696
16.04	System-Area-Closure	\$4,595
17	Breakwater	\$286,326
17.01	Demolition	\$138,910
17.02	Transportation	\$129,249
17.03	Disposal-Cost	\$18,166
18	Non-ISFSI-Site-Restoration	\$135,075
18.01	Utilities-and-Structures-Demo	\$31,549
18.02	Soil-Remediation	\$4,145
18.03	Final-Site-Survey	\$40,263
18.04	Grading-and-Landscaping	\$59,118
19	Spent-Fuel-transfer-to-DOE	\$24,258
19.01	U1-Spent-Fuel-Transfer-to-DOE	\$6,889
19.02	U2-Spent-Fuel-Transfer-to-DOE	\$16,376
19.03	GTCC-Transfer-to-Offsite-Facility	\$993
20	ISFSI-Demolition-and-Site-Restoration	\$54,956
20.01	Utilities-and-Structures-Demo	\$23,671
20.02	Soil-Remediation	\$2,048
20.03	Final-Site-Survey	\$1,915
20.04	Grading-and-Landscaping	\$27,322
GRAND-TOTAL		\$4,802,395

- 1 Below are summaries for each DCPD decommissioning Milestone:
- 2 1. Program Management, Oversight, & Fees: This category includes general
- 3 staff support and oversight, severance costs, metered energy usage, water
- 4 and facility management, taxes, insurance fees, regulatory and industry
- 5 fees, public engagement, radiological characterization, license termination
- 6 preparation, emergency planning staffing and fees, and consumables.
- 7 These costs are necessary decommissioning costs that are unassigned, and
- 8 not associated with a discrete scope of work. Costs in this unassigned
- 9 category will be submitted for reasonableness reviews at specified times in
- 10 the decommissioning project lifecycle which represent a significant change
- 11 in the staffing profile and associated costs.

- 1 2. Security Operations: This category includes the general security staffing
2 and associated departmental costs for the duration of the decommissioning
3 project. The security modification costs are excluded from this category and
4 are included in Power Block Modifications. Costs in this unassigned
5 category will be submitted for reasonableness reviews at specified times in
6 the decommissioning project lifecycle which represent a significant change
7 in the staffing profile and associated costs.
- 8 3. Waste/Transportation: This category includes costs for transportation and
9 disposal of all waste classifications excluding those associated with
10 Breakwater Removal, Reactor/Internals Segmentation, and Large
11 Component removal since waste costs associated with those scopes of
12 work are easily segregated and can be allocated to their discrete projects.
13 This category also includes material management which covers the
14 management and sale of remaining assets. Costs in this unassigned
15 category will be submitted for reasonableness reviews at specified times in
16 the decommissioning project lifecycle which represent a significant change
17 in the staffing profile and associated costs.
- 18 4. Power Block Modifications: This category includes the spent fuel pool
19 island, cold and dark, and security modifications. These modifications
20 are all implemented early in the project lifecycle and will allow PG&E to
21 either reduce staffing levels or enhance the ability to safely execute
22 decommissioning.
- 23 5. Site Infrastructure: This category includes onsite and offsite infrastructure
24 improvements required to complete decommissioning.
- 25 6. Large Component Removal: This category includes removal of steam
26 generators, reactor heads, reactor coolant pumps, main generator, main
27 turbine, and other various large components that must be removed prior to
28 demolition. This category also includes the transportation and disposal
29 costs of the components.
- 30 7. Reactor/Internals Segmentation: This category includes the reactor
31 pressure vessel and reactor internals segmentation along with the
32 transportation and disposal costs. This scope of work is very specialized
33 and includes the fabrication of custom tooling.

- 1 8. Spent Fuel Transfer to ISFSI: This category includes the procurement of
2 storage canisters/casks for both GTCC and spent fuel, the costs of loading
3 spent fuel into casks, and transferring of all casks from the fuel handling
4 building to the ISFSI pad. The loading of GTCC waste into casks can be
5 found in the Reactor/Internals Segmentation scope.
- 6 9. Turbine Building Removal: This category includes decontamination, system
7 and area closure, and demolition of the Unit 1 and Unit 2 turbine building.
- 8 10. Aux Building Removal: This category includes decontamination, system and
9 area closure, and demolition of the Unit 1 and Unit 2 auxiliary building.
- 10 11. Containment Removal: This category includes decontamination, system and
11 area closure, and demolition of the Unit 1 and Unit 2 containment buildings.
- 12 12. Fuel Handling Building Removal: This category includes decontamination,
13 system and area closure, and demolition of the Unit 1 and Unit 2 fuel
14 handling building.
- 15 13. Milestone 13 originally included the scope to remove the radiological waste
16 laundry facility. This scope has been rolled into the Balance of Site
17 Removal scope due to the negligible impact to cost and schedule. All costs
18 previously associated with Milestone 13 are incorporated into Milestone 14.
- 19 14. Balance of Site Removal: This category includes decontamination, system
20 and area closure, and demolition of all remaining common and unit
21 specific structures.
- 22 15. Intake Structure Removal: This category includes installing of a coffer dam
23 inside the breakwater lagoon, system and area closure, removal of the
24 intake structure, and removal of the coffer dam.
- 25 16. Discharge Structure Removal: This category includes installing of a coffer
26 dam around the discharge structure, decontamination, system and area
27 closure, removal of the discharge structure, and removal of the coffer dam.
- 28 17. Breakwater Removal: This category includes demolition, transportation, and
29 disposal of the East and West breakwaters.
- 30 18. Non-ISFSI Site Restoration: This category includes underground utility and
31 structure demolition, soil remediation, final site survey, and final grading,
32 landscaping, and re-vegetation of the non-ISFSI portion of the site.
- 33 19. Spent Fuel Transfer to DOE: This category includes the transfer of spent
34 fuel and GTCC casks to the Department of Energy.

1 20. ISFSI Demolition and Site Restoration: This category includes underground
2 utility and structure demolition, soil remediation, final site survey, and final
3 grading, landscaping, and re-vegetation of the ISFSI portion of the site.

4 **C. Discrete and Unassigned Cost Milestones**

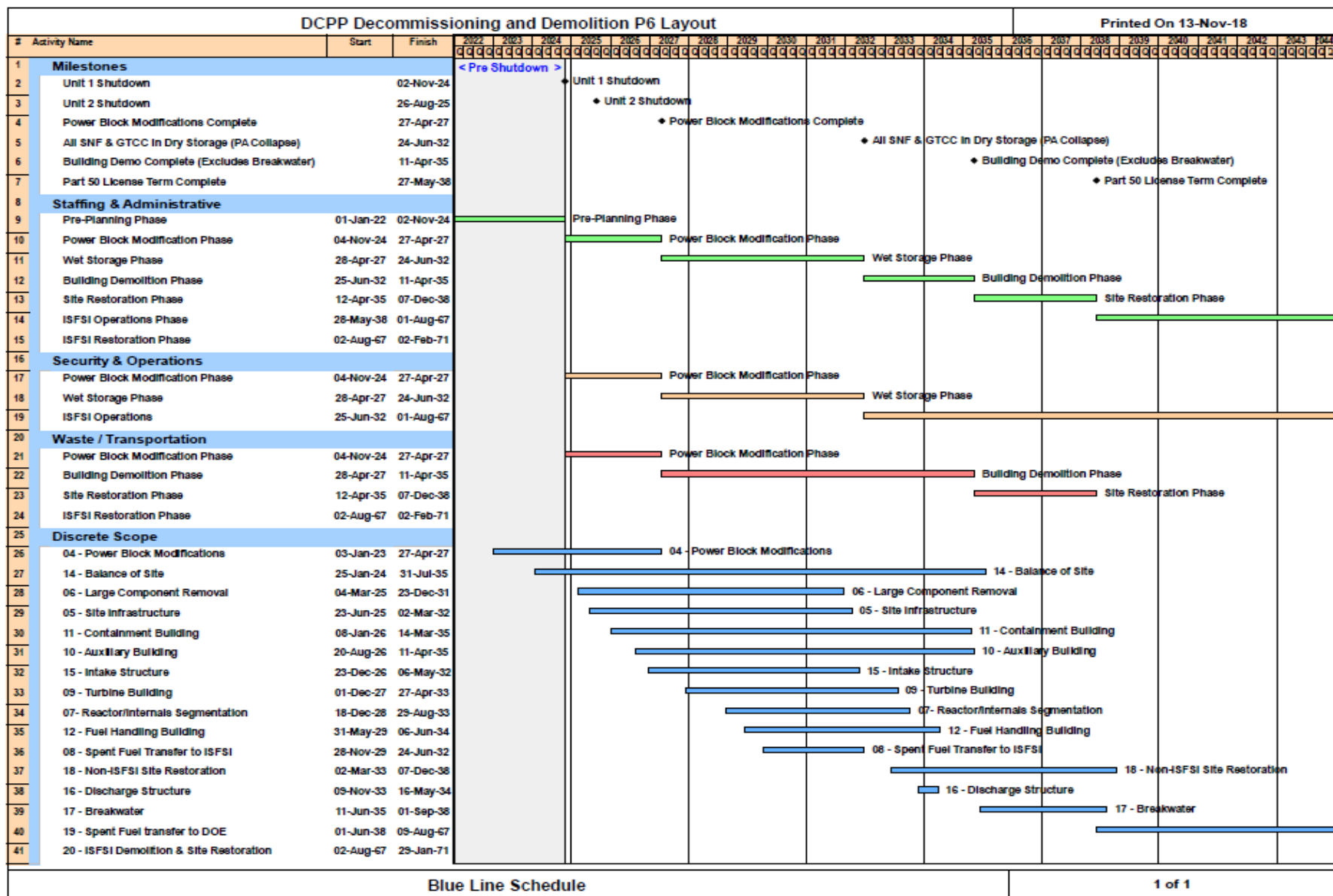
5 Decommissioning costs include both discrete and unassigned costs.

6 Discrete costs are those costs that can be directly attributed to a project with
7 identified start and completion criteria, such as Power Block Modifications and
8 Large Component Removal. Costs included in each Discrete Milestone include
9 the resources necessary to complete the Project such as equipment, materials,
10 and the non-PG&E resources required to execute the Project throughout the
11 decommissioning project lifecycle. PG&E ensured that the Unassigned Cost
12 Milestones only include the oversight required for the overall decommissioning
13 project and do not include costs which may be attributed to a discrete scope.

14 Unassigned cost Milestones include: (1) Program Management, Oversight,
15 and Fees; (2) Security Operations; and (3) Waste/Transportation/Material
16 Management (excluding Reactor/Internals Segmentation, Large Component
17 Removal, and Breakwaters). These Milestones include necessary
18 decommissioning expenses not attributed to a specific subproject and support
19 multiple scopes of discrete work that occur at varying time periods, as well as
20 general project oversight. For example, waste, transportation, and material
21 management costs are considered to be unassigned because the final handling
22 and transportation of a waste shipment will likely include multiple scopes of work
23 (e.g., Turbine Building decontamination, Fuel Handling Building system area
24 closure, and building demolition work will produce waste to be handled,
25 transported, and shipped concurrently). This is not the case with all waste
26 however; waste associated with Large Component Removal and
27 Reactor/Internals Segmentation will be easily segregated from the general waste
28 streams because the components are large or highly irradiated and require
29 custom transportation and disposal. The Breakwater waste and transportation
30 will also be easily segregated because the waste will be taken to a unique
31 location for drying before transportation to a disposal facility. For this reason,
32 waste and transportation for Large Component Removal, Reactor/Internals
33 Segmentation, and Breakwater are not included in the
34 Waste/Transportation/Material Management unassigned cost.

1 Unassigned Milestones will be submitted for reasonableness reviews at
2 the conclusion of certain identified decommissioning phases. Each phase
3 represents a significant change in the staffing profile and associated costs.
4 For these costs, there is no easily identifiable completion date; thus, the
5 Unassigned Costs are presented for reasonableness based on completion of
6 major decommissioning phases as shown in Figure 7-1 and defined below.
7 These phases are appropriate timeframes to evaluate reasonableness of
8 Unassigned Costs as they reflect when either major regulatory requirement
9 changes occur (e.g., significant decreases in staffing) or major scopes of work
10 are completed (e.g., all building demo is completed).

**FIGURE 7-1
DCPP DECOMMISSIONING MILESTONE SCHEDULE**



Blue Line Schedule

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- 1 • Pre-Planning Phase: The pre-shutdown planning time period from 2016
2 until Unit 1 shutdown in early November 2025. A significant severance in
3 non-security staff will occur at this point in time.
- 4 • Power Block Modifications Phase: The period after Unit 1 shutdown up
5 until the Cold and Dark, Spent Fuel Pool Island, and Security
6 modifications are complete. The completion of these modifications will
7 drive a significant drop in security staffing levels.
- 8 • Wet Storage Phase: The period from completion of power block
9 modifications to the completion of spent fuel transfers to ISFSI.
10 Completion of this phase drives significant reductions in staffing related
11 to management of wet fuel and security related to the protected area
12 which will be eliminated (ISFSI protected area still remains).
- 13 • Building Demolition Phase: The period from completion of spent fuel
14 transfers to the completion of all building demolition, excluding the
15 breakwater. The completion of this period represents closure of a large
16 portion of the non-radiological waste and nearly all radiological waste.
- 17 • Site Restoration Phase: The period from the building demolition phase
18 to the completion of all non-ISFSI site demolition and restoration. This
19 milestone signifies completion of the decommissioning project, excluding
20 the ISFSI demolition which will not occur for another 30 years. This
21 phase represents completion of the breakwater demolition which is a
22 large portion of the non-radiological waste on site, and the final step
23 down in staffing.
- 24 • ISFSI Operations Phase: The period between decommissioning of the
25 plant site and the start of ISFSI demolition. This phase contains only
26 security staffing at ISFSI and transfer of spent fuel and GTCC to the
27 DOE. Completion of this phase represents the final step down in
28 security staffing.
- 29 • ISFSI Restoration Phase: The period from which all spent fuel and
30 GTCC are removed from ISFSI and the entire site is restored. This
31 phase represents completion of decommissioning and project closure.

32 **D. Review of Completed Projects**

33 Costs and activities will be presented for reasonableness review in the
34 Nuclear Decommissioning Cost Triennial Proceeding (NDCTP) following the

1 completion of a discrete Milestone or, for unassigned Milestones, following
2 completion of a defined major decommissioning phase.

3 To provide a predictable timeline for review of DCPD decommissioning
4 activities and costs; Table 7-2 identifies anticipated completion dates and the
5 NDCTP in which Milestones are projected to be reviewed.

**TABLE 7-2
EXPECTED DCPD DECOMMISSIONING MILESTONE REASONABLENESS REVIEW SCHEDULE**

2024-NDCTP	Completion Date	Costs (2017\$)
(1)-Program-Management,-Oversight,-Fees--Pre-Planning-Phase	2-Nov-24	\$154,837
2027-NDCTP		
(4)-Power-Block-Modifications-Complete	27-Apr-27	\$80,706
(1)-Program-Management,-Oversight,-Fees--Power-Block-Mods-Phase	27-Apr-27	\$325,433
(2)-Security-Operations--Power-Block-Mods-Phase	27-Apr-27	\$95,933
(3)-Waste/Transportation/Material-Management--Power-Block-Mods-Phase	27-Apr-27	\$20,179
2033-NDCTP		
(6)-Large-Component-Removal-&-Waste-Disposal-Complete	23-Dec-31	\$166,370
(15)-Intake-Demolition-Complete	6-May-32	\$41,654
(8)-Spent-Fuel-&-GTCC-Waste-Transfers-to-ISFSI-Complete	24-Jun-32	\$235,525
(1)-Program-Management,-Oversight,-Fees--Wet-Storage-Phase	24-Jun-32	\$409,043
(2)-Security-Operations--Wet-Storage-Phase	24-Jun-32	\$215,266
(5)-Site-Infrastructure-Complete	7-Oct-32	\$140,972
(9)-Turbine-Building-Demolition-Complete	27-Apr-33	\$68,667
(7)-Reactor/Internals-Segmentation-&-Disposal-Complete	29-Aug-33	\$332,341
2036-NDCTP		
(16)-Discharge-Structure-Demolition-Complete	16-May-34	\$15,122
(12)-Fuel-Handling-Building-Demolitions-Complete	6-Jun-34	\$48,627
(10)-Aux-Building-Demolition-Complete	13-Jun-34	\$92,122
(11)-Containment-Building-Demolitions-Complete	14-Mar-35	\$121,012
(1)-Program-Management,-Oversight,-Fees--Building-Demo-Phase	14-Mar-35	\$202,796
(3)-Waste/Transportation/Material-Management--Building-Demo-Phase	14-Mar-35	\$607,270
2039-NDCTP		
(14)-Balance-of-Site-Demolitions-Complete	11-Mar-38	\$80,702
(17)-Breakwater-Demolition-Complete	9-Sep-38	\$286,326
(18)-Non-ISFSI-Site-Restoration-Complete	7-Dec-38	\$135,075
(1)-Program-Management,-Oversight,-Fees--Site-Restoration-Phase	7-Dec-38	\$152,262
(3)-Waste/Transportation/Material-Management--Site-Restoration-Phase	7-Dec-38	\$164,966
2069-NDCTP		
(1)-Program-Management,-Oversight,-Fees--ISFSI-Operations-Phase	9-Aug-67	\$188,622
(2)-Security-Operations--ISFSI-Operations-Phase	9-Aug-67	\$249,487
(19)-Spent-Fuel-&-GTCC-Waste-Transfers-to-DOE-Complete	9-Aug-67	\$24,258
2072-NDCTP		
(1)-Program-Management,-Oversight,-Fees--ISFSI-Restoration-Phase	29-Jan-71	\$29,068
(20)-ISFSI-Demolition-&-Restoration-Complete	29-Jan-71	\$54,956
(3)-Waste/Transportation/Material-Management--ISFSI-Restoration-Phase	29-Jan-71	\$62,797

1 **E. Comparison of Completed Work to Prior Estimate**

2 At the Commission’s directive, in July 2017, PG&E met with representatives
3 from the Commission’s Energy Division and interested parties. PG&E provided
4 a cost comparison in initial draft format intended to provide sufficient detail to

1 compare actual costs to previously approved estimates. PG&E obtained
2 concurrence from the participating parties on the overall cost comparison table
3 format. Table 7-3 sets forth PG&E's current cost comparison table format, which
4 has been updated to reflect the Milestones PG&E developed. This reporting
5 format will be used for the first DCCP Decommissioning reasonableness review
6 in 2024. The Pre-Planning phase of Program Management, Oversight, and
7 Fees will be presented for reasonableness in the 2024 NDCTP, represented by
8 the yellow highlighted area in Table 7-3.

**TABLE 7-3
DCPP MILESTONE COMPARISON TO TWO PRIOR NDCTP ESTIMATES**

ID	Phase	Scope Description	2018	2021	2024 NDCTP			F Delta from 2021 NDCTP (E - B)
			A Approved DCE	B Approved DCE	C Nominal Spend through 2023	D Estimate to Complete	E Estimate at Completion	
(in thousands)								
1	Program Management, Oversight, and Fees		\$1,462,062					
	Pre-Planning		\$154,837					
		1.01 Staffing	\$113,071					
		1.06 NRC Fees / Reviews	\$13,576					
		1.10 Permits	\$19,454					
		1.11 Future Land Use	\$7,229					
		1.12 Spent Fuel Management Plan	\$57					
		1.18 Public Outreach & Stakeholder Engagement	\$1,450					
	Power Block Mods		\$325,433					
	Wet Storage		\$409,043					
	Building Demo		\$202,796					
	Site Restoration		\$152,262					
	ISFSI Operations		\$188,622					
	ISFSI Restoration		\$29,068					
2	Security Operations		\$560,686					
	Power Block Mods		\$95,933					
	Wet Storage		\$215,266					
	ISFSI Operations		\$249,487					
3	Waste/Transportation/Material Management (Excluding: Breakwater, RPV/RVI Segmentation, & Large Component Removal)		\$855,211					
	Power Block Mods		\$20,179					
	Building Demo		\$607,269					
	Site Restoration		\$164,966					
	ISFSI Restoration		\$62,797					
4	Power Block Modifications		\$80,707					
	4.01	U1 Spent Fuel Pool Island	\$6,680					
	4.02	U2 Spent Fuel Pool Island	\$6,090					
	4.03	Install 230kV Baywood Feed	\$17,338					

**TABLE 7-3
DCPP MILESTONE COMPARISON TO TWO PRIOR NDCTP ESTIMATES
(CONTINUED)**

ID	Phase	Scope Description	2018	2021	2024 NDCTP			F
			A	B	C	D	E	
			Approved DCE	Approved DCE	Nominal Spend through 2023	Estimate to Complete	Estimate at Completion	Delta from 2021 NDCTP (E - B)
		4.04	U1 Cold and Dark	\$18,692				
		4.05	U2 Cold and Dark	\$18,692				
		4.06	Security Modifications	\$13,216				
5	Site Infrastructure			\$140,972				
		5.01	Offsite Infrastructure	\$29,411				
		5.02	Road Improvements	\$16,543				
		5.03	Facility Construction	\$28,742				
		5.04	Existing Building and Structure Modifications	\$20,481				
		5.05	ISFSI Security Building Construction	\$14,151				
		5.06	ISFSI Pad Expansion for GTCC Storage	\$14,235				
		5.07	ProjectOversight and Support	\$17,410				
6	Large Component Removal			\$166,370				
		6.01	Legacy Steam Generators	\$45,872				
		6.02	Legacy Rx Heads	\$3,592				
		6.03	Steam Generators	\$78,506				
		6.04	Reactor Heads	\$4,614				
		6.05	Reactor Coolant Pumps	\$9,361				
		6.06	Pressurizers	\$4,215				
		6.07	Manipulators	\$1,024				
		6.08	Generators and Exciters	\$592				
		6.09	Main Turbines	\$1,633				
		6.10	Diesel Generators	\$728				
		6.11	Other Turbine Building Components	\$5,387				
		6.12	Large Access Penetrations	\$329				
		6.13	ProjectOversight and Support	\$10,517				
7	Reactor/Internals Segmentation			\$332,341				
		7.01	U1 Internals Segmentation	\$17,308				
		7.02	U1 Reactor Segmentation	\$10,165				

**TABLE 7-3
DCPP MILESTONE COMPARISON TO TWO PRIOR NDCTP ESTIMATES
(CONTINUED)**

ID	Phase	Scope Description	2018	2021	2024 NDCTP			F Delta from 2021 NDCTP (E - B)
			A Approved DCE	B Approved DCE	C Nominal Spend through 2023	D Estimate to Complete	E Estimate at Completion	
		7.03	U2 Internals Segmentation	\$17,136				
		7.04	U2 Reactor Segmentation	\$8,353				
		7.05	Waste & Transportation	\$191,129				
		7.06	Project Oversight and Support	\$36,417				
		7.07	Specialty Equipment	\$51,833				
8	Spent Fuel transfer to ISFSI			\$235,525				
		8.01	SNF and GTCC Cask Procurement	\$181,039				
		8.02	U1 Spent Fuel transfer to ISFSI	\$27,537				
		8.03	U2 Spent Fuel transfer to ISFSI	\$21,001				
		8.04	U1 GTCC Transfer to ISFSI	\$3,574				
		8.05	U2 GTCC Transfer to ISFSI	\$2,374				
9	Turbine Bldg			\$68,667				
		9.01	U1 Decontamination	\$20,500				
		9.02	U1 System & Area Closure	\$6,744				
		9.03	U1 Demolition	\$5,635				
		9.04	U2 Decontamination	\$18,630				
		9.05	U2 System & Area Closure	\$10,871				
		9.06	U2 Demolition	\$6,287				
10	Aux Building			\$92,122				
		10.01	U1 Decontamination	\$2,969				
		10.02	U1 System & Area Closure	\$33,998				
		10.03	U1 Demolition	\$11,228				
		10.04	U2 Decontamination	\$1,921				
		10.05	U2 System & Area Closure	\$30,951				
		10.06	U2 Demolition	\$11,055				
11	Containment			\$121,012				
		11.01	U1 Decontamination	\$8,375				
		11.02	U1 System & Area Closure	\$33,407				

**TABLE 7-3
DCPP MILESTONE COMPARISON TO TWO PRIOR NDCTP ESTIMATES
(CONTINUED)**

ID	Phase	Scope Description	2018	2021	2024 NDCTP			F Delta from 2021 NDCTP (E - B)
			A Approved DCE	B Approved DCE	C Nominal Spend through 2023	D Estimate to Complete	E Estimate at Completion	
		11.03	U1 Demolition	\$19,283				
		11.04	U2 Decontamination	\$6,540				
		11.05	U2 System & Area Closure	\$33,888				
		11.06	U2 Demolition	\$19,519				
12	Fuel Handling Building			\$48,627				
		12.01	U1 Decontamination	\$2,013				
		12.02	U1 System & Area Closure	\$14,905				
		12.03	U1 Demolition	\$6,982				
		12.04	U2 Decontamination	\$1,953				
		12.05	U2 System & Area Closure	\$19,040				
		12.06	U2 Demolition	\$3,735				
14	Balance of Site			\$80,702				
		14.01	Decontamination	\$11,011				
		14.02	System & Area Closure	\$14,163				
		14.03	Demolition	\$55,528				
15	Intake Structure			\$41,654				
		15.01	System Area Closure	\$6,486				
		15.02	Coffer Dam	\$14,364				
		15.03	Demolition	\$20,804				
16	Discharge Structure			\$15,122				
		16.01	Discharge Piping Decon	\$570				
		16.02	Coffer Dam	\$7,261				
		16.03	Demolition	\$2,696				
		16.04	System Area Closure	\$4,595				
17	Breakwater			\$286,326				
		17.01	Demolition	\$138,910				
		17.02	Transportation	\$129,249				

**TABLE 7-3
DCPP MILESTONE COMPARISON TO TWO PRIOR NDCTP ESTIMATES
(CONTINUED)**

ID	Phase	Scope Description	2018	2021	2024 NDCTP			
			A	B	C	D	E	F
			Approved DCE	Approved DCE	Nominal Spend through 2023	Estimate to Complete	Estimate at Completion	Delta from 2021 NDCTP (E - B)
	17.03	Disposal Cost	\$18,166					
18	Non-ISFSI Site Restoration		\$135,075					
	18.01	Utilities and Structures Demo	\$31,549					
	18.02	Soil Remediation	\$4,145					
	18.03	Final Site Survey	\$40,263					
	18.04	Grading and Landscaping	\$59,118					
19	Spent Fuel transfer to DOE		\$24,258					
	19.01	U1 Spent Fuel Transfer to DOE	\$6,889					
	19.02	U2 Spent Fuel Transfer to DOE	\$16,376					
	19.03	GTCC Transfer to Offsite Facility	\$993					
20	ISFSI Demolition and Site Restoration		\$54,956					
	20.01	Utilities and Structures Demo	\$23,671					
	20.02	Soil Remediation	\$2,048					
	20.03	Final Site Survey	\$1,915					
	20.04	Grading and Landscaping	\$27,322					
GRAND TOTAL			\$4,802,395					

1 **F. Decision Log**

2 Commencing on the date of a final decision in the 2018 NDCTP adopting a
3 site-specific DCE for DCPD, PG&E will maintain an ongoing Decision Log to
4 track decisions relative to DCPD decommissioning activities. Since the current
5 site-specific DCE was developed as a ground-up evaluation without reference to
6 the prior DCE, PG&E made no decisions with respect to the prior DCE. The
7 Decision Log will include any decisions pertaining to cost, scope, or timing that
8 could affect a milestone by plus or minus more than 10 percent.

9 The Decision Log will identify:

- 10 • Description of the decision;
- 11 • Date decision was made;
- 12 • Decision-maker;
- 13 • Factors considered; and
- 14 • Alternatives considered.

15 **G. Conclusion**

16 PG&E requests that the Commission adopt the Milestone framework set
17 forth in this Chapter for purposes of reviewing actual DCPD decommissioning
18 expenditures.

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CHAPTER 8

**HUMBOLDT BAY POWER PLANT UNIT 3 UPDATED NUCLEAR
DECOMMISSIONING COST ESTIMATE**

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2 **CHAPTER 8**
3 **HUMBOLDT BAY POWER PLANT UNIT 3 UPDATED NUCLEAR**
4 **DECOMMISSIONING COST ESTIMATE**

5 **A. Introduction**

6 The purpose of this chapter is to provide Pacific Gas and Electric
7 Company's (PG&E) updated estimate of the remaining activities, cost and
8 schedule to complete decommissioning and Nuclear Regulatory Commission
9 (NRC) license termination at Humboldt Bay Power Plant Unit 3 (HBPP). Due to
10 the advanced status of decommissioning and the limited nature of revisions to
11 the approved estimate, the 2018 HBPP Decommissioning Cost Estimate (HBPP
12 DCE) updates, rather than replaces, the 2015 HBPP Decommissioning Project
13 Report (2015 DPR). The HBPP DCE is provided as Chapter 8, Attachment A
14 and the 2015 DPR is provided as Chapter 8, Attachment B.

15 **B. Summary**

16 The HBPP DCE covers the period from January 2019 through 2033,
17 including: completion of final site restoration (FSR); HBPP radiological
18 decommissioning; termination of the HBPP 10 CFR Part 50 license;
19 management of Spent Nuclear Fuel (SNF)/Greater-Than-Class-C (GTCC) waste
20 in the HBPP Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI); HBPP ISFSI
21 decommissioning after the SNF/GTCC waste has been moved to an off-site
22 facility; and FSR and termination of the ISFSI 10 Code of Federal Regulations
23 (CFR) Part 72 license.

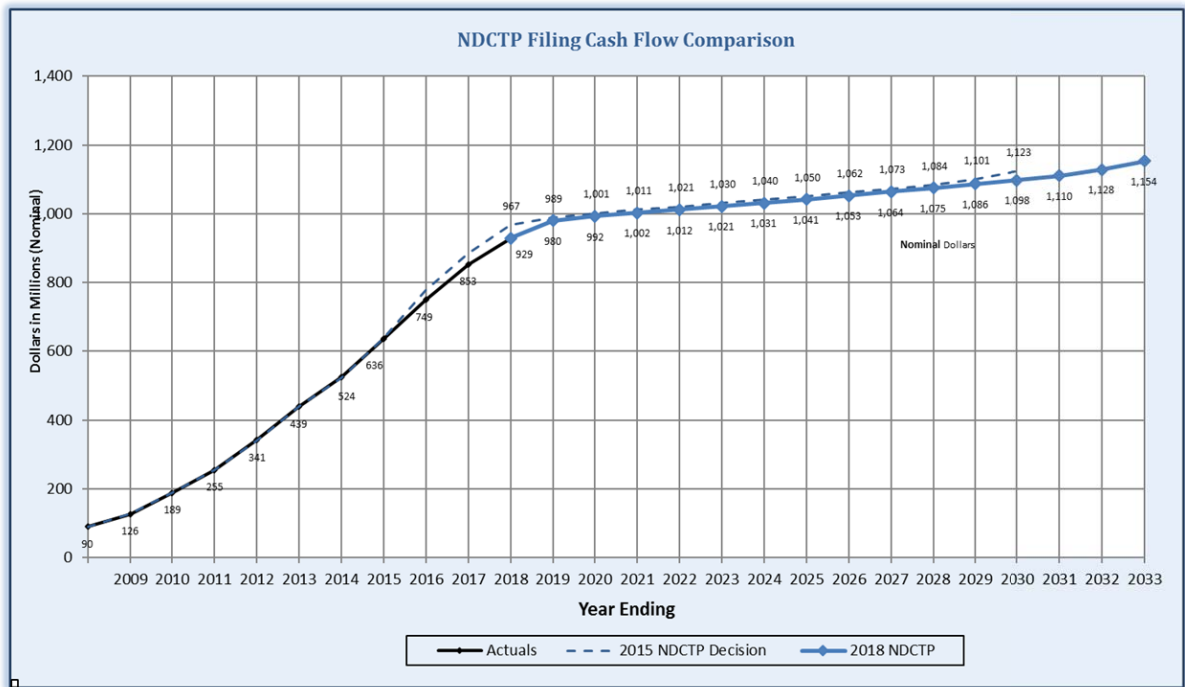
24 In the 2015 Nuclear Decommissioning Cost Triennial Proceeding (NDCTP),
25 the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) approved PG&E's
26 HBPP DCE of \$1,095.4 million (nominal/2018\$).¹ During the period 2015
27 through 2018, the Civil Works Contractor (CWC) completed demolition of the
28 majority of remaining structures and infrastructure, and the FSR for the Part 50
29 license is scheduled to be completed in 2019. After more than three decades in
30 Safe Storage (SAFSTOR) and nine years of decontamination and

1 Since HBPP completed a major phase of decommissioning in 2018 and the HBPP Reasonableness Report covers activities through 2018, the HBPP DCE is based on 2018\$. Unless otherwise stated, costs herein are in 2018\$.

1 dismantlement, the site is configured and ready for Final Status Survey (FSS),
2 which is also planned to be completed in 2019.

3 In preparation for its 2018 NDCTP, PG&E reviewed its previously-approved
4 estimate, work completed since the 2015 NDCTP and anticipated remaining
5 work, schedule and costs. PG&E has concluded that there is no change from
6 the forecast approved in the 2015 NDCTP, other than: (1) a decrease of
7 \$9.0 million due to cost savings of approximately \$7 million in Canal
8 Remediation Disposal and \$2 million in EPC Services; and (2) an increase of
9 \$25.1 million related to the assumption that PG&E will incur an additional three
10 (3) years of spent fuel management costs based on an assumed delay from
11 2028 to 2031 in DOE commencing pick up of SNF/GTCC waste.² The updated
12 total HBPP decommissioning cost is \$1,111.5 million (nominal/2018\$), with a
13 cost to complete as shown in Table 8-1 as of January 1, 2019 of \$182.5 million,
14 resulting in an increase of \$16.1 million from the forecast approved in the
15 2015 NDCTP.

**FIGURE 8-1
NDCTP FILING CASH FLOW COMPARISON**



² The basis for this assumption is provided in Chapter 6, Section D.

1 A detailed cost breakdown and comparison to the 2012 and 2015 NDCTP
2 estimates is provided in Table 8-2: HBPP Decommissioning Cost Breakdown.

3 **C. NRC License Termination**

4 PG&E has two NRC-issued licenses for the HBPP site: one issued under
5 10 CFR Part 50 pertaining to HBPP Unit 3, and the other issued under 10 CFR
6 Part 72 pertaining to the operation of the HBPP ISFSI for the storage of SNF
7 and GTCC waste from the operation of Unit 3.

8 **1. Part 50 License Termination Plan**

9 The HBPP Part 50 License Termination Plan (LTP) was approved by the
10 NRC in May 2015 (ADAMS ML15090A339). The LTP includes site
11 characterization data; a description of the remaining dismantling activities;
12 plans for site remediation; procedures for the final radiation survey; and
13 designation of the end use of the HBPP site. It also includes the final survey
14 plan, which identifies the radiological surveys to be performed once the
15 remediation activities are completed. The final survey plan was developed
16 using the guidance provided in the “Multi-Agency Radiation Survey and Site
17 Investigation Manual.” Surveys performed under this guidance provide a
18 high degree of confidence that applicable NRC criteria are satisfied.

19 The LTP is an appendix to the Defueled Safety Analysis Report and is
20 required by NRC regulation to be updated and submitted to the NRC every
21 two years. The updated LTP was provided to the NRC in February 2018
22 (ML 18066A137).

23 Once the final survey data, final summary report, and license
24 amendment request are submitted to the NRC in 2020, the agency will
25 review and evaluate the information, perform an independent confirmation
26 of radiological site conditions and decide whether the terminal radiation
27 survey and associated documentation demonstrates that the facility
28 complies with radiological release criteria. If so, it will terminate the HBPP
29 10 CFR Part 50 license.

30 **2. ISFSI Operations and Demolition**

31 Following the termination of the HBPP 10 CFR Part 50 license, the
32 HBPP ISFSI will continue to be operated under the 10 CFR Part 72 license
33 until all SNF and GTCC waste has been transferred to the Department of

1 Energy (DOE). For purposes of developing the HBPP DCE, PG&E
2 assumes that the DOE will commence transferring SNF and GTCC waste
3 casks from the HBPP ISFSI in 2031 and will complete transfer operations
4 in 2032.

5 Because of delays with the pickup of SNF and GTCC waste from the
6 HBPP ISFSI beyond the current 10 CFR Part 72 license termination date of
7 2022, PG&E prepared and submitted a License Renewal Application in
8 July 2018. The application requests a forty-year extension, with an
9 expiration date of November 2065.

10 Terminating the HB ISFSI 10 CFR Part 72 license will require
11 preparation of an ISFSI LTP dismantlement of the ISFSI vault and any
12 necessary remediation. PG&E will perform an FSS and complete FSR. The
13 FSS documentation will be transmitted to the NRC with a License
14 Amendment Request (LAR) for license termination. After the NRC
15 determines that the ISFSI site remediation has been performed in
16 accordance with the ISFSI LTP and the associated documentation
17 demonstrates compliance with the plan, the NRC will terminate the 10 CFR
18 Part 72 license.

19 **D. Other Agency Approvals**

20 While the NRC has the authority to terminate the HBPP 10 CFR Part 50
21 license, other agencies also have permitting authority over decommissioning
22 activities. Some of these permits will expire unless renewed by PG&E, while
23 other permits or permit requirements will continue in perpetuity. PG&E is
24 consulting with regulatory agencies to terminate permits, where appropriate.
25 Permit requirements that will remain after decommissioning completes consist of
26 the Coastal Development Permits (CDP) for the ISFSI. The CDP
27 (CDP E-05-001), related to the construction of the HBPP ISFSI, includes the
28 following requirements that continue after decommissioning HBPP:

- 29 • Special Condition 1 – Monitoring Bluff Slopes: No less than every
30 five years, PG&E shall monitor bluff slopes for sliding, ground movement
31 and other motion. No later than June 30 of each subsequent fifth year,
32 PG&E shall submit a report, prepared by a licensed Civil Engineering
33 Geologist, to the California Coastal Commission (CCC), describing the
34 results of the monitoring. If during any five-year period, monitoring shows

1 any horizontal or vertical movement of the bluff slope or edge of two feet or
2 greater, monitoring and reporting shall then be done on an annual basis,
3 with the report as previously described being submitted no later than
4 June 30 of each year. If during five consecutive annual monitoring periods,
5 movement of the bluff slope and edge totals less than two feet, monitoring
6 and reporting may return to a five-year schedule. PG&E shall notify the
7 CCC Director immediately in the event of slope failure or movement, which
8 may indicate imminent slope failure. If monitoring results for any reporting
9 period indicate slope movement, which may require additional measures to
10 protect the bluffs, PG&E shall submit a CDP application or request for an
11 amendment.

- 12 • Special Condition 2 – Monitoring Shoreline Erosion: No less than every
13 five years, PG&E shall conduct surveys of the shoreline and lower toe of the
14 bluff of the ISFSI site. Surveys shall be conducted by a licensed Surveyor
15 or Civil Engineer. Each survey shall be performed in the early spring, or as
16 close to that time as is feasible, when the beach level is lowest, and the
17 lower bluff face is most exposed. Each survey shall record the position of
18 the lower toe of the bluff using conventional survey techniques (total station,
19 rod and level, plane table, etc.), differential Global Positioning System,
20 photogrammetry (with current ortho-rectified aerial photographs), by ground
21 Light Detection and Ranging, or other comparable technique. Survey
22 techniques used shall be consistent throughout the survey period or shall
23 allow consistent comparison of yearly data. Survey measurements shall be
24 accurate within 0.5 feet horizontally and 1.0 foot vertically. PG&E shall
25 report the results of each survey to the CCC by June 30 of every fifth year.
26 Each report shall include narrative and mapped analysis of the survey data,
27 a determination of the average retreat rate for the full survey area and
28 identification of any location(s) where the bluff change rate is more than
29 two standard deviations from the average. Bluff change shall be calculated
30 at 50-foot intervals or less, to determine the average retreat, the standard
31 deviation and to identify areas of outlier retreat rates. If monitoring results
32 for any survey indicate the development may be threatened by coastal
33 erosion in less than five years, PG&E shall submit within sixty days of the

1 annual survey report a CDP application or request for an amendment to this
2 permit to relocate the ISFSI or other project components as needed.

3 • Special Condition 5 – Public Access:

4 a) PG&E shall execute and have recorded against the parcel governed by
5 the permit a deed restriction in a form and content acceptable to the
6 CCC. The deed restriction shall establish an accessway based on the
7 existing public use trail and shall extend along the shoreline from the
8 western end of the power plant site near King Salmon Road to the rail
9 line on the northern end of the power plant site. The accessway shall be
10 no less than 20 feet wide at any point, as measured landward from the
11 ordinary high-water mark. The deed restriction shall also reflect that this
12 accessway will move with the shoreline; that is, the minimum
13 dimensions of the accessway shall be maintained as the ordinary high-
14 water mark moves due to short- or long-term events such as coastal
15 erosion, sea level rise, or other phenomena.

16 b) PG&E shall establish an Access Plan, subject to CCC approval. The
17 plan shall, at minimum, include a legal description of the accessway as
18 recorded on the property deed and a description of improvements that
19 will be made to ensure public access is safely maintained. Measures
20 that will be taken to maintain the accessway in a safe and usable
21 condition to ensure safe pedestrian use shall include providing a level
22 walking surface, regularly inspecting accessway conditions, placing
23 trash receptacles on or near the trail and placing signs at both ends of
24 the accessway that describe the access available and the conditions
25 related to the adjacent ISFSI that may affect access. The design and
26 placement of signs shall be consistent with those developed as part of
27 the Humboldt Bay Trails Feasibility Study.

28 c) Changes to Access: If any change to the safety or security measures
29 associated with the ISFSI results in a change to, or limitation on, public
30 access to the shoreline, PG&E shall file a complete application to
31 amend this permit. The application for an amendment shall describe the
32 nature of the change and its effect on public access and shall include
33 proposed measures that would provide at least an equivalent amount of
34 shoreline access on or near the ISFSI site.

1 Similar requirements are contained in the other CDPs issued for canal
2 remediation and the FSR. HBPP Management will work with the CCC to
3 standardize the language between the CDPs into the ISFSI CDP, so that PG&E
4 may request termination of the non-ISFSI CDPs.

5 PG&E will be required to submit a new CDP or CDP amendment application
6 to the CCC to address decommissioning of the ISFSI and restoration of the
7 ISFSI site. ISFSI decommissioning will likely include removal of ISFSI roads,
8 offices and support facilities. Whether there will be additional permit
9 requirements is not known at this time.

10 **E. Estimate by Cost Category**

11 As authorized in prior NDCTPs, PG&E estimates and then tracks costs
12 against specified cost categories; the specified categories are reflected in
13 Table 8-2. With the closure of the Civil Works scope of work, many of these
14 categories are now closed out, and presented for review in Chapter 9. FSR,
15 Residual Remediation/Waste Disposal, Tools & Equipment – Common and
16 Office Facilities Rent were moved from their corresponding blue line cost
17 categories, so the associated cost categories could be closed out.

18 The following cost categories remain open for the completion of HBPP
19 decommissioning:

20 General Staffing costs associated with the overhead staffing costs to
21 support License Termination Survey and FSR/FSS oversight;

22 Small Value Contract costs associated with Small Dollar Vendors, Specialty
23 Contracts, remaining FSR, tools and equipment, Residual Remediation/Waste
24 Disposal and office facility rent; and

25 Spent Fuel Management costs for ISFSI staffing, Operations and
26 Maintenance (O&M); ISFSI Engineering and Specialty Contracts; ISFSI
27 infrastructure expenses; NRC fees; DOE transfer and ISFSI removal after
28 DOE transfer.

**TABLE 8-1
2018 NDCTP COST TO COMPLETE HBPP DECOMMISSIONING**

Line No.	2018 Cost Category	Approved 2015 NDCTP Budget \$2018	
		ETC 2019 to 2030 \$2018	ETC 2031-2033 \$2018
1	General Staffing (Excludes Caisson)	13,170,667	–
2	Overall Project (CWC Oversight)	–	–
3	License Termination/FSS Oversight	9,374,233	–
4	License Termination Survey (Excludes Caisson)	3,796,433	–
5	Small Value Contracts	21,070,030	–
6	Small Dollar Vendors	348,487	–
7	Specialty Contracts	5,622,074	–
8	Final Site Restoration	12,131,414	–
9	Residual Remediation/Waste Disposal	1,087,709	–
10	Tools & Equipment-Common	883,350	–
11	Office Facilities Rent	996,996	–
12	Spent Fuel Management	123,207,562	25,067,582
13	Security (PG&E)	77,905,517	20,208,927
14	ISFSI O&M	7,089,686	1,823,405
15	ISFSI Staffing/Engineering/Specialty Contracts	6,775,459	1,675,381
16	ISFSI Infrastructure Expenses	8,985,741	356,997
17	NRC Fees	3,415,162	1,002,873
18	ISFSI Removal	15,368,552	–
19	Transfer to DOE	3,667,446	–
20	Total	157,448,259	25,067,582

Note: These costs include contingency of approximately 16 percent.

1. General Staffing

The cost of staffing (labor) is a significant portion of the remaining overall costs of the HBPP decommissioning. Both the cost of direct labor to perform the work and the cost of overhead labor to support the direct labor force contribute to the total labor costs. The ISFSI will continue in operation until the DOE takes custody of the SNF and GTCC waste, which is expected to commence in 2031. The ISFSI staffing costs are included in spent fuel management, and they are not included in the Overall Project staffing.

Through proactive planning, PG&E has done an excellent job of managing the total workforce. During the period 2012 through 2018, the General Staffing personnel focused efforts on self-performance and civil work scopes of work. After FSR is complete, the General Staffing focus will

1 be on FSS and license termination support activities. The estimated
2 remaining cost for General Staffing is \$13.17 million.

3 **a. Final Site Restoration/License Termination/FSS Oversight (Overall**
4 **Project)**

5 The staffing for FSR/License Termination/FSS Oversight continues
6 through 2019 and ends in 2020. The Staffing Plan ramps down the
7 latter part of 2020, with the final submittal of FSS documents to the
8 NRC. During closeout of the project in 2020, the staffing plan is at a
9 minimum headcount as PG&E submits the 10 CFR Part 50 License
10 Termination Request, completes invoice processing, and transmits
11 documents to the Records Management System (RMS).

12 The staffing for FSR/License Termination/FSS Oversight includes
13 Fixed Overhead. These are the costs incurred for maintaining staff who
14 are assigned to Management, Safety, Facility Maintenance, Licensing
15 Support, Procurement and Finance roles and responsibilities. Fixed
16 Overhead is job functions that are needed regardless of the status and
17 progress of the decommissioning. It also includes direct and discrete
18 labor, which are staffing costs for personnel who directly support
19 schedule progress, such as engineered plans, development of work
20 packages, permits and maintenance of the programs required by
21 regulation, license or the company, in order to ensure that the FSS is
22 accomplished safely and efficiently. Site Management Department

23 The FSR/License Termination/FSS Oversight staff is distributed
24 within the following departments:

- 25 • Site Management (Director)
- 26 • Decommissioning
- 27 • Environmental
- 28 • Site Closure

29 **1) Site Management**

30 To ensure project success, PG&E recruited a highly-
31 experienced and specialized group of managers with solid
32 management skills, strong technical skills, industry-specific
33 knowledge and the desire to see the project succeed through the

1 critical phases. The low attrition rate, strong participation in
2 professional and industry forums and proven ability to solve
3 unexpected problems has validated the selections. The
4 combination of PG&E and contractor personnel with specialized skill
5 sets has proven to be very cost-effective. Industry evaluations,
6 audits, NRC inspections, project safety achievements and project
7 accomplishments attest to the team's ability to manage the project
8 within the project parameters. This strategy was used throughout
9 the decommissioning process and will continue through the
10 completion of FSS. Refer to 2015 DPR, Section 3.3.1.1.2 for details
11 on PG&E Management strategy for Site Management staffing.

12 The current management organization continues to be well-
13 suited to manage and oversee the completion of the FSS and the
14 ultimate termination of the 10 CFR Part 50 license. Based on the
15 status to-date and the schedule going forward, HBPP Management
16 plans to reduce direct reports as their specific specialties warrant.
17 The RP Manager was released in 2017, with any residual
18 responsibilities being managed by the Site Closure Manager. The
19 Deputy Director was released in 2017, with any residual
20 responsibilities being managed by the Environmental Manager. The
21 Decommissioning Manager was released in 2017. Any of the
22 Decommissioning Manager's residual responsibilities are being
23 managed by the remaining site leaders, Site Closure, Environmental
24 and Business Analysis.

25 The following are key staff positions in the Director's
26 organization:

27 HB Senior Director/Plant Manager-Nuclear

28 The HB Senior Director/Plant Manager-Nuclear (Director) has
29 the responsibility for oversight of the entire decommissioning and
30 site restoration, including safety of employees, implementation of
31 work processes, disposal of wastes and control of the budgets to
32 accomplish the entire project. The Director works collaboratively
33 with a wide variety of other groups to safely and efficiently execute
34 the mission. These groups include a mix of internal stakeholders,

1 such as Site Closure, Safety, Security and Quality Verification, as
2 well as external stakeholders, such as interested state and federal
3 regulators, other utilities preparing to decommission facilities and
4 local community groups, such as the Community Advisory Board.

5 Decommissioning Business Analysis Supervisor

6 The duties and responsibilities of the Decommissioning
7 Business Analysis Supervisor relate to the day-to-day activities of
8 the Finance, Litigation and Project Controls groups; manages the
9 Corrective Action Program; oversight of remaining self-perform work
10 field activities; and oversight of the contractors and contracts for the
11 FSS. This position is primarily responsible for the Cost and
12 Schedule baselines and managing the line-of-business interests for
13 PG&E previously performed by the Decommissioning Manager.

14 Site Closure Manager

15 The Site Closure Manager supervises the License Termination
16 Survey staff, manages site training and regulatory affairs matters
17 previously performed by the Decommissioning Manager. He also
18 assumed Radiological Program management duties previously
19 performed by the RP Manager.

20 Engineering Manager

21 The Engineering Manager is provided by Diablo Canyon Power
22 Plant (DCPP) and is available to the Director to address any
23 decommissioning matters involving engineering issues.

24 Environmental Manager

25 The Environmental Manager supervises the Environmental
26 organization and responsibilities for decommissioning management
27 performed previously by the Deputy Director and the
28 Decommissioning Manager.

29 HBPP Trust Fund Consultant-Expert

30 The HBPP Trust Fund Consultant-Expert is the PG&E Subject
31 Matter Expert (SME) for the Nuclear Decommissioning Trust Fund,
32 performing reviews and submitting back-up documentation for trust
33 fund expenditures. This position also provides data to comply with
34 NRC funding assurance requirements.

1 DOE Litigation Specialist

2 The DOE Litigation Specialist is responsible for the preparation
3 of PG&E claims against the DOE as part of the Settlement
4 Agreement. Under the Settlement Agreement, annual DOE claims
5 are prepared and submitted for reimbursement.

6 **2) Decommissioning Department**

7 The Decommissioning Department is responsible for performing
8 cost and budget control, procurement and warehouse functions.
9 Decommissioning is also tasked with oversight, identification and
10 control of the execution of project transition and work. The
11 Decommissioning Department structure is depicted in Attachment C.

12 The Decommissioning Department is the central group
13 responsible for planning, executing and tracking progress and
14 funding for the decommissioning of HBPP Unit 3. To effectively
15 execute its assigned missions, the makeup of the Decommissioning
16 Department has changed over time, with changes to the workload
17 and to the remaining work to oversee. The downward trend is
18 expected to continue through the completion of the
19 decommissioning project closeout.

20 **3) Environmental Department**

21 The Environmental Department (depicted in Attachment D) is
22 responsible for implementing the environmental and safety
23 procedures and programs; and interfacing with agencies on
24 permitting, as well as stakeholders who have concerns about areas
25 of cultural, paleontological and biological significance at the site and
26 surrounding areas.

27 The Environmental Department activities will continue through
28 the FSS and project closeout of the Voluntary Cleanup Agreement
29 between PG&E and the California Department of Toxic Substance
30 Control, as well as the processing of any waste generated from FSS
31 and termination of the decommissioning permits.

1 **b. Site Closure Department (License Termination Survey [Excludes**
2 **Caisson])**

3 The Site Closure Department staff is responsible for license
4 termination activities, such as O&M of the Count Room, maintaining and
5 submitting updates to the HBPP LTP, performing and documenting the
6 FSS, coordinating with NRC oversight, and generating reports to the
7 NRC and State of California regulators.

8 To support FSS, Site Closure Department staff assigned as
9 Radiation Protection (RP) Technicians implement the programmatic and
10 procedural requirements established to satisfy 10 CFR Part 20, Unit 3
11 Technical Specifications, and 10 CFR Part 19. The RP Technicians
12 also contribute to the implementation of Radiological Environmental
13 Monitoring Program (REMP) and compliance with 40 CFR Part 190.

14 As the FSS-required data is collected and reduced and documents
15 transmitted to the NRC, the staffing for the Site Closure Department will
16 decrease accordingly.

17 **2. Small Value Contracts**

18 Small Value Contracts categories include:

- 19 • Small Dollar Vendors
- 20 • Specialty Contracts
- 21 • Final Site Restoration
- 22 • Tools and Equipment
- 23 • Residual Remediation/Waste Disposal
- 24 • Office Facility Rent

25 The remaining cost to complete for this category is estimated to be
26 \$21.1 million.

27 **a. Small Dollar Vendors**

28 Small Dollar Vendors are associated with contracts for providing
29 HBPP site maintenance and FSS support field labor, as well as
30 supporting SWWPP mitigation. Small Dollar Vendors also includes the
31 collection of recurring costs that are expected to continue through the
32 completion of FSS. These include:

- 33 • Circuit Leasing and Internet Services

- 1 • Computer Software and Hardware
- 2 • Employee Training, Travel and Meal Expense
- 3 • Electric Power Research Institute Membership
- 4 • Mitigation and Monitoring Implementation
- 5 • Office Supplies
- 6 • Printer Rental and Maintenance Support
- 7 • Shuttle Services
- 8 • Water and Sewer Services
- 9 • Decommissioning Plant Coalition Representation
- 10 • Landscape and Site Maintenance
- 11 • Printing and Document Shredding Services
- 12 • Department of Public Health Fees
- 13 • State Water Resource Control Fees

14 **b. Specialty Contracts**

15 Specialty Contracts are issued for specific skills or services not
16 performed by HBPP staff. They include various elements, such as
17 permitting fees, environmental contracts, NRC fees and other
18 miscellaneous specialty consultations.

19 Services covered in this category include NDCTP SME, Oak Ridge
20 Associated Universities SME, FSS support services, relocation services,
21 biological monitoring and reporting services, chemical analysis sampling
22 services, hazardous waste disposal, Care Onsite Services, legal
23 representation and support, Oracle P6 system software and services,
24 other support and training, NRC interface, permitting and permitting
25 assistance and other necessary services to support the FSS and license
26 termination on an ongoing basis.

27 **c. Final Site Restoration**

28 FSR includes remaining demolition, removal of remaining
29 equipment, excavation, grading, drainage, wetland construction, ground
30 cover (vegetation and other surfacing), installation of fencing, installation
31 and construction of new components and repairs to existing features of
32 the HBPP site (including roadways) to configure the site for future
33 industrial use.

1 FSR costs were initially included In the Civil Works Scope. Other
2 than completion of FSR, the Civil Works Scope has been completed. To
3 enable PG&E to close out Civil Works, PG&E has moved FSR costs to
4 the Small Value Contracts category. This work scope is being
5 performed by the CWC and is scheduled to be completed in 2019. The
6 remaining costs for FSR are \$12.1 million.

7 **d. Tools and Equipment**

8 The tools and equipment required to support completion of FSS are
9 associated with RP Tools and Equipment. Typical tools and equipment
10 purchased to support RP and FSS work include consumables
11 (polyethylene sheeting, sample containers, general office supplies and
12 items to assist in contamination control); Personal Protective Equipment
13 (PPE); contamination detection instrumentation; fire extinguishers;
14 eyewash stations; first aid kits; blood-borne pathogen kits; and other
15 specially-customized materials. Also included is replacement of
16 radiation monitoring instruments and detectors.

17 **e. Residual Remediation/Waste Disposal**

18 During FSS, there is a possibility that licensed material that is
19 greater than the values established in the HBPP LTP, or hazardous
20 materials not previously identified, will be discovered. This material will
21 need to be removed and isolated for ultimate disposal.

22 Waste Disposal also includes the costs associated with the disposal
23 of non-releasable tools and equipment or radioactive and hazardous
24 materials from FSS. Waste generation from FSS is expected to be
25 minimal and to fall into one of the following categories:

- 26 • Noncompliant Waste
- 27 • Low-Level Radioactive Waste

28 **f. Office Facility Rent**

29 To facilitate Caisson removal, PG&E arranged with the College of
30 the Redwoods to lease vacant office space on the campus. PG&E was
31 able to relocate support staff from the decommissioning site to the
32 College of the Redwoods as the staff was systematically displaced
33 onsite. Upon completion of FSR, the only personnel who will physically

1 remain at the HBPP decommissioning site are the Site Closure
2 Department staff assigned to the Count Room and the ISFSI staff. All
3 other FSS support staff are located at the College of the Redwoods.

4 The costs associated with use of the College of the Redwoods
5 property as office space was included in the 2015 in the DCPD in the
6 category titled Common Site Support - Caissons and Canals. Since this
7 scope of work has been completed, for the 2018 NDCTP filing, the
8 ongoing costs associated with the College of the Redwoods space rent
9 is included under Small Value Contracts.

10 **3. Spent Fuel Management**

11 The O&M of an ISFSI includes a multitude of activities to ensure the
12 SNF and GTCC waste is stored in a manner to protect public health and
13 safety. The 2015 DPR, Section 3.3.1.8 provides a detailed discussion
14 related to the cost basis for Spent Fuel Management.

15 Since PG&E assumes a delay in transfer of SNF and GTCC waste by
16 the DOE From 2028 to 2031, the current estimate includes an additional
17 \$25.1 million in forecast spent fuel management costs. These costs are
18 comprised primarily of:

- 19 • Security staffing
- 20 • O&M
- 21 • ISFSI Specialist/Engineering/Specialty Contracts
- 22 • Infrastructure improvements
- 23 • ISFSI FSR
- 24 • NRC fees

25 **a. Security (PG&E) Staff Costs**

26 The HB ISFSI staffing includes a Security element to provide
27 24-hour surveillance of the SNF to comply with NRC security regulations
28 and the HB Emergency Plan and ISFSI Physical Security Plan.

29 **b. ISFSI Operating and Maintenance Costs**

30 ISFSI O&M functions include effective and efficient ongoing
31 management, safety and compliance necessary to meet NRC
32 requirements.

1 Overhead costs to maintain the HB ISFSI include: PPE; physical,
2 auditory, and psychological testing for Fitness-for-Duty requirements;
3 uniform supplies; arms and ammunition; radio and cellular equipment
4 and service; specialty training; office supplies; and facility services and
5 maintenance.

6 **c. ISFSI Staffing/Engineering Services/Specialty Contracts**

7 HB ISFSI non-Security related support is provided by a number of
8 sources, including DCPD organizations, ISFSI specialists and vendors.

9 The DCPD organizations provide support in areas of Engineering,
10 Human Resources, Procurement, Quality Verification, Records
11 Management, and Regulatory Affairs.

12 The ISFSI Specialists within the ISFSI organization perform
13 Administrative services, Emergency Planning, Training and are the
14 liaisons with the DCPD support organizations.

15 Vendors provide infrastructure support as engineering services
16 (through DCPD organizations) and specialty contracts for scope of work
17 activities not provided by DCPD staff or HB ISFSI specialists.

18 **d. ISFSI Infrastructure Expenses**

19 ISFSI Infrastructure Expenses includes those costs associated with
20 maintaining compliance with the regulatory requirements associated
21 with the storage of SNF and GTCC wastes at the ISFSI and the ultimate
22 removal of the HB ISFSI. Ongoing projects identified in the 2015 HBPP
23 DPR include:

24 Building 6 Conversion to Onsite ISFSI Weapons Training Facility

25 The Building 6 Conversion to On-Site ISFSI Weapons Training
26 Facility has not yet been implemented due to the unavailability of
27 Building 6 for the conversion. The building to be converted was
28 occupied by personnel involved with the decommissioning. The
29 conversion is scheduled to be completed in 2019.

30 Care Onsite

31 The establishment of a Care Onsite for the ISFSI has not yet been
32 implemented due to the unavailability of Building 6. The establishment
33 of the Care Onsite facility will be completed after the Count Room

1 (Building 13) is converted to offices for the HB ISFSI staff (scheduled in
2 2020).

3 Building 13 Retrofit Upgrade for ISFSI

4 The retrofit of Building 13 (Count Room) to support the ISFSI as
5 offices has not yet been implemented due to the unavailability of the
6 building. The Count Room was occupied by personnel involved with the
7 FSS. Building 13 retrofit is scheduled to be converted to offices for the
8 HB ISFSI staff after the completion of FSS in 2020.

9 InfoQual Program Migration to MyLearning

10 The migration to the InfoQual Program training database is in
11 progress and is expected to be completed in 2019.

12 **e. NRC Fees**

13 10 CFR Part 171 “Annual Fees for Reactor Licenses and Fuel Cycle
14 Licenses and Material Licenses, including Holders of Certificates of
15 Compliance, Registrations, and Quality Assurance Program Approvals
16 and Government Agencies Licensed by the NRC” establishes the
17 authority for the collection of annual fees from those who possess a
18 license issued under 10 CFR Part 40, 10 CFR Part 50, 10 CFR Part 52,
19 10 CFR Part 70, or 10 CFR Part 72. Additionally, there are costs
20 associated with periodic NRC inspections conducted by the NRC
21 Region IV.

22 HBPP license fees are split between Decommissioning, FSS and
23 the HB ISFSI through the termination of the 10 CFR Part 50 license.
24 With the termination of the 10 CFR Part 50 license, the license fees
25 associated with the HB ISFSI will be solely associated with the 10 CFR
26 Part 72 license, until the 10 CFR Part 72 license termination after the
27 SNF and GTCC waste are removed from the ISFSI and the completion
28 of the ISFSI FSS.

29 **f. ISFSI Removal**

30 Approximately two years before DOE is scheduled to remove the
31 SNF and GTCC waste, PG&E will prepare and submit an ISFSI LTP for
32 NRC approval. After the last SNF/GTCC waste cask is accepted by the
33 DOE carrier, PG&E can request an exemption from the NRC of the

1 10 CFR Part 72 requirements and commence the decommissioning of
2 the HB ISFSI site.

3 The decommissioning and ISFSI site restoration will include
4 demolition of the buildings and the ISFSI Vault, FSR of the ISFSI site
5 and the building areas, and implementing the ISFSI LTP with FSS of the
6 ISFSI site and building areas. After the ISFSI FSS documentation is
7 reviewed and accepted by the NRC, PG&E will request termination of
8 the 10 CFR Part 72 license.

9 **g. Transfer to DOE**

10 PG&E assumes the DOE will begin taking the SNF and GTCC
11 waste packages in 2031. Once the DOE provides its schedule for
12 accepting the SNF and GTCC waste packages, PG&E will begin the
13 planning processes necessary to facilitate the transfer to the DOE.
14 There are five SNF casks and one GTCC waste cask to be transported
15 and removal is expected to take a little over a year (one cask in 2031
16 and five casks in 2032).

17 The planning phase for SNF and GTCC waste transfer is expected
18 to take six months to a year of effort prior to the transport to the DOE.
19 The 2015 DPR, Section 3.3.1.8.6 provides details related to planning
20 and facilitating the transfer of the SNF and GTCC waste to DOE
21 custody.

22 Once the DOE carrier has accepted the SNF or GTCC waste
23 shipment, it becomes the property of the DOE and PG&E's
24 responsibilities for the SNF or GTCC waste is terminated.

25 **F. Planned Schedule and Activities**

26 Almost all of the decommissioning physical work was complete in 2018, with
27 FSR scheduled to complete in 2019. Despite innumerable challenges and risks,
28 PG&E has successfully maintained its decommissioning schedule.

29 In 2019, HBPP's Site Closure Department will complete FSS and will be
30 generating the last area reports and summary report to be submitted to the
31 NRC. In 2020, the LAR to terminate the license will be sent to the NRC and the
32 transmittal of FSS records will be processed to the RMS.

1 In addition to FSS and FSS records closure, HBPP Site Closure will perform
2 administrative closeout during this 24-month period. Like many other aspects of
3 HBPP decommissioning, the administrative closeout will also be yet another
4 first-of-its-kind experience for both HBPP Management and the state of
5 California. PG&E will transfer control and stewardship of the HBPP site area
6 to the non-nuclear Humboldt Bay Generating Station (HBGS). As such,
7 the administrative closeout is anticipated to bring its own set of challenges
8 for PG&E.

9 HBPP Management will need to perform a number of activities. It is
10 important to note that closure of the following activities and the retention of the
11 records thereof, must each adhere to its own unique and separate standards set
12 forth by federal regulations, California regulations, local regulations, nuclear
13 industry standards, PG&E's nuclear insurer, PG&E standards, PG&E's
14 commitments to the community and to the community's expectations. To meet
15 the administrative closeout needs, HBPP Management is planning to retain a
16 mixture of management- and clerical-level personnel who have experience with
17 the HBPP decommissioning and can accomplish the residual work. Anticipated
18 work during the two-year administrative period includes:

19 Work Package Closeout – Work packages will be verified to be complete
20 and accurate. The records will then be entered in the RMS for retention and
21 archiving, in accordance with the applicable regulations and requirements.

22 Radiological Records – All radiological records, such as surveys, radiation
23 work permits and dosimetry records must be verified complete and transmitted
24 to the RMS.

25 Industrial Hygiene and Environmental Sampling – All Industrial Hygiene and
26 Environmental Sampling and records will be verified complete and accurate,
27 then transferred to the RMS.

28 SNF and GTCC Waste Records – PG&E shall verify that all the records for
29 SNF, GTCC waste and associated packaging are complete per DOE standards
30 and retrievable. This is a long-term preparation for PG&E, as DOE standards
31 require specific documentation prior to acceptance of the SNF or GTCC
32 waste package.

1 Corrective Action Program – Incomplete SAP Notifications and outstanding
2 Corrective Actions from the project will be brought to closure or if required,
3 transferred to ISFSI or other intra-company organizations.

4 Procedure Termination or Transfer – HBPP procedures will be processed for
5 termination or transferred to HBGS.

6 Disposition of Permits – The disposition of the various agency permits
7 includes taking no action for permits that were never used, allowing permits
8 with sunset dates to expire and working with respective agencies to combine
9 requirements and apply those requirements to permits that will continue
10 past FSS.

11 Asset Recovery – HBPP Management will have to determine the processes
12 to evaluate the remaining tools, equipment, office equipment, office furniture and
13 supplies. The remaining assets will be sold, salvaged, scrapped or disposed.

14 Final As-Built Drawings – The CWC will prepare the final drawings and
15 applicable topography records, indicating the status of the site with the best
16 available information at the end of the project. The final drawings include
17 depictions of above-ground and below-grade piping, utilities, residual structures,
18 active monitoring systems and abandoned systems.

19 License Termination Support – HBPP Management will prepare for license
20 termination inspections and respond to Requests for Additional Information,
21 as required.

22 Preparation for NDCTP – HBPP Management will begin preparation for the
23 2021 NDCTP filing.

24 Residual Workload from All Applicable Stakeholders – There are a number
25 of unknowns associated with stakeholder expectations. HBPP Management has
26 made the utmost effort to maintain transparency about the status of project
27 execution and to keep open lines of communications with local regulatory bodies
28 and stakeholders. The amount and level of communication is expected to
29 diminish after site restoration is complete. However, local stakeholders will
30 continue to have an interest in the site for as long as SNF and GTCC waste is in
31 temporary storage at the ISFSI.

32 From 2021 onward, HBPP Site Management will be focused on ISFSI
33 Management. During this period, the ISFSI site will be managed by the DCPD
34 Nuclear Security and Emergency Services Department, until DOE removes the

1 SNF and GTCC waste. The removal of the SNF and the GTCC waste casks is
2 planned to commence in 2031, followed by the ISFSI decommissioning, ISFSI
3 FSS and license termination scheduled for 2033.

4 **G. Decision Log**

5 Commission Decision D.14-02-024 specified that PG&E maintain an
6 ongoing Decision Log to track its decision-making activities relative to HBPP
7 nuclear decommissioning activities. Items requiring documentation in that log
8 include decisions having the potential to affect any cost category by more than
9 10 percent, either positively or negatively. There have been no such decisions
10 made since the 2015 DPR.

11 **H. Trust Disbursement Advice Letters**

12 PG&E will continue to file annual Trust Disbursement advice letters for
13 HBPP which includes the information required by prior NDCTP decisions.
14 PG&E's most recent advice letter, Advice Letter 5239-E, was approved by the
15 Energy Division effective March 30, 2018.

16 **I. SAFSTOR**

17 SAFSTOR was the initial form of decommissioning selected by PG&E for
18 HBPP. The NRC regulatory requirements for SAFSTOR include routine and
19 specific radiological surveys, training and qualification of RP personnel
20 performing surveys, routine reporting to the NRC, maintenance of the
21 Radiological Effluent and REMP, and implementation of a radiation safety
22 program to comply with 10 CFR Part 20 regulations and applicable NRC
23 guidance documents. PG&E has recovered SAFSTOR expenses through a
24 separate revenue requirement updated in each NDCTP.

25 When PG&E decided to commence the active decontamination and
26 dismantlement phase of decommissioning, the SAFSTOR regulatory
27 requirements continued to be maintained by the RP Department. In the 2015
28 NDCTP filing, annual revenue requirements for SAFSTOR were adopted for
29 2017-2019; the Commission approved revenue requirement for SAFSTOR for
30 2019 is \$4.4 million (nominal \$). Termination of the 10 CFR Part 50 license will
31 terminate the need to maintain SAFSTOR regulatory requirements, and PG&E
32 proposes to cease collecting funds for SAFSTOR in 2020. Since the 2019

1 annual revenue requirement has already been adopted, this DCE includes no
2 SAFSTOR estimate.

3 **J. Conclusion**

4 PG&E requests that the Commission adopt the decommissioning cost
5 estimate for HBPP as set forth in this chapter.

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1 **PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY**
2 **CHAPTER 9**
3 **HUMBOLDT BAY POWER PLANT COMPLETED PROJECT**
4 **REASONABLENESS REVIEW TESTIMONY**

5 **A. Introduction**

6 The purpose of this chapter is to demonstrate the reasonableness
7 and prudence of decommissioning scopes of work at Humboldt Bay Power
8 Plant Unit 3 (HBPP) that have been completed since the 2015 Nuclear
9 Decommissioning Cost Triennial Proceeding (NDCTP) application was filed in
10 March 2015. This chapter also discusses Pacific Gas and Electric Company's
11 (PG&E) efforts to retain and utilize qualified and experienced personnel to
12 perform physical decommissioning, and accounts for the differences between
13 forecast and actual Safe Storage (SAFSTOR) expenses for 2016 through 2018.

14 **B. Summary**

15 By the end of 2018, PG&E expects it will successfully have completed the
16 Civil Works Phase (CWP),¹ a major phase of HBPP decommissioning.
17 Decommissioning HBPP has presented a number of challenges due to the
18 unique design and construction of the plant; radiological activation and
19 contamination left from the early operation of the facility; and difficult site
20 conditions. PG&E is very proud to have completed this work safely, on
21 schedule, within approved cost estimates and without radiological incident.
22 The HBPP Completed Projects Review included as Chapter 9, Attachment A
23 and the HBPP Decommissioning Pictorial Summary included as Chapter 9,
24 Attachment B attest to the complexity of the job and demonstrate PG&E's
25 achievement in successfully completing the majority of the CWP.

26 PG&E has built an industrywide reputation for HBPP decommissioning,
27 playing a leading role in industrial and occupational safety, and for radiation
28 innovations that may be applied throughout the industry. HBPP was awarded
29 the annual Shermer L. Sibley Award six times, the most prestigious PG&E
30 award an organization can earn in recognition of its safety achievements. The

1 Final Site Restoration (FSR) work, which is being performed by the Civil Works Contractor (CWC), is scheduled to be completed in mid-2019.

1 CWP of decommissioning has a project safety record of no Occupational Safety
2 and Health Administration (OSHA) lost-time injuries for more than five years and
3 almost no recordable injuries (two in five plus years), even though it involved
4 significantly challenging excavation and demolition work, much of which involved
5 First of a Kind (FOAK) evolutions.

6 PG&E has also been recognized by Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)
7 Commissioners who have made on-site visits, and NRC regulators have
8 routinely advised national and international nuclear industry companies to use
9 HBPP as the standard on accomplishing decommissioning safely and with
10 lowest radiological dose to workers. In 2015, the CWC received a Facility and
11 Plant Services Safety Excellence Award. The HBPP site was featured in
12 Engineering News Record (ENR) in a May 2016 article for novel tactics to
13 demolish the nuclear caisson. In 2018, the HBPP team was recognized by ENR
14 as California Project of the year for best specialty project. PG&E's CWC was
15 recognized by the National Safety Council and received the Green Cross for
16 Safety medal. This award is presented to organizations that have distinguished
17 themselves through outstanding safety leadership with a commitment to safety
18 by building successful partnerships to save lives and prevent injuries.

19 PG&E is presenting for review in this chapter \$400.2 million in costs for
20 completed work that occurred between 2012 and 2018. 2018 costs include
21 actual costs incurred through August 31, 2018 and forecasted costs from
22 September 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018. If necessary, PG&E will
23 provide a true-up for actual costs from September 1, 2018 through
24 December 31, 2018.

25 Each of the following scopes of work presented for reasonableness review
26 were completed within 1.0 percent, or below, the approved cost estimate:

- 27 • \$28.2 million in General Staffing, which includes all General Staffing for the
28 CWP including CWC oversight, except staffing associated with License
29 Termination and FSR, which is ongoing, and General Staffing associated
30 with the Caisson Removal, which is included within that scope of work;
- 31 • \$4.6 million in Remainder of Plant Systems, which includes Tools and
32 Equipment, Direct Labor and Radiation Protection (RP) staff associated with
33 the CWP;

- 1 • \$78.6 million in Specific Project Costs, which includes all work for Nuclear
2 Facilities Demolition and Offices and Facilities Demolition;
- 3 • \$40.7 million in Waste Disposal Costs, which includes waste disposal
4 associated with the CWP, excluding \$35.1 million for Caisson Removal and
5 \$6.6 million for Intake and Discharge Canal Remediation scopes of work, for
6 which Waste Disposal Costs are included in their respective scopes of work;
- 7 • \$11.1 million in Small Value Contracts, which includes all Small Dollar
8 Vendors and Specialty Contracts incurred through December 31, 2018
9 except those associated with Caisson Removal;
- 10 • \$27.7 million in Spent Fuel Management which includes Independent Spent
11 Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI) security staffing, ISFSI Operations and
12 Maintenance (O&M), ISFSI Infrastructure, Engineering, Specialty Contract
13 and NRC fees incurred from 2016 through 2018;
- 14 • \$151.0 million for Caisson Removal, Slurry Wall/Cutter-Soil Mix (CSM) Wall,
15 Dewatering, Caisson License Termination Survey staff, Caisson Specialty
16 Contracts, Caisson Small Dollar Vendors, Caisson Tools and Equipment,
17 RP discrete labor (including \$35.1 million in Waste Disposal and
18 \$13.2 million in Project Staffing costs);
- 19 • \$47.0 million in Intake and Discharge Canal Remediation for removal of the
20 Intake and Discharge Canals (including \$6.6 million in Waste
21 Disposal costs);
- 22 • \$2.4 million in Common Site Support, which includes the Groundwater
23 Treatment System (GWTS); and
- 24 • \$8.9 million in Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) scope.

25 **C. Background**

26 Under the procedures affirmed by the California Public Utilities Commission
27 (CPUC or Commission) in Decision (D.)10-07-047, PG&E submits periodic
28 advice letters requesting authorization to withdraw funds from the qualified and
29 non-qualified Nuclear Decommissioning Trusts (NDT) to fund HBPP
30 decommissioning work. Once specific projects are completed, PG&E
31 enumerates them in NDCTPs for the Commission to review and determine
32 whether the actual costs were reasonable and prudently incurred.

33 In D.10-07-047, the Commission defined how it would evaluate the
34 reasonableness of the utilities' decommissioning activities: "[W]e define

1 reasonableness for decommissioning expenditures consistent with prior
2 Commission findings; *i.e.*, that the reasonableness of a particular management
3 action depends on what the utility knew or should have known at the time that
4 the managerial decision was made.”²

5 PG&E’s most recent decommissioning cost estimate for HBPP was
6 approved in the 2015 NDCTP.

7 **D. Specific Challenges**

8 The HBPP nuclear decommissioning project has had unique challenges due
9 to its specific design features: highly congested site, significantly contaminated
10 underground systems and utilities, limited site access, a high-water table and
11 frequent adverse weather conditions. Further, multiple discrete work activities
12 occurring simultaneously throughout the course of the decommissioning require
13 close coordination, communication and interface among on-site entities. Known
14 challenges that have driven the cost to perform decommissioning work at HBPP
15 include the following:

16 Innovative Construction of Facility

17 PG&E completed construction of HBPP in 1963; HBPP was one of the
18 oldest commercial nuclear power plants in the United States (U.S.). PG&E
19 adopted many unique features in the design and construction of HBPP, including
20 the construction of a pressure suppression system. Instead of an above-ground
21 containment dome, HBPP was built as an airtight, underground chamber
22 constructed out of steel and concrete (Caisson). The cavity was partially filled
23 with water to suppress the condensation of the steam that could be freed from
24 the reactor system in case of an accident.

25 The construction technique used for HBPP was also unique and innovative.
26 PG&E built the tank designated as the pressure suppression chamber on the
27 surface of the ground. The bottom was equipped with “cookie cutter” edges, and
28 water jets were placed underneath the tank. The water jets softened the soil
29 and the cookie cutter edges then cut through the soil, causing the tank to sink
30 into the ground under its own weight. The construction of the Caisson ultimately
31 placed the lowest floor at approximately 66 feet below sea level, the bottom of

2 D.10-07-047, *mimeo*, p. 45 (footnote omitted).

1 the structure about 80 feet below grade and most of the structure below the
2 water table.

3 Alpha Contamination

4 Operation of the plant in the early 1960s resulted in transuranic
5 contamination, a unique radiological issue at HBPP, which has been a
6 significant hazard at the site. Alpha contamination, when received as an internal
7 dose, results in a dose about 1,000 times higher than beta or gamma
8 contamination for the same activity. Safety is the number one priority in all
9 aspects of the HBPP decommissioning, and mitigating this hazard requires work
10 to proceed methodically to protect workers and the public.

11 Controlling the work environment to verify radiation protection (RP)
12 compliance was very manpower intensive, but was important because a small
13 nonconformance could have resulted in an overexposure. Because of the high
14 levels of alpha contamination, extreme measures, such as decontaminating,
15 sealing, or fixing equipment and piping prior to removal, were used to minimize
16 the possibility of loose contamination becoming airborne. In addition,
17 engineering controls such as respiratory protection, and increased oversight and
18 monitoring of work activities and areas were needed. These important efforts
19 had an impact on schedule and costs.

20 Regulatory Permit Integration

21 HBPP decommissioning is a high-profile, high-risk project that has high
22 visibility with several local, regional, state and federal regulatory agencies.
23 PG&E is decommissioning an old, contaminated nuclear power plant located on
24 the bay within sight of the ocean, surrounded by environmentally sensitive
25 wetlands with protected native wildlife species, in Northern California, amongst
26 ranches, farms, fishing communities, redwood forests and a moderately large
27 population center.

28 In addition to the NRC, there are several environmentally driven public
29 agencies whose approval is required to conduct decommissioning and
30 remediation work at HBPP. The agencies include: the U.S. Army Corps of
31 Engineers, National Marine Fisheries Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service,
32 California Coastal Commission (CCC), California Department of Toxic
33 Substances Control (DTSC), California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW),
34 North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (NCRWQCB), North Coast

1 Unified Air Quality Management District, and Humboldt County Building
2 Department. Approval to work is by formal permit, participation agreement, and
3 local, state, and federal law. Each major definable feature of work may have
4 activity-specific supplements and addendums for conduct of work.

5 For a given work activity, the stipulations in one permit may conflict with the
6 stipulations in another. HBPP environmental coordinators have different areas
7 of expertise and often must confer and concur to determine an acceptable
8 approach to compliance with all appropriate requirements. Notifications to
9 agencies may be required for some activities. These coordination efforts can
10 cause delays in the field.

11 Adherence to and compliance with local and state permit requirements have
12 affected HBPP work activities to an extent that would have been difficult to
13 predict or anticipate by work planners, engineers and construction specialists.

14 Weather

15 The HBPP Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) identifies all
16 potential sources of pollution that may reasonably be expected to affect the
17 quality of storm water discharges from the construction site. The SWPPP is a
18 complex document that specifies actions, restrictions, limits and other controls to
19 ensure site pollutants are not carried by water runoff into the surrounding area.
20 Depending on the season and the daily work activities, SWPP compliance can
21 be a labor- and time-intensive requirement that is disruptive to ongoing
22 decommissioning work.

23 Eureka receives about 75 percent of its average annual rainfall during the
24 rainy season, generally October through April, with greatest monthly totals in
25 December and January. The area available for staging empty and filled waste
26 containers and PG&E's ability to ship waste containers during the rainy season
27 affected the rate at which the structures can be demolished.

28 Process Water

29 Process water is loosely defined as any legacy operations residual process-
30 piping water, including water propelled through pumps for dust control, fixed and
31 mobile equipment rinse water, cutting tool coolant and lubricant water, building
32 floor and roof drain water, and radiation shield/contamination control water.

33 Process water is collected in tanks, then sampled and analyzed for chemical
34 constituents. Previously, this water was discharged to the sewer district if it

1 met volumetric inflow restrictions set by the county. In 2017, additional
2 restrictions were applied to the discharges, and HBPP now uses alternate
3 means for disposal.

4 Large, tracked construction equipment operating in excavations within the
5 Radiological Control Area (RCA) had to be thoroughly cleaned and surveyed
6 before release from the RCA. Pressure washers were occasionally used to
7 assist the cleaning process, and water generated by this process action must be
8 captured and transferred to collection tanks for sampling. This required
9 constructing temporary collection basins, driving the heavy equipment into them
10 and carefully controlling the runoff to prevent potential cross-contamination of
11 the unprotected surrounding ground surface. Pumps and hoses had to be
12 routed to transfer the water to designated storage tanks. The time and labor to
13 perform these tasks was often greater than the time and labor required to
14 excavate the ground.

15 Site Coordination and Congestion

16 The site footprint is extremely small and constrained and coordination
17 among all parties performing work on site is critical. Very little space was
18 available on site for laydown areas, soil stockpiling, demolition debris, and
19 equipment operation, including demolition machines and truck traffic. Significant
20 delays or inefficiencies may be unavoidable due to interference and coordination
21 with other site activities.

22 Soil Management

23 All soil excavated as part of the HBPP decommissioning must be managed
24 in compliance with various environmental requirements. Due to historical
25 chemical use and past releases of environmental contaminants, such as
26 petroleum hydrocarbons, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB), metals, and
27 polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, the DTSC established specific soil
28 management requirements for the HBPP decommissioning in the Interim
29 Measures Removal Action Work Plan approved in 2009.

30 All excavated soil must be sampled and analyzed for chemicals of potential
31 concern and compared to soil reuse screening levels that have been established
32 for determining whether excavated soil can be reused as backfill at HBPP. This
33 determination required additional planning, either to conduct pre-excavation
34 characterization of soil samples collected through soil borings, or to collect soil

1 samples from the excavation or stockpiles. Specific requirements were also
2 established for sampling frequency based on the volume of soil generated by
3 individual excavations.

4 Soil samples must be screened for radiological contamination before any
5 samples are shipped off-site, and if site-related radioactivity is detected,
6 arrangements must be made to ship the samples to specially licensed
7 laboratories that handle licensed radioactive materials. Laboratory analysis
8 generally takes up to 14 days.

9 To prevent potential cross-contamination, soil must be managed in separate
10 stockpiles until sample results are obtained. The limited availability of on-site
11 space for soil stockpiling was a challenge when multiple excavations are
12 underway, and often required multiple handling as soil stockpiles were moved
13 and combined, where possible, after sample results are reviewed in order to free
14 up additional space for the next loads of excavated soil.

15 Soil stockpiles or containers must be tracked with respect to the area where
16 they were excavated, their chemical and radiological testing results, PG&E's
17 review of sampling results, the determination of whether the soil may be reused
18 or must be disposed, and its ultimate disposition, including shipment to a
19 licensed disposal facility or the location where the soil was used as backfill
20 on site. Detailed records of all soil management activities were compiled
21 and maintained.

22 If the results of sampling determined that soil from an excavation must be
23 disposed off-site, additional requirements apply. Saturated soil from excavations
24 below the water table might need to be dried or conditioned with additives in
25 order to prepare it for shipment. Waste shipments had to be appropriately
26 profiled for the planned disposal facility to obtain final approval for shipment. In
27 certain instances, sampling results indicated excavated soil classified as
28 hazardous waste. This status invokes additional environmental compliance
29 requirements related to labeling, storage requirements, and inspections that
30 must be conducted until the waste is shipped.

31 When excavations are conducted in areas of known environmental
32 contamination, PG&E must perform soil confirmation sampling of the floor and
33 sidewalls of the excavation to verify that the area has been adequately
34 remediated or to document environmental conditions that may need to be

1 addressed later. Based on the results, additional soil excavation may be
2 required. This required close coordination between excavation crews and the
3 HBPP environmental team to minimize delays in completing excavations while
4 waiting for soil sampling results.

5 In some instances, previously unidentified areas of environmental
6 contamination were encountered during excavations. When this occurred,
7 additional sampling of both the excavated soil and excavation floor and sidewalls
8 might be required, and potentially contaminated soil segregated and managed
9 separately from other excavated soil until sample results can be obtained and
10 reviewed. This often-required additional activities and coordination that were not
11 expected during the planning of the excavation.

12 Asbestos, Lead, and PCBs

13 Industry-standard building materials available during the era of HBPP
14 construction were vastly different from those used in present-day construction.
15 The long-term health hazards of working with those materials were unknown or
16 not well understood at the time of construction. Asbestos, mercury, chromate,
17 lead, silica and PCBs are a few of the chemicals in building materials commonly
18 used in the late 1950s and early 1960s. Asbestos, lead, and PCB-containing
19 compounds were popular paint additives and most of HBPP's painted surfaces
20 contain some or all of these constituents. Federal and state regulations for
21 abatement of hazardous or toxic materials are prescriptive and labor and time
22 intensive. Each waste stream was handled and managed differently. This
23 required additional staffing to develop, train, manage, monitor, and report on
24 programs to ensure compliance with the regulations.

25 Proximity to the Surrounding Community

26 Unlike most nuclear power plants in the U.S., which are typically situated
27 away from population centers, HBPP is embedded in the King Salmon
28 residential community and across State Highway 101 from an elementary
29 school. The driveway to Charlie Gate, one of two primary plant entries, and
30 employee Charlie Parking Lot are located on a residential street with several
31 homes and a small restaurant. PG&E is sensitive to the quality of life for King
32 Salmon residents, and minimizes abnormal workday activities to restrict intrusion
33 from noise and lights to the extent practical. This requires extra efforts by

1 planners, engineers, construction personnel, and managers to maintain a low
2 profile and sustain good community relations.

3 **E. Costs Submitted for Reasonableness Review**

4 **1. General Staffing**

5 **a. Summary**

6 General Staffing includes fixed overhead, job functions that are
7 needed regardless of the status and progress of the decommissioning,
8 such as management, safety, environmental, licensing support,
9 procurement and finance. PG&E was attentive to the dynamic needs for
10 staffing by routinely reviewing those needs and tracking actual
11 expenditures against the approved cost estimates. By developing the
12 staffing plan early based on the planned execution of decommissioning
13 and by frequently reviewing needs against actuals, PG&E has been able
14 optimize staffing levels.

15 The approved General Staffing cost estimate was \$36.5 million;
16 PG&E's actual costs were \$34.2 million from 2015 through 2018
17 (\$28.1 million is presented for review; the remainder, General Staffing
18 for FSR, will be presented when FSR is completed). General Staffing
19 expenditures for this period were \$2.3 million below the 2015 NDCTP
20 estimate, and as discussed in Chapter 8, PG&E forecasts no increase
21 from the previously approved General Staffing cost estimate. As
22 demonstrated by the successful result, PG&E has done an excellent job
23 managing this challenging, complex decommissioning project.

24 **b. Planning**

25 PG&E developed a staffing plan early in the project to optimize
26 staffing levels and ensure staffing was commensurate with the workload.
27 The CWP defined scope provided opportunity for HBPP site
28 management to develop staffing plans for each period through the end
29 of FSR in 2019. Staffing plans included ramp-ups, ramp-downs,
30 durations and funding sources needed to support the staff completing
31 each function associated with the project. These staffing plans were
32 routinely reviewed against the work schedule and approved cost

1 estimates to optimize staffing levels while ensuring the project stays
2 within acceptable budget margins.

3 Staffing costs included fixed overhead, which includes functions that
4 are needed regardless of field work status and progress. Costs also
5 included direct and discrete labor for personnel who directly support field
6 work and development of work packages and permits. Starting in 2015,
7 staffing costs were split between the base scope (General Staffing) and
8 Caisson, based upon the amount of work being performed.

9 After completion of the Self Perform Phase, PG&E transferred
10 nearly all the remaining decommissioning scope to the CWC for the
11 CWP. Although the CWC was responsible for scheduling and
12 performing field work, PG&E retained the oversight and monitoring
13 functions. This ensured that the work was completed as safely
14 as possible.

15 **c. Organization**

16 Director and Site Management Team

17 PG&E recruited and maintained a highly experienced and
18 specialized group of managers with strong technical skills, industry
19 specific knowledge and the desire to see the project accomplished. The
20 combination of PG&E and contractor personnel with specialized skill
21 sets has proven to be cost effective and successful.

22 Industry evaluations, audits, NRC inspections, health and safety
23 records and project accomplishments all attest to the management
24 team's ability to manage the project within the project parameters.
25 PG&E adopted a staffing mix of utility personnel providing direct line of
26 business influence and contractor expertise not inherent in utility staff.
27 This mix changed over time. Progress into the CWP required more civil
28 structural and contracts type skills. As work was completed, a shift
29 towards FSR and Environmental took place, with specific resources as
30 needed for Strategic Waste.

31 The decommissioning strategy developed early on by PG&E was
32 critical in the establishment of an overall approach based on industry
33 knowledge, site-specific conditions, benchmarking of available
34 technologies and pairing methods to unique geographical, business and

1 site conditions. The methods and materials for HBPP's construction,
2 limited space and high levels of contamination in some areas posed
3 many FOAK challenges. The management team remained flexible
4 during key activities to overcome many challenges during the CWP,
5 reducing risk and improving overall safety and success of the project.

6 PG&E management and CWC management worked together
7 seamlessly to understand and address short and long-term needs for
8 infrastructure, site support and laboratory services, regulatory interfaces,
9 permitting, scheduling of concurrent work activities and changing site
10 conditions. PG&E management closely monitored the CWP project
11 schedule and expenditures to ensure the project remained on track and
12 within budget.

13 Environmental and Site Closure

14 The Environmental organization was responsible for developing an
15 environmental plan; testing for non-radiological chemical and physical
16 hazards in work areas; characterizing materials for recycling, disposal or
17 processing prior to shipping; identifying residual chemical and physical
18 parameters around the site that prevent free release to public access;
19 preparing and revising environmental and safety procedures and
20 programs; evaluating and obtaining permits for work in areas of cultural,
21 paleontological, and biological significance on the site and surrounding
22 areas; interfacing with concerned stakeholders; developing surveillance
23 and monitoring plans for areas of cultural, paleontological, and biological
24 significance; conducting environmental sampling and remediation
25 sampling to support discharge permits; generating and obtaining
26 approval of revisions to the start permits; conducting environmental
27 sampling to characterize the site and waste streams; and developing
28 remediation and site closure reports.

29 The Site Closure Manager supervised the Count Room, Corrective
30 Action Program (CAP), Records Management, Training, FSS and the
31 remaining RP staff. Specific activities included: managing and
32 supervising the day-to-day activities of the FSS and Count Room
33 employees; coordinating activities with NRC as required for the LTP;
34 developing and implementing the "Multi-Agency Radiation Survey and

1 Assessment of Materials and Equipment Manual” (MARSAME) and the
2 “Multi-Agency Radiation Survey and Site Investigation Manual”
3 (MARSSIM); FSS packages for disposition of waste; providing
4 radiological analysis support to RP, Environmental, Radwaste, FSS and
5 LTP; coordinating Quality Assurance/Quality Control with outside
6 laboratories; coordinating the Radiological Environmental Monitoring
7 Plan sampling for HBPP; the FSR plans; and other duties as requested
8 by HBPP’s Director for Decommissioning.

9 Radiation Protection Management Team

10 The RP organization primarily implemented the requirements of Title
11 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) §20 (Standards for
12 Protection against Radiation). The organization also contributed
13 significantly to implementation of the Radiological Effluents Monitoring
14 Program and compliance with Title 10 of the Code of Federal
15 Regulations (40 CFR) §190 (Environmental Radiation Protection
16 Standards for Nuclear Power Operations), Unit 3 Technical
17 Specifications, 10 CFR §19 (Notices, Instructions and Reports to Works:
18 Inspection and Investigations), and the Radiological Environmental
19 Monitoring Program.

20 PG&E recruited a core group of professional and technician level
21 staff with prior alpha experience, mostly gained at Department of Energy
22 (DOE) facilities. The three principal leaders of the RP Department—the
23 RP Manager, the Site Closure Manager, and the Senior RP Consulting
24 Engineer—had years of experience at DOE facilities or facilities that
25 handle uranium. Ten RP technicians, who were hired for their DOE and
26 alpha experience, were used as lead technicians or as foremen to help
27 the remaining staff understand the complexities of protecting workers
28 from alpha emitting isotopes.

29 As a result of the decommissioning experience of the RP staff,
30 PG&E instituted use of the following specialty equipment: an alpha
31 effluent monitor for the main stack release point, High Efficiency
32 Particulate Air ventilators, specialty coatings, Gamma Radiation
33 Detection and In-Container Analysis (GARDIAN) gamma spectroscopy

1 system for bulk assay of materials and a variety of engineered controls
2 for alpha airborne activity control.

3 Decommissioning/Projects

4 The Decommissioning Organization was responsible for performing
5 cost and budget control, procurement and warehouse functions. The
6 organization was also tasked with oversight, identification and control of
7 project transitions and work.

8 The Decommissioning Organization interfaced directly with the
9 CWC and oversaw associated field activities. It also tracked the
10 progress of HBPP decommissioning of HBPP, as well as its funding.
11 To accomplish these activities, the Decommissioning Organization
12 assembled a team of very experienced professionals who planned
13 decommissioning from start to finish. The makeup of the
14 Decommissioning Organization changed as the workload declined.
15 The final organization was composed of functional teams including field
16 work and oversight; business, financial and project analysis; and
17 CWP oversight.

18 Engineering

19 The Engineering function for decommissioning was embedded in
20 the Plant Director's organization. When work shifted from self-perform
21 to the CWP, the need for a full engineering department was eliminated,
22 and HBPP work control processes also transitioned. A new procedure
23 was developed for use by the primary CWC. The new procedure
24 focused on ensuring that CWP work was clearly defined, thoroughly
25 reviewed, totally transparent and within safety, contractual and
26 regulatory requirements. The procedure facilitated communication with
27 the CWC to ensure that work plans submitted by contractors met
28 requirements so they could be reviewed and approved.

29 HBPP retained the appropriate external Subject Matter Experts
30 (SMEs) to facilitate review of engineering and work plans. Ramp-down
31 continues as HBPP completes FSR.

32 Safety

33 The Safety Program was adopted by the CWC for the day-to-day
34 responsibility of field work safety. The success of the HBPP

1 Decommissioning Occupational and Industrial Safety Program
2 continued in the CWP of the decommissioning. The prudent measures
3 taken by HBPP to make this a safe work environment for its workers and
4 nearby surrounding public community were effectively adopted by the
5 CWC. HBPP retained safety professionals for oversight and for
6 coordinating with the CWC on work documents and changes to
7 procedures. The decommissioning safety culture continually
8 encouraged a questioning attitude and allowed workers to bring up
9 concerns and think outside the box in order to work safer. Without the
10 adoption of the existing safety culture established by PG&E, starting a
11 new, strong safety culture would have been more challenging.

12 This accomplishment was evidence of a safety culture, work ethic
13 and continued focus on safe work practices, which was expected by
14 PG&E and CW Management.

15 Waste

16 An integral aspect of the overall decommissioning plan at HBPP
17 was a well thought out waste disposal strategy that recognized waste,
18 waste handling and disposal as a major cost driver. PG&E developed
19 strategies focused on disposal options and alternatives that were well
20 integrated into long-term planning. Disposal pathways and means and
21 methods were built into the work packages in the field.

22 The team identified waste extraction routes that maximized
23 efficiency and minimized risk by establishing waste paths that minimized
24 interference with current or future work progression within the buildings
25 and site footprint. Developing the strategies involved many interfaces
26 with the CWC, various area work crews, riggers, waste receivers,
27 packagers and RP. Considerations were made for adequate waste
28 laydown and packaging areas that limited contamination and exposure
29 risks. Site coordination that accommodated waste movement but did
30 not interfere with other decommissioning activities was required.

31 Count Room

32 The Count Room performs detailed laboratory analysis of
33 radiological samples. The Count Room is certified for: identification and
34 reporting of radiological data for inbound and outgoing shipments;

1 radwaste tank discharge, GWTS, and loop drain sampling; storm water
2 and well monitoring; environmental monitoring; Department of
3 Transportation-exempt shipments; and whole body counting of
4 personnel. Analyses include gamma specs spectroscopy, alpha/beta
5 counting, and radiochemical analysis of hard-to-detect isotopes.
6 Typically, samples include work space air and breathing zone air, water,
7 and soil samples and smears from normal routine and job-coverage
8 RP activities. The Count Room performs a variety of necessary
9 functions for the RP, FSS, Environmental, and Strategic Waste
10 Departments.

11 Much of this work is mandated by 10 CFR §20 (Standards for
12 Protection against Radiation), with additional requirements imposed by
13 10 CFR §50 licensing conditions, the License Termination Plan, EPA
14 regulations, and specific offsite burial site requirements. The Count
15 Room is responsible for analyzing work area and environmental
16 samples for radiological constituents; calibrating and maintaining
17 instrumentation; conducting bioassay sampling and internal and external
18 dose assessments; evaluating emergent radiological hazards;
19 developing, in coordination with other departments, As Low As
20 Reasonably Achievable (ALARA) reviews and controls; evaluating
21 post-decommissioning area status relative to Derived Concentration
22 Guideline Levels (DCGL) for buildings, soil, and groundwater; and
23 generating reports to the NRC and state of California regulators.

24 Programs

25 General Staffing also captures a number of work related programs
26 including Safety, Licensing, Enterprise Risk Program, CAP, Work
27 Control, Technical Evaluation Documents, Investment Recovery and
28 Procedure Manuals.

29 **2. Remainder of Plant Systems**

30 **a. Summary**

31 The Remainder of Plant Systems cost category includes Direct
32 Labor (Craft, RP); Liquid Radwaste (LRW) removal and associated
33 Tools and Equipment. The work followed a prescribed sequence and

1 methodology to ensure a comprehensive, safe and cost-effective
2 approach to decommissioning.

3 Actual costs were \$4.6 million compared to the approved cost
4 estimate of \$5.3 million for this period. In addition, \$42 thousand in
5 direct labor during 2012 through 2014 is presented for reasonableness
6 review.

7 **b. Direct Labor (RP)**

8 The focus and purpose of the RP organization was the protection of
9 the workforce, public and environment from potential deleterious effects
10 of exposure to radioactive materials and ionizing radiation. The RP
11 organization accomplished its mission through a combination of
12 monitoring, measuring and controlling radioactive materials and access
13 to those materials.

14 The RP organization was divided into several functional areas.
15 RP Technicians provided all required RP functions and RP Deconners
16 maintained cleanliness and prevented contamination from spreading
17 throughout the plant and to workers required to be in contaminated
18 areas. These combined teams of RP Technicians and RP Deconners
19 provided all required job coverage, including performing routine and
20 special surveys, manning the radiological control points for each of the
21 processes and activities and ensuring that radiological dose and
22 contamination remained in a controlled environment.

23 HBPP RP rules and practices were established in accordance with
24 NRC regulations and PG&E Company Policy, which provided for the
25 safety of HBPP workers occupationally exposed to radiation.

26 The following section and section E.7.g. provide a representative
27 sample of the complexity of the work which this project entailed.

28 East Yard Excavation

29 There were two LRW lines buried in the East Yard. One was an
30 abandoned radwaste line, which discharged into the circulating water
31 discharge; and the other was a tank discharge line, which traveled
32 under the road to the Discharge Canal. There were quantities of
33 radioactive contamination still in those lines, which required careful

1 monitoring and handling to avoid unintentionally spreading
2 contamination during removal.

3 **c. Tools and Equipment**

4 Typical tools and equipment purchased to support the
5 decommissioning project included many general tools of varying sizes,
6 such as wrenches, hammers, screwdrivers and drills, as well as
7 electrical equipment, carpentry materials, various cutting equipment,
8 replacement blades, pipe fitting tools and Personal Protective
9 Equipment (PPE). Most small tools and equipment were kept in tool
10 cribs in order to maintain control of the inventory and to control potential
11 contamination issues.

12 This work was assumed by the CWC when PG&E turned the tool
13 program over in 2015 and it generally covered costs through the
14 remainder of the CWP. A separate procurement group under PG&E
15 remained in place to purchase contamination-control provisions, various
16 lab supplies, contamination detection instrumentation and other
17 specialty-customized materials required during the decommissioning.

18 Most small tools and equipment were kept in tool cribs in order to
19 maintain control of the inventory and to control potential contamination
20 issues. Two tool cribs were established early in the project, one located
21 within the RCA to service potentially radiologically-contaminated tools,
22 and one outside of the RCA, dedicated to non-radiological work
23 activities. The purpose of tool cribs was to provide, maintain and control
24 the necessary hand tools and personnel safety equipment required for
25 workers to perform daily field activities. Tool cribs were staffed to
26 ensure that adequate tools in safe working order were available when
27 needed. Staff also conducted inspections, maintenance and distribution
28 of necessary safety equipment.

29 The tool crib and rigging loft located inside the RCA were closed
30 and removed in 2015. As the station approached down-posting the
31 RCA in preparation for Open Air Demo (OAD) of the Reactor Building, a
32 process was established to evaluate the radiological condition of the
33 tools and equipment inside the RCA. By the very nature of the usage of
34 the tools and equipment, fixed contamination became the overarching

1 concern and the majority of the tools and equipment used during
2 decommissioning were not in condition to be free released.

3 Radiological tools and supplies consisted of an adequate variety
4 and supply of materials for radiation and contamination detection,
5 isolation, controls, health physic supplies in support of decommissioning
6 and the typical hand tools and PPE inventories specific to
7 decontamination tasks. This included calibrated instrumentation;
8 calibration services; instrumentation maintenance; waste-handling
9 materials and storage; contamination-control devices; various signage
10 and boundary materials; and sampling supplies.

11 PG&E continued to realize cost savings from the used radiation
12 detection equipment obtained from the Rancho Seco Nuclear Power
13 Plant decommissioning project. As instrumentation aged or was
14 damaged from infield work, legacy parts were utilized from the used
15 instrument batch to refurbish and maintain an ample supply of
16 functioning instrumentation required to monitor remediation and
17 decommissioning activities, thus reducing the need to purchase
18 replacement equipment.

19 PG&E was also able to reduce costs by reusing existing tools and
20 equipment from completed projects by repurposing and modifying the
21 tools for future work.

22 PG&E implemented a few key changes to strategy as
23 decommissioning progress. These resulted in optimizing RP tools and
24 equipment. Two significant items were the GARDIAN system for reuse
25 of soils on site and the OAD process.

26 The GARDIAN system is a series of sensitive radiation detection
27 instruments designed to survey large volumes of containerized waste or
28 homogeneous material for the presence of radioactivity. The GARDIAN
29 system is discussed in detail in Chapter 9, Attachment A, HBPP
30 Completed Projects Review, Section 4.1.1.6.2.

31 OAD allowed for the rapid, controlled demolition of structures and
32 removal of large volumes of waste materials for disposal.

33 To meet OAD threshold levels, radiological safety required
34 encapsulation of some contaminated surfaces such as walls and floors,

1 as well as the inside of embedded piping and components. The RP
2 organization continued to research and implement new, effective cost-
3 saving methods, such as the use of off-the-shelf alternatives to
4 encapsulate, which met the Waste Acceptance Criteria (WAC) for the
5 waste disposal site.

6 Ultimately, contaminated tools and equipment were discarded as
7 waste. Approximately 90 percent of the tooling was discarded due to
8 fixed contamination. Virtually 100 percent of the rigging was discarded,
9 as the rigging could not be easily confirmed as radiologically clean. The
10 balance of the radiologically-cleared tooling was placed in the tool crib
11 outside of the RCA for general use on the project.

12 **3. Specific Project Costs**

13 **a. Summary**

14 Specific Project Costs included the Reactor Vessel Removal, which
15 was submitted and approved in the 2015 NDCTP, and FSR. FSR work
16 is scheduled to be completed in 2019, and the \$40.4 million in incurred
17 costs FSR is not included here. The balance of Specific Project Costs is
18 comprised of three demolition projects and facilities removal performed
19 by the CWC: Nuclear Facilities Demolition, Offices and Facilities
20 Demolition and Other Services. The 2015 NDCTP approved estimate
21 for these three projects was \$78.0 million and actual expenditures were
22 \$78.67 million, less than a million (\$621,000, or 0.8 percent) over the
23 estimate. The primary challenge to meeting the budget was the
24 work conducted on the Units 1, 2 and 3 Circulating Water Lines,
25 discussed below.

26 **b. Civil Works**

27 **1) Nuclear Facilities**

28 Nuclear Facilities was comprised of Restricted Area
29 Preparations; Refueling Building (RFB) demolition; Units 1, 2 and 3
30 Circulating Water Lines removal; Upper Yard Demolition; and
31 Temporary Facilities removal.

1 Administration Services

2 Administration Services describes project overhead staffing and
3 fixed costs incurred by the CWC including indirect costs, which
4 could not be directly assigned to specific decommissioning activities.
5 Examples of these costs include trailer rentals; van transportation,
6 including rentals and fuel; housekeeping activities, including tree
7 services, bottled water services, lawn care and landscaping,
8 garbage services; Management travel; incidental expenses; and
9 subsistence.

10 Restricted Area Prep

11 Three demolition projects, the Turbine Building, the Liquid
12 Radwaste Building (LRWB) and the Security Alarm Station (SAS)
13 Building, comprised the area surrounding the RFB and Caisson.
14 Their removal, and the removal of the underground utilities in the
15 vicinity, was a precursor to starting the underground demolition of
16 the RFB, the spent fuel pool (SFP) and the Caisson. This was
17 referred to as Restricted Area.

18 Restricted Area Prep – Turbine Building Concrete Demolition

19 The Turbine Building was located adjacent to and south of the
20 Reactor Building and housed the steam turbine connected to a
21 generator with its condenser, heat exchangers and other auxiliary
22 equipment integral to the operation of the generating facility. All
23 components were removed during the self-perform phase of the
24 project, leaving the structure and embedded pipe for the CWC
25 removal phase. The Turbine Building foundation was partially
26 demolished in 2014-2015. The below-grade foundation was
27 temporarily left in place. Removal of the foundation and Caisson
28 was planned for concurrent execution, as the area would have been
29 within the slurry wall containment to allow for dry removal. The work
30 package (WP) Planner and Job Supervisor carefully laid out a
31 3-phase plan, which minimized disruption of surrounding activities
32 and integrated with the concurrent CSM pre-trenching and
33 installation.

1 The underground structure was a heavily-reinforced concrete
2 structure that sat on top of creosote foundation piles driven into the
3 soil. Some walls in the large, irregularly-shaped basement were up
4 to 30 inches thick and the floor varied from 3 feet, to nearly 10 feet
5 thick at equipment pads/pedestals.

6 The scope of work exceeded a typical subsurface removal
7 activity. A geotechnical engineer was engaged to perform an
8 analysis due to the depth of excavations, presence of groundwater
9 and types of soil. This analysis provided the CWC with a technical
10 approach for excavation sequencing, stability and groundwater and
11 surface water control.

12 Early in the project, a change to the excavation plan was
13 needed to address the deep foundation pile removal below the
14 Turbine Building foundation, outside the water CSM water cutoff wall
15 required for Caisson excavation. Engineering prepared a Design
16 Change Notification, which imposed a limitation on the number of
17 open holes from pile removal were allowed at any given time, with
18 the requirement that each group of holes had to be filled with a
19 cement slurry mix before another group of piles could be removed.
20 The plan also required the installation of sumps and pumps to help
21 manage the subsurface water that emerged as the piles were pulled
22 out. This water had to be analyzed for radiological contamination
23 and processed through the GWTS.

24 This scope of work included removal of below-grade pedestal
25 structures, timber foundation piles, imbedded utilities, drains and
26 intake and discharge piping up to 54 inches in diameter. Removal
27 processes had to incorporate these oversized foundations,
28 numerous deep piles and contaminated utilities. Excavated soil was
29 checked by RP to determine the appropriate type of waste
30 containers. Waste Management would then direct packaging,
31 shipment schedules and field and administrative logistics to and
32 from work faces.

33 Critical path work sequencing was a priority and necessitated a
34 phased approach of field implementation. Significant portions of the

1 foundation were an impediment to beginning and completing the
2 CSM wall installation.

3 Between completion of the above-ground demolition in
4 August 2013, and the beginning of foundation demolition in
5 April 2015, the area was used for equipment and material laydown.
6 The final backfill and FSS was completed in March 2016.

7 Restricted Area Prep – Liquid Radwaste Building

8 The LRWB was located on the HBPP site to the north of the
9 RFB. The LRWB was connected to the RFB by an underground
10 tunnel, which supplied all required instrumentation, piping and
11 original ventilation to the concrete structures and tanks for
12 operation. During HBPP's operational period and while in
13 SAFSTOR, Turbine Building and RFB waste systems and
14 associated drains were sent to the LRW system for processing and
15 final disposition.

16 A concentrator, demineralizer, filters, pumps and their
17 associated piping connected eight tanks into one integrated system.
18 During operation and SAFSTOR, this system processed radioactive
19 wastewater for release, collected radioactive byproducts on filter
20 media and demineralized the water as it passed through resins.
21 The resins and filters were collected, packaged and disposed of at
22 offsite waste facilities.

23 Most of the LRWB's interior components were removed during
24 the PG&E self-perform phase of the project, before the CWC began
25 work. This work was evaluated and approved in the 2015 NDCTP.

26 The original LRWB had an open-air layout, which consisted of a
27 concrete slab featuring drains and trenches for control of liquids.
28 The LRWB had a heavily-reinforced concrete foundation built into a
29 hillside and covered 4,400 square feet in total. The concrete walls
30 were up to 3 feet thick and the slab was up to 3.5 feet thick. The
31 foundation was supported by concrete piers, installed as part of the
32 original structural design. A metal enclosure was installed around
33 the LRWB during SAFSTOR to provide containment, weather
34 protection and contamination control of the LRW systems and

1 concrete structures. The LRWB required extensive decontamination
2 of the interior concrete walls and floor surfaces prior to OAD.
3 Controls required High Efficiency Particulate Air ventilation, tents,
4 glove bags, enclosures, fixatives, wetting, decontamination,
5 remediation and packaging. In addition to radiological
6 contamination, other hazards had to be mitigated including lead,
7 asbestos, PCBs and mercury.

8 Ventilation to the metal enclosure was supplied by the Main
9 Plant Exhaust Fan (MPEF). The metal enclosure was a one-story,
10 six-bay, pre-engineered rigid-frame steel structure with metal roofing
11 and metal siding. The footprint of the metal enclosure covered the
12 footprint of the LRWB.

13 Demolition to the interior of the LRWB started in January 2015
14 and finished with removal of the exterior conduit and lighting in
15 July 2015. Demolition of the metal enclosure started at the end of
16 July 2015 and finished in August 2015. The building foundation and
17 buttress walls were kept in place as a retaining structure for the
18 Upper Yard. Demolition of the LRWB's concrete structures started
19 in May 2016. Subgrade excavation, soil remediation under the
20 foundation and backfill was completed in August 2016, two years
21 ahead of baseline schedule. Rescheduling this activity allowed for
22 avoidance of costs associated with twice remobilizing RP resources
23 needed to assure the radiological safety of the workforce and
24 environment during wall and foundation demolition.

25 Restricted Area Prep – Security Alarm Station

26 The SAS was a 30-foot by 30-foot heavily-reinforced concrete
27 superstructure, with support section below grade. The SAS was
28 located just north of the RFB and south of the LRWB, inside the
29 RCA. The SAS facility was originally built as a hydrogen recombiner
30 vault to reduce radiation emissions leaving the stack of the HBPP
31 Unit 3 nuclear facility. This vault was built prior to the 1976 refueling
32 outage but because the plant was never restarted, the vault was
33 never placed into service and remained a clean area.

1 The SAS superstructure consisted of a roof, walls and floors as
2 thick as 2 feet 9 inches. Below grade, the SAS consisted of walls
3 that were up to 3 feet thick, with a 2-foot thick floor slab. Access to
4 the structure was through an entry opening into a stairwell down to
5 the main floor of the structure. The east wall provided access into a
6 pipe tunnel.

7 The interior of the structure included a vestibule on the ground
8 floor and both a large and a small room, hallway and storage on the
9 lower floor. The SAS was connected to the plant ventilation system
10 through the Off Gas Tunnel. The southwest corner was within a few
11 feet of the MPEF foundation and associated ventilation ducting and
12 filter bank. These ventilation components were quality-related and
13 needed to stay in operation. The LRWB ventilation duct was routed
14 over the top of the SAS and was removed prior to demolition of
15 the building.

16 The SAS demolition work was split into two separate evolutions,
17 Above-Grade Demolition and Below-Grade Demolition, which were
18 separated by five months. This phased approach was implemented
19 to enable more effective coordination with other demolition activities,
20 specifically, pre-trenching related to the CSM installation.

21 The concrete rubble from above-grade demolition was placed
22 into the SAS lower level as a temporary fill. The remaining voids
23 were filled with flowable fill, or reusable fill from the site.

24 The demolition followed standard demolition practices but
25 required close monitoring of the in-service MPEF. Coated concrete
26 was segregated and characterized through paint sampling, then
27 packaged and shipped off site to an appropriate waste facility. Any
28 uncoated concrete (roof and upper sections of the SAS walls) was
29 rubblized and used as temporary backfill. Above-grade work of the
30 SAS began in September 2014 and was completed on schedule in
31 October 2014.

32 Once the slurry wall pre-trenching critical path work was
33 completed north of the SAS footprint, the SAS below-grade work
34 commenced. Work began in March 2015 and was completed in

1 April 2015, concurrent with the planned North Yard work in
2 April 2015. The CWC analyzed the work schedule and determined
3 the planned productivity of the SAS below-grade work could be
4 optimized by utilizing crews in adjacent work areas performing other
5 work, without affecting the scheduled critical path. The overall
6 duration of the SAS below-grade work was reduced, therefore
7 minimizing planned mobilizations, planned demobilizations, crew
8 production time and equipment rental time.

9 The slurry fill that was used to cap the area during above-grade
10 demolition was easily removed, then below-grade walls and rubble
11 from above-grade demolition was removed, using similar equipment
12 as in the above-grade demolition. The removal had to be completed
13 in phases using engineered slopes to ensure the MPEF foundation
14 was adequately supported.

15 When a depth of approximately 6 feet was reached, pumps and
16 sump areas were put in place to remove the existing rain and
17 groundwater collected in the area. These pumps remained active
18 throughout the rubbling process.

19 Close coordination with the RFB abatement project was
20 required to complete backfill of the excavation, upon which RFB
21 scaffold erection was dependent.

22 Refueling Building

23 The RFB was a rectangular concrete structure constructed over
24 the Caisson. It was approximately 100 feet long by 45 feet wide by
25 45 feet tall and constructed of reinforced concrete. The structure
26 served as the ventilation and containment envelope for the SFP and
27 Caisson support systems. It also served as secondary containment
28 for the reactor. MPEF and components were attached to the RFB.
29 The MPEF originally exhausted through the stack. The main portion
30 of the stack was removed during SAFSTOR operations and the
31 stack base was located immediately north of the RFB.

32 The initial commodities removal and hazard remediation of the
33 RFB was performed during the self-perform phase of
34 decommissioning. The HBPP Team turned over the balance of

1 RFB demolition to the CWC in 2014. The remaining tasks to
2 prepare the RFB for OAD included drywell systems remediation and
3 removal, MPEF components remediation and removal, plant stack
4 base demolition, overhead crane removal and asbestos abatement
5 of the exterior.

6 In order to prepare for OAD, a complete characterization for
7 radiological and environmental hazards was completed. The
8 systematic, level-by-level characterization approach evaluated all
9 rooms and areas within the RFB and Caisson proper including
10 piping, penetrations and concrete surfaces. Systems that did not
11 meet the required OAD criteria were removed, remediated or placed
12 in a configuration that met OAD criteria. Additionally, the exterior
13 asbestos containing coating and roof membrane had to be removed
14 as well as partial dismantling and preparation of the overhead crane
15 for removal.

16 RFB wall demolition required an extensive study and approval
17 process for asbestos abatement methodology. The removal work
18 required erection of a sizable engineered scaffold structure on the
19 exterior walls of the RFB, which was shrink-wrapped to establish
20 negative-pressure asbestos containment on the building exterior,
21 allowing for the RFB rhino coating to be removed. The scope of
22 OAD included above-grade demolition of the RFB to the working
23 surface grade located inside the Unit 3 footprint.

24 In order to accommodate the critical path CSM preparation, the
25 MPEF and the RFB east 40 feet were selected as the starting point
26 of the RFB OAD. A demolition contractor familiar with demolition of
27 radiologically-contaminated structures was selected to begin the
28 OAD. The contractor was able to successfully demolish the MPEF
29 and the east 40 feet of the RFB in October 2015. As expected with
30 an OAD determination, the OAD was executed without personnel
31 injury or uptake of any radiological material. Waste was downsized
32 as needed and packaged per direction of Waste Management.

33 The remainder of the RFB and the stack base were demolished,
34 using the same techniques as on the RFB east 40 feet and the

1 MPEF. This demolition work was also executed without personnel
2 injury or uptake of any radiological material. Waste was downsized
3 and packaged by Waste packaging personnel. The SFP was
4 filled with concrete rubble to create a working surface in the
5 structure, so heavy equipment could operate over the pool area
6 during future Caisson removal. Concrete rubble was used, as it was
7 in the immediate proximity and saved the hauling expense of other
8 fill materials.

9 Rather than a piece-by-piece overhead cut and lower operation,
10 an engineering design planned a careful and controlled drop of the
11 entire overhead 74,000-pound bridge crane assembly. It was
12 performed flawlessly, providing a much safer means of removal and
13 saving considerable crew time.

14 Miscellaneous excavation included removal of the Off Gas
15 Tunnel and other below-grade structures and piping systems,
16 rigging and removal of 70-foot long steel piles encountered under
17 the slab.

18 Units 1, 2 and 3 Circulating Water Lines

19 The Units 1, 2 and 3 circulating cooling water lines were located
20 underground between the Intake Canal structure and the Discharge
21 Canal structure. The pipes ranged in depth from approximately
22 8 feet Below Ground Surface (BGS) to 20 feet BGS.

23 The circulating cooling water lines needed to be surveyed and
24 found radiologically "clean" to meet the NRC standards for clean-up
25 of a decommissioning nuclear site for release of the 10 CFR §50
26 License. Early estimates anticipated leaving some of the pipe in
27 place and using trench boxes to remove individual pipes. Interior
28 surfaces were found to be too difficult to clean and survey and the
29 history of radiologically-contaminated water spills into the storm
30 drain system and subsequently into the Intake Canal led to the
31 decision to remove the pipes. Schedule impacts of removing one
32 line at a time led to the decision to use sheet pile as the Shoring of
33 Excavation/Support of Excavation (SOE) and completely remove all
34 the circulating water piping.

1 After the decision was made to proceed with removal of the
2 pipes, difficulties arose regarding the availability of sheet pile. In
3 February 2017, a major storm with significant rain caused a breach
4 in the main and emergency spillways at Oroville, CA. Due to the
5 significance of this emergency situation, major supplies of steel
6 materials, including sheet pile, were being diverted to repair the
7 dam. This created a shortage of supplies in the western U.S. and
8 delayed delivery of the materials.

9 The pipes were removed in four major phases. First,
10 approximately 1,380 linear feet of reinforced concrete pipe and
11 associated thrust blocks was demolished and removed in Phase A.
12 The first 1,000 feet of the piping did not require a shoring system as
13 the pipe was approximately 8 feet below grade. A combination of
14 sloping and benching methods was used to remove the remaining
15 380 feet of pipe in this section, which was approximately 20 feet
16 below grade.

17 Phases B and C of pipe removal included the demolition of
18 approximately 400 linear feet and 350 linear feet, respectively, of
19 reinforced-concrete pipe and its associated thrust blocks for Units 1,
20 2 and 3. These pipes were approximately 20 feet below grade. Due
21 to the proximity to Humboldt Bay Generating Station (HBGS),
22 sloping and benching could not be utilized for removal. Instead, the
23 CWC used a sheet pile shoring system to reach the proper depth
24 and minimize groundwater intrusion. Shallow commodity removal
25 was performed prior to sheet pile installation. Phases B and C
26 excavations included the removal of approximately 2,784 cubic
27 yards of soil and 3,221 cubic yards of soil, respectively.

28 Phases B and C encroached on the HBGS footprint and
29 required a substantial amount of coordination to minimize impact to
30 operations. Engineering performed analyses of soils near the
31 operating power plant and determined no concrete or equipment
32 were at risk from sheet pile installation vibrations. Pre-auguring the
33 pile locations lessened the vibrations and supported driving the
34 sheet piles. Vibration monitoring was conducted to assure HBGS

1 Plant Operators that shoring installation vibrations were within the
2 parameters of equipment in their plant. Continuous operation of
3 HBGS is a requirement for maintaining system grid stability.
4 Phase C excavations included the removal of approximately
5 3,221 cubic yards of soil.

6 Phase D included the demolition and removal of approximately
7 250 linear feet of reinforced-concrete pipe and its associated thrust
8 blocks. The pipes were approximately 20 feet below grade, which
9 required the sheet pile engineered shoring system to reach the
10 proper depth and minimize groundwater intrusion. This section also
11 included a 4-inch clay discharge pipe that was known to be
12 radiologically contaminated. This pipe ran from the LRWB to the
13 Discharge Canal. Phase D excavations included the removal of
14 approximately 4,830 cubic yards of soil.

15 During installation of sheet piles, ground conditions were
16 discovered to be more difficult than anticipated. The lower clay
17 layer was very tight, necessitating extensive pre-drilling to drive the
18 56-foot sheets to refusal in the clay layer, as required in the shoring
19 design. The sheet pile driver was also equipped with a drill rig. A
20 series of holes were drilled spaced along the alignment of the sheet
21 piles. This process facilitated easier sheet-pile driving and reduced
22 disruptive vibration to the nearby HBGS. Pre-drilling the holes
23 extended the original sheet pile installation schedule, but reduced
24 the time to drive the sheet piles to the required depth.

25 The depth of circulating water piping between 8 feet and 20 feet
26 BGS resulted in groundwater intrusion and constant in-flow water
27 from an underground spring near the Discharge Canal headworks,
28 facilitating a constant need to dewater the excavations to complete
29 the work. Excavations were dewatered by submersible pumps daily,
30 conveying water to the GWTS. In addition, the 6-inch main pipeline
31 that was used to transfer water from other excavations to the GWTS
32 was originally routed across the Phase D area and required
33 rerouting around the area to facilitate the excavation.

1 The upper few feet of the Discharge Canal headwall were
2 removed under the Discharge Canal project. The circulating water
3 pipes were embedded in this headwall at such a depth that safely
4 removing them during the Discharge Canal removal without an
5 engineered shoring design was not possible. Working the remnant
6 headwall with the circulating cooling water piping allowed efficient
7 use of the deep shoring needed and required only one mobilization
8 effort of the equipment. This also prevented the need to close
9 Decom Road, which would have had unacceptable impacts to the
10 schedule at that time.

11 The location of the circulating water piping required substantial
12 coordination with other projects. A section of piping south of the
13 Discharge Canal headwall was located under a major throughway
14 for waste streams from the Caisson excavation project to the Soil
15 Management Facility (SMF) tents. Work crews were required to
16 construct an alternate truck route to facilitate these other critical path
17 projects. A bypass road was constructed at the north end of the
18 Discharge Canal to allow the crew to complete substantial
19 excavations at the south. This required installation and compaction
20 of a 20-foot wide road base.

21 The oily water separator was a defined feature of work requiring
22 removal. Its location next to the circulating cooling lines made
23 removal simultaneously with one of the adjacent phases of work
24 practical but extended the duration of the circulating cooling water
25 piping project. The work included above-grade commodities,
26 four deep pits, piping and concrete rubble.

27 Upper Yard Demolition

28 The Upper Yard was a 20,000-square foot area within the RCA
29 at the north side of the site, midway between the ISFSI and the
30 Discharge Canal. The entire area was paved over with asphalt and
31 used for various storage needs until the beginning of demolition.
32 Buildings within the Upper Yard included the Low-Level Radwaste
33 Building (LLRWB), the Solid Radwaste Building (SRWB), the
34 underground High-Level Radwaste Vault (HLRWW) and some of the

1 temporary office and support structures for the decommissioning
2 work. Though originally planned to be executed as four separate
3 projects, they were directed by one supervisor and field engineer
4 and completed concurrently using the same crew and demolition
5 equipment. The result was enhanced efficiency in execution.

6 The LLRWB demolition included removal of the transite board
7 demountable partitions by a specialty abatement contractor,
8 designated as Class II materials. During hazardous material
9 removal, potential friable asbestos was discovered between
10 transite panels. Mercury-vapor lights, mercury switches and PCBs
11 were removed by qualified remediation specialists and approved
12 for disposal.

13 After asbestos abatement was completed, demolition of the
14 LLRWB followed standard demolition practices, with the majority of
15 the work being performed using an excavator fitted with either a
16 hydraulic breaker (hammer) or a concrete processor. Separation of
17 concrete and rebar was required before wall debris was loaded into
18 Intermodals (IMs) for disposal.

19 The SRWB commodity removal phase of work included a
20 detailed radiological survey of the entire building, including the
21 rafters and drains, to support the waste and building
22 characterization. Since this building housed solid wastes stored in
23 appropriate containers, there was little remediation to perform.
24 Hazards abated during interior prep work were mercury switches
25 and mercury-vapor and fluorescent lighting. Remediation debris
26 was loaded into suitable containers. The loaded containers were
27 transferred from the work area and consolidated into larger
28 waste containers for removal from the site. Existing in the building
29 was a 2-1/2-ton overhead trolley hoist and rail. A man-lift was
30 brought into the SRWB to drain oil from the hoist gearbox and assist
31 in its removal.

32 The SRWB was demolished methodically, bay-by-bay utilizing
33 large excavators equipped with metal-cutting shears and
34 bucket/thumb attachments. Multiple excavators were employed

1 throughout the demolition process, ensuring positive control of
2 building components.

3 Prior to the start of the HLRWV demolition, the HLRWV and
4 nearby LRWB foundation were evaluated for ground pressure of
5 demolition equipment against the remaining below-grade walls for
6 both structures. A key feature of the LRWB foundation was an
7 integral retaining wall supporting the Upper Yard slope. As
8 equipment was working on the north side of the LRWB foundation, a
9 concern was identified that the retaining wall integrity would be
10 diminished and potentially lead to slope failure. In addition, as
11 demolition began on the HLRWV, the structural integrity and ability
12 to support heavy equipment on the surrounding soils were reduced.
13 Engineering evaluations were performed on both underground
14 features to provide setback distance for equipment expected to
15 approach those areas. An OSHA engineering survey was also
16 performed to evaluate the sequence of demolition and its potential
17 for a premature collapse of a wall or beam. To keep heavy
18 equipment from affecting nearby below-grade walls, crews placed
19 safe work zone flagging around the areas, which designated
20 two offset zones.

21 In order to prepare for the HLRWV demolition, the lids were
22 removed from the HLRWV and the chambers were emptied of
23 high-level contaminants, including stainless steel liner pans and a
24 drum of waste. RP characterized the walls and floor. The drain line
25 under the HLRWV was found to be radiologically contaminated, as
26 were the soils around it. RP assisted with samples, then plugged
27 the drain. Remaining radiological spots of concern were remediated
28 or fixed and permission was given for OAD.

29 Demolition of the HLRWV began as a continuation of the
30 subgrade commodities removal. The soil surrounding the sides of
31 the HLRWV was removed and then the sides and bottom of the
32 HLRWV were demolished, using an excavator fitted with either a
33 hydraulic breaker (hammer) or a concrete processor. The drain line
34 from the floor of the HLRWV to the LRWB was a deep feature,

1 asbestos-containing 4-inch diameter transite pipe with radioactive
2 contaminants interior to the pipe. Contaminated soils under the pipe
3 were processed for disposal. Separation of concrete and rebar was
4 required. The three HLRWV lids, stainless steel liner drain pans,
5 and concrete walls and floor were loaded into IMs for disposal.

6 Once the buildings and slabs were removed, excavation and
7 removal of the remaining underground utilities were required. Upper
8 Yard asphalt was removed and the soils were tested by RP,
9 followed by removal of the below-grade commodities.

10 Subgrade commodity removal included the fire water main (part
11 of which was transite pipe) and standpipe riser removal, which were
12 performed simultaneously. A portion of the storm water drain line
13 was abandoned and removed. A sump and pump were installed to
14 pump storm water. Conduits from load center and building-to-
15 building were checked live/dead/live, and removed as encountered.
16 A 4-inch radwaste clay drain line from the corner of the LRWB out to
17 the road was removed. A 12-inch natural gas line, which was found
18 to have asbestos-containing wrap, was removed in 10-foot sections.
19 RCA Way had to be kept clean using a skid steer and road sweeper
20 to prevent the spread of mud. The SWPPP) crew maintained Best
21 Management Practices (BMP) to prevent sediment runoff.

22 Asbestos containing material (ACM) in this area included
23 transite water lines, a transite fire water line, transite drain lines and
24 other ACM-coated piping. This required a large amount of machine
25 and labor time to be spent on careful removal, sizing, wrapping and
26 loading into double-lined containers. ACM commodities were
27 abated using an asbestos abatement specialty contractor.

28 Low levels of arsenic were identified at three locations in
29 previous surveys of the Upper Yard, along the RCA Way roadway at
30 the east side of the yard. These areas were remediated and the
31 wastes disposed of following the direction of environmental
32 specialists.

33 The CWC coordinated removal of the LRWB north foundation
34 wall with grading of the south portion of the Upper Yard to ensure

1 proper water runoff and to provide a safe 1.5:1 slope. As soils were
2 tested, some went to reuse storage areas and the remaining soils
3 were loaded into IMs for disposal. RP marked areas that required
4 remediation. The steep embankment north and east of the LRWB
5 was included in this demolition, which also included removing the
6 shotcrete and soils to provide an even slope down to the CSM work
7 area. An FSS was performed over all areas where commodities
8 were removed.

9 Temporary Facilities

10 The activities comprising this scope were performed to support
11 soil management and were broken down into three key projects:
12 SMF installation and subsequent foundation removal and
13 demobilization; GARDIAN system installation; and power pole
14 relocation.

15 SMF tents served to keep soils controlled and aided in
16 containment of water draining from the soils, which could have
17 potentially released contaminants. The slabs below the SMFs were
18 designed to support the weight of soils and heavy equipment. Large
19 doors at either end provided effective airflow, which assisted with
20 soil drying processes and offered the ability to move end-loaders
21 and dump trucks through the tent structures.

22 Each structure provided a 200-foot by 100-foot external
23 footprint. The size and dimensions required engineering for
24 structural footings, slab, tent structures and coverings, including
25 drainage water management and an electrical power supply. The
26 best location for the tents was determined to be in the area that
27 previously housed office trailers for decommissioning, which was at
28 the far eastern end of the site. This location was selected because
29 of its close proximity to the Discharge Canal, circulating cooling
30 water piping and Caisson excavation.

31 The tents were located parallel to each other with a 10-foot
32 separation. The steel supports and roof structures endured rigorous
33 engineering analysis, in light of the seismic building code, the North
34 Coast 100-Year Storm Requirements and personnel safety. A local

1 consulting civil engineering firm was engaged to design the concrete
2 footings, slab and curb. The structures were designed by the
3 supplier and approved by local building authorities. A land surveyor
4 performed the layout and the final elevation certificate for flood
5 insurance.

6 Rigging plans were created and approved, which required the
7 use of a crane to bring the heavy roll of fabric up and over the
8 38-foot high truss structures. Man-lifts and other equipment were
9 used for spreading and attaching the tent fabric to the frames and
10 for mounting large door frames to the structures.

11 SMF 1 tent was used for soils with some radiological activity
12 and SMF 2 tent was used for "clean" soil. Water drained from the
13 soils was collected in a below-grade tank at the east end of each
14 building and pumped to portable totes. Water from radiologically-
15 impacted soil was collected and shipped off site for treatment, as
16 required. After sampling, water from the "clean" soil was
17 transported to the GWTS for treatment.

18 Complete removal of the SMF was required to place the site in
19 final configuration, which included the start of FSR, wetland
20 establishment, FSS and NRC §50 License Termination. Once the
21 characterization survey of the SMF 2 fabric and frame was
22 performed, they were removed by high-reach excavators and man-
23 lifts. Tent fabric and structure had to be disposed of as waste. The
24 concrete slab and footings were surveyed and abated if necessary,
25 broken up by conventional demolition means and taken to the
26 processor to be rubblized for Caisson fill material.

27 The soils under the tent were sampled for radiological and
28 chemical contamination, then underwent minor grading to bring
29 them level with the surrounding area.

30 The SMF 1 was removed later in the same fashion with no
31 incidents. The grounds were then available for reconfiguration, per
32 FSR requirements.

33 A sewer lift station had been added in this general area to
34 support numerous offices. Due to its proximity, it was removed at

1 the time of removal of the second SMF facility. The remaining
2 piping was also removed and disposed of.

3 The GARDIAN system allowed scanning and detection of the
4 radioactive content of soil, and eventually concrete, to assist in
5 classification of the material. The GARDIAN system supported
6 efforts to classify material for reuse instead of waste, which was
7 disposed of at a high cost. Rather than purchasing new material,
8 reuse material could be utilized on the site to backfill areas when
9 removing Caisson components or other site excavations. The
10 GARDIAN system was used for the large amounts of excavated soil
11 on nearly the entire site. These soil quantities were placed in
12 varying-sized dump trucks, each requiring its own calibration,
13 settings and run-time based on container size and material
14 composition of the soil in the container for final disposition. Bulk
15 scanning of truckload quantities for radiological activity reduced
16 labor hours for RP and the FSS. The alternative survey method was
17 to use the In Situ Object Counting System (ISOCS) and walkover
18 surveys to release site soils for FSS. The ISOCS system was labor-
19 intensive for bulk soil surveys. Both these processes were used
20 during decommissioning and FSS release of site areas. However,
21 the GARDIAN reduced RP and FSS labor costs and shortened the
22 time to perform soil assays, since the entirety of material in a
23 surveyed container could be assayed at once.

24 The GARDIAN assay system included two semi-trailers, which
25 housed and provided support system equipment and
26 instrumentation, as well as providing a transportation means for the
27 temporarily-leased equipment. Installed in both trailers were
28 detector tracks and towers, which were used to position the High-
29 Purity Germanium Detectors at correct spacing and height. These
30 detectors required cooling by liquid nitrogen for proper operation
31 and were adjustable for various sizes of trucks and containers.

32 The spacing of the two trailers allowed approximately 2 feet of
33 clearance on either side of a typical 8-foot wide load. An in-ground
34 calibrated truck scale was installed between the two detector

1 trailers, allowing the load to be weighed as required before the
2 scanning process started. Power, communication and liquid
3 nitrogen were also supplied to the trailers. In addition to supplying
4 the utilities to the site, a pad area of approximately 60 feet by 45 feet
5 was excavated, leveled and surfaced. Stairs and a landing were
6 added by site carpenters, providing safe access to the trailers and
7 operating systems.

8 The installation area was chosen for traffic control and low-
9 radiation background activity. The tight confines of the small site
10 played a key role in the location of this equipment and required
11 detailed traffic control plans as the materials were moved around the
12 site. This system was at the far west end of the Owner Controlled
13 Area, directly in front of Gate C. This became the main entry and
14 exit site for waste and material shipments. This industry-accepted
15 tool was used at near-capacity on days of excavation and
16 waste packaging.

17 To survey a dump truck with a load or mounted container, the
18 truck drove slowly between the system trailers to allow a scan of the
19 load by the scintillation detectors. After the truck's load cleared the
20 detectors, the truck stopped in a pre-designated position between
21 the trailers to allow a fixed-position assay, using ISOCS to qualify
22 and quantify gamma emitting nuclides present in the load. Total
23 scan time for this process varied by truck volume but averaged
24 about seventeen minutes per 10-cubic yard truck.

25 The start-up of the system was performed by a qualified vendor
26 who trained on-site personnel to operate and maintain the
27 GARDIAN. The system required scheduled calibration and testing
28 during its operation at HBPP.

29 Based on scheduled active excavations that would be taking
30 place at the same time, the CWC's foresaw a pinch point
31 approaching when more than thirty trucks per day were going to
32 cross the GARDIAN. Thirty trucks would consume over 8.5 hours of
33 scan time, thus slowing the movement of soils around the site and
34 risking schedule delays while waiting for the equipment to become

1 available for use. Specific work taking place included canal,
2 circulating water line removal, Caisson removal and the beginning of
3 the FSR area modification, all creating excavated soils, which
4 needed to go through the GARDIAN system. A second GARDIAN
5 system was ordered and installed to reduce potential delays in
6 moving soils.

7 Space limitations and active field work taking place at time of
8 installation effectively eliminated all possible locations for the
9 second GARDIAN system, except in the area next to the first
10 system. De-staffing allowed for the removal of an office trailer, and
11 the installation of the second GARDIAN took its location with its
12 layout similar, and parallel to the first one. Required office staff was
13 relocated to both on- and offsite locations to accommodate
14 this change.

15 The maximum capacity of one system was 32 trucks per day.
16 This maximum was reached a number of times before the second
17 system became operational. The height of operations saw more
18 than 64 trucks per day on extended-hour days.

19 Power pole relocation eliminated potential electrical hazards to
20 excavation equipment. This project served a dual purpose of
21 clearing unneeded distribution lines and making for a safer
22 workspace above the canal stockpile. At the east end in the
23 Discharge Canal area, some of the 12-kilovolt (kV) power line poles
24 and cable interfered with the safe operation of high-reach
25 excavation equipment working the CSM stockpiles in the canal.
26 Eventual site restoration called for removing some of these poles
27 and lines.

28 PG&E's Distribution Line Department performed most of the
29 work, with coordination among Engineering and Planners. The Line
30 Division prepared work instructions and the CWC prepared a
31 document with guidelines for supporting PG&E's work with labor,
32 supervision, RP and waste coverage.

33 As this was the only power supply line to the site, coordination
34 of a site-wide power outage was necessary. Critical path work was

1 supported by generators and the schedule minimized interruption to
2 field work by scheduling the required site power outage over a
3 weekend. A list of safe work steps was written to protect workers
4 and those on site not directly involved. Once verifications were
5 performed, one new pole was placed near SMF 1 and five poles
6 were removed.

7 The new alignment ran from the existing pole at the southeast
8 corner of SMF 1, to one new pole near the southwest corner of the
9 tent. From there, it fed over to the modified pole at the GWTS and
10 then over the canal to the remaining pole at southeast corner of the
11 northeast laydown area.

12 This work allowed the realignment of the 12-kV line away from
13 the south end of the Discharge Canal, where extensive excavation
14 work was performed. It also cleared poles from the northeast
15 laydown area, so that abatement work could proceed and the final
16 site grading contours could be established. This configuration was
17 not the end state, as more work was required. This was a
18 necessary interim measure.

19 **2) Offices and Facilities Demolition**

20 Multiple offices and service buildings were located around the
21 site to support decommissioning. Many of these were temporary
22 office complexes or single trailers. Others were pre-existing metal
23 or concrete block buildings and served multiple purposes. Of
24 approximately forty structures, the majority were mobile office
25 trailers. These have been systematically removed as the
26 project de-staffs.

27 Common to nearly every building removal were requirements to
28 obtain the necessary permits; remove commodities, universal and
29 electronic waste; identify any potential hazardous wastes and plan
30 remediation; mark excavation areas and utilities; establish RP and
31 FSS controls; erect barricades and signage for access control; erect
32 debris curtains and fencing to protect adjacent work areas; place
33 spill kits and eyewash stations in the work area; mobilize waste
34 containers; de-energize and air gap electrical, water, air and other

1 energy sources; implement BMPs; perform characterization
2 sampling; perform biological clearance; and properly abandon
3 nearly wells, standpipes, vaults and conduits.

4 **3) Other Services/Letter of Credit**

5 PG&E incurred costs for other services and captured those
6 costs in a category called "Other Services." This category included
7 work scope and services that were added to the CWC's contract.

8 Though originally written for waste support, the initial Contract
9 Work Authorization was amended and specified providing the
10 technically-qualified labor and equipment. PG&E determined it was
11 more cost effective to allocate some of the self-perform work to the
12 CWC for performance by CWC personnel, and to contracted groups
13 with specific expertise, using their specialized equipment. PG&E
14 recognized the need for these additional services not covered in the
15 project's technical specifications. These services included asbestos
16 abatement and trailer removal.

17 Asbestos abatement activities on the RFB roof and Building 5
18 included the removal of approximately 5,000 cubic feet of ACM
19 roofing and the removal of Building 5's interior and exterior
20 asbestos. Additional scope included erecting a Class II
21 decontamination area, installing temporary power, installing a
22 fall-protection guardrail barrier and establishing an asbestos-
23 regulated area and rigging-exclusion zone.

24 Removal of PG&E-owned trailers that were not identified for
25 demolition or removal from HBPP by the CW Contract were
26 removed under Other Services. This included Trailers 9, 10A, 12-1,
27 12-2, 12-3, 12-4, 12-6, 12-7, 18, 22, 25 and 35. The CWC prepped
28 these trailers for removal and/or demolition as requested, including:
29 removal of furniture, equipment and appliances; cleaning;
30 disconnecting services from them; and surveying them for release.

31 The Letter of Credit from the CWC was a guarantee of
32 performance specifying that in the event of default, PG&E may
33 present the letter to the issuing bank and draw the face amount set
34 forth in the letter of credit. These costs are associated with the

1 CWC bank fees charged by the bank for the open liability on
2 their resources.

3 **4. Waste Disposal (Excludes Caisson/Canals)**

4 **a. Summary**

5 The HBPP Unit 3 decommissioning and demolition CWP involved
6 several work faces, which generated debris from nuclear plant demolition,
7 Caisson removal and canal remediation. The debris was managed for
8 offsite disposal or reused on site. The CWC developed a management
9 program to manage wastes in accordance with PG&E's contract
10 specifications, using PG&E's already-established Safety, Risk, Waste
11 Reduction, Quality Control, Waste Management and Radiological Protection
12 Programs. PG&E staff provided oversight to the CWC's Waste
13 Management group to ensure CWC adherence to state and federal
14 regulatory requirements and on-site waste management practices. The
15 Waste Management group also provided direction in logistical areas, such
16 as scheduling, WAC, waste accumulation, packaging, loading and shipping.

17 The performance goal for the CWP was to safely, efficiently and cost-
18 effectively manage waste, while protecting or mitigating the effects to the
19 environment. In addition to removal of waste, the performance goal
20 included the disposition of equipment and tools (i.e., heavy equipment, IMs
21 or waste containers and excess materials or supplies) and submittal of
22 shipping and waste disposal documents to PG&E Document Control for
23 retention as retrievable records.

24 Waste shipments are scheduled for off-site transport on an established
25 schedule. During the CWP, the following shipments were made from HBPP
26 for Civil Works (excluding Caisson/Canals):

2015	281 shipments	8.8 million pounds
2016	533 shipments	30.8 million pounds
2017	261 shipments	19.4 million pounds
2018	681 shipments	25.2 million pounds

27 Also included for reasonableness review are \$5.5 million for costs
28 incurred during 2012 through 2014.

1 **b. Planning**

2 During decommissioning planning, waste transport and disposal
3 costs were anticipated to be a significant expense associated with the
4 CWP. These costs were reflected in PG&E’s preliminary estimates of
5 waste generation used to establish the waste budget. Initial volumes of
6 waste soils and debris during the start of the CWC’s work in 2014,
7 indicated higher-than-estimated volumes of waste requiring disposal.
8 CWC and the Waste Management Team developed methods of waste
9 reduction, utilizing early segregation of material by separating clean
10 from contaminated material. These reduced materials requiring off-site
11 disposal, while increasing materials allowed to be reused on site. These
12 methods included early segregation of clean and contaminated waste
13 streams and averaging the radionuclide concentration, to send a
14 minimal amount of material with higher activity to Clive, Utah in order to
15 avoid higher disposal costs. By utilizing multiple waste disposal
16 facilities, HBPP was able to find the safest methods and realize the
17 lowest costs for waste disposal for a given type or class of waste.

18 **c. Waste Management Staffing**

19 The CWC maintained a staff of waste management professionals
20 known as the Waste Management group. Members of this group
21 specialized in radioactive and hazardous waste management. Waste
22 Management duties included preparing waste material for suitable load-
23 out, waste handling, packaging of waste for disposal and preparation
24 and certification of required shipping papers and notifications. These
25 responsibilities spanned the requirements of state and federal
26 hazardous waste management regulations. Additionally, this group
27 interfaced with transportation and disposal vendors to ensure PG&E
28 service needs were met and that vendors met PG&E Management
29 expectations for safety by implementing various laws, regulations
30 and requirements.

31 Waste Management staffing was structured to optimally support
32 efficient packaging, handling and transportation of waste to disposal
33 sites. The CWC provided physical labor and supervision to support
34 Waste Management activities for the CWP. Staffing levels fluctuated

1 commensurate with the volume of waste being handled and natural
2 attrition of staff. Supervisory oversight occasionally identified the need
3 for additional staff. For example, when the project selected 10 cubic
4 yard bags for packaging some waste material, a resultant workflow
5 analysis identified the need for additional staff members.

6 **d. Work Processes**

7 **1) Waste Determination**

8 Waste determination was the process where material type,
9 origin and risk factors were evaluated to determine the disposition of
10 materials for on-site reuse, asset recovery, or characterization
11 for waste disposal. Each type of demolition debris was evaluated
12 differently based on the type of material. The goal was to minimize
13 the volume of material determined to be waste to the extent it
14 could be performed safely and be compliant with state and
15 federal regulations.

16 The soil waste evaluation was a multi-step process. For
17 demolition debris that included concrete, rebar, structural steel,
18 asphalt and grubbing, the evaluation process included criteria such
19 as: eligibility for reuse based on origin of the material; radiological
20 release criteria for the debris; and cost of processing.

21 **2) Waste Acceptance Criteria**

22 WAC established the minimum requirements for classes of
23 waste destined for a radioactive waste disposal site. Requirements
24 were intended to facilitate handling and provide protection of the
25 health and safety of CWC and PG&E personnel and disposal
26 facilities. Examples of criteria include requirements for packaging;
27 liquid waste; flammable or explosive waste; volatile waste;
28 pyrophoric materials; and hazardous, biological, pathogenic or
29 infectious waste.

30 Stability requirements were intended to ensure waste did not
31 structurally degrade and affect the overall stability of the disposal
32 site through slumping, collapse, or other failure of the disposal unit,
33 thereby leading to water infiltration. Stability was also a factor in

1 limiting exposure to an inadvertent intruder, since it provides a
2 recognizable and non-dispersible waste.

3 Waste was required to have structural stability. A structurally-
4 stable waste form will generally maintain its physical dimensions
5 and its form under expected disposal conditions such as: weight of
6 overburden and compaction equipment; the presence of moisture
7 and/or microbial activity; and internal factors, such as radiation
8 effects and chemical changes. Structural stability can be provided
9 by the waste form itself, processing the waste to a stable form, or
10 placing the waste in a disposal container or structure that provides
11 stability after disposal.

12 Liquid wastes, or wastes containing liquid, were required to be
13 converted into a form that contained as little free-standing and
14 noncorrosive liquid as is reasonably achievable. In no case could
15 the liquid exceed 1 percent of the volume of the waste when the
16 waste was in a disposal container designed to ensure stability, or
17 0.5 percent of the volume of the waste for waste processed to a
18 stable form. In addition, void spaces within the waste and
19 between the waste and its package had to be reduced to the
20 extent practicable.

21 CWP Waste Management activities were oriented to ensure the
22 WAC were met, thereby minimizing waste processing costs.
23 Wastes not meeting the above criteria incurred additional costs with
24 further processing on site, offsite processing at a processor for
25 subsequent shipment to disposal, or processing by the waste
26 disposal site.

27 **3) Waste Packaging and Handling**

28 Within the CWC's scope of work, the commodities, equipment,
29 demolition debris and soil designated as waste were packaged and
30 shipped to disposal facilities. The majority of the radiologically-
31 impacted material was shipped to Grand View, Idaho (Grand View),
32 Clive, Utah (Clive) and Andrews, Texas (Andrews). A portion of
33 non-radioactive material that could not be reused was shipped to
34 Beatty, Nevada (Beatty).

1 Two large tents, designated as SMF 1 and SMF 2, were
2 constructed to manage bulk waste materials generated from the
3 CWP. The SMFs allowed for wet soils, sediments and waste
4 material to be dried out prior to loading containers. The SMFs
5 allowed waste to be processed (stockpiled, crushed, conditioned,
6 processed and packaged into containers for transport) throughout
7 the year to meet transport schedules, regardless of inclement
8 weather conditions. The advantage of using the SMFs was reduced
9 costs associated with waste-handling operations.

10 Additional savings were realized with the use of stockpile
11 locations, which provided a suitable location for risk-reducing
12 processes such as rubblizing concrete. Rubblizing the waste
13 provided greater stability once loaded and reduced the chance of
14 damage to shipping containers. The Andrews disposal facility
15 offered a reduced disposal cost for size-reduced concrete.

16 Most of waste generated from early nuclear facilities demolition
17 was direct-loaded into Industrial Packaging (IP) IMs, thus avoiding
18 the rehandling of materials. Waste soil was added to maximize
19 efficiency for each shipment. As the rate of waste generation
20 increased, Waste personnel determined that hauling waste into the
21 SMFs for processing to meet acceptance criteria allowed demolition
22 work to progress at an increased rate, with no impact on the CWP
23 schedule. Most of waste generated was comprised of soil, concrete,
24 steel and small amounts of other construction debris like metal,
25 wood and plastics.

26 In 2016, HBPP shifted methods of loading and shipping waste
27 materials from direct loading in the field, to using the SMF for
28 staging and loading shipments. This change occurred in part due to
29 acquiring a disposal agreement with a facility at Andrews, Texas.
30 This waste facility had the ability to receive IP-1 waste bags via
31 railcars, thus allowing HBPP to ship more material per shipment and
32 at a reduced cost. This method of shipping allowed HBPP to
33 replace the IMs with IP-1 bags for soil or crushed concrete.

1 **5. Small Value Contracts**

2 The Small Value Contracts category includes Small Dollar Vendors and
3 Specialty Contracts, which fell outside major scopes of work. Small Dollar
4 Vendors provided mostly generic services for office and facilities
5 maintenance, while Specialty contractors generally performed functions
6 unique to the decommissioning project.

7 Small Dollar Vendors include janitorial services, building maintenance
8 services, portable toilet rental and maintenance, signage, furniture rental,
9 office supplies, trash and refuse collection, communication services, moving
10 and storage services, calibration services, document shredding, mobile
11 facility rentals and badging equipment.

12 Specialty Contracts provide overall support to the project, addressing
13 specific areas of the decommissioning process. These include specialty
14 consultants who provide expertise on project management; local, state and
15 federal regulation requirements; permitting; waste disposal; and equipment.
16 This category also includes specialty printing, communication and internet
17 technical services. Specialty contracts are used to provide monitoring
18 equipment programs for RP, which supports ALARA requirements and
19 provides overhead staffing to support the team in the field. Small value and
20 specialty contracts are used for membership costs, NRC fees,
21 Environmental Sampling Analysis, drilling and well installation, certified
22 asbestos consultants, SWPPP support, industrial security services, subject
23 matter expert support, emergency planning fees, onsite medical services,
24 legal support and for vendors with scopes of work falling outside major
25 project scopes.

26 Starting in 2015, Small Value Contracts were allocated between the
27 base scope (Small Value Contracts) and Caisson, based upon the amount
28 of work being performed.

29 During 2015 through 2018, actual costs in Small Value Contracts were
30 \$11.0 million, compared to a cost estimate of \$13 million. In addition,
31 \$38 thousand in costs 2012 through 2014 is presented for reasonableness
32 review.

1 **6. Spent Fuel Management**

2 **a. Summary**

3 The HBPP ISFSI operates under a separate and independent NRC
4 license. The ISFSI will continue to operate following the termination of
5 the HBPP operating license, until all spent fuel and GTCC material has
6 been transferred from the ISFSI to the DOE. After transfer, the ISFSI
7 will be decommissioned, and the ISFSI license terminated. Until that
8 time, PG&E will continue to incur security and O&M costs associated
9 with the ISFSI.

10 In the 2015 NDCTP, the CPUC accepted PG&E’s proposal that due
11 to the recurring and long-term nature of these costs, they be reviewed
12 for reasonableness in each NDCTP, rather than waiting until final ISFSI
13 site decommissioning. This section presents for review a total of
14 \$27.7 million for costs incurred during 2015-2018, compared to an
15 approved cost estimate of \$37.7 million. The underspend is due to a
16 delay in the commencement of certain ISFSI improvements, below-
17 budget staffing and a reduced need for Engineering/Specialty Contracts.

18 **b. Staffing**

19 ISFSI Security is responsible for the security of the safe and secure
20 storage of 390 spent fuel assemblies in five casks and GTCC in one
21 cask from the decommissioned HBPP. Security personnel are also
22 responsible for security training, procedure writing, ISFSI licensing and
23 access authorization. ISFSI staff’s responsibilities include monitoring
24 and maintaining the ISFSI facility. PG&E ISFSI specialists, who also
25 function as Armed Security Officers (ASO), are trained and qualified in
26 accordance with the Guard Training Plan and the ISFSI Final Safety
27 Analysis Report. They conduct 24-hour surveillance of the spent fuel
28 and comply with NRC security requirements. ISFSI specialists’ duties
29 include conducting patrols and searches and verification of authorized
30 personnel and activities in the ISFSI. ISFSI Shift Managers are
31 responsible for supervision of officers and shift activities and
32 implementation of the site’s emergency plan. In addition to their normal

1 duties, they must qualify as ASOs and can revise nuclear quality and
2 department-level procedures.

3 **c. ISFSI Operations and Maintenance**

4 ISFSI O&M functions include ongoing management, safety and
5 compliance necessary to meet NRC requirements. Key contributing
6 activities and elements of ISFSI O&M totals during the period 2015
7 through 2018, included overhead, procedure revision, communications
8 enhancements for continued compliance with NRC standards,
9 engineering services, guard booth enhancements, required
10 improvements to the Vehicle Barrier System (VBS), and ISFSI
11 Team training.

12 There was a delay to the expected date for upgrading the ISFSI
13 security system to allow coordination with DCPD to standardize system
14 operations. Additionally, a scheduling adjustment moved the HBPP
15 training tracking system into the next triennial filing period as it
16 transitioned to a Quality Database. Further decreasing current
17 expenditures, a weapons simulation system was delayed until after the
18 HBPP decommissioning cleared the needed space.

19 **d. ISFSI Staffing/Engineering/Specialty Contracts**

20 ISFSI staffing costs were those non-Security personnel assigned to
21 support the O&M of the ISFSI. Engineering and specialty contracts
22 costs supported discrete, well-defined missions at the ISFSI.

23 Specific work performed in this category includes communication
24 system upgrades to maintain a level of communication that met NRC
25 requirements; procedure specialists; technical briefing development
26 consultant who also was responsible for responding to RFIs and
27 assembling backup documentation for completed projects review and
28 the decommissioning project report; CWC enlistment to provide Coastal
29 Access Trail repairs and maintenance in accordance with requirements
30 outlined in the CDP; electrical engineering firm support for
31 troubleshooting of electrical and electronic equipment, developing work
32 instructions for repair or installation, quality receipt inspections and
33 post-modification testing; turnover of the ISFSI Engineering support to

1 Diablo Canyon Power Plant Engineering; the annual Independent
2 Management Review; support of ISFSI engineering requirements,
3 including relicensing assistance, ISP-511 inspection records and
4 procedure rewriting, Alkali-Silica Reaction concrete evaluation, corrosive
5 soils sampling plan development and execution, VBS design and
6 maintenance support, annual ISFSI concrete inspection and other
7 support activities requirements.

8 SMEs were contracted to support strengthening the ISFSI Team on
9 regulatory requirements and implementing industry BMPs for quality-
10 related items; an independent peer review and evaluation of the Access
11 Authorization Program; and technical analyses to facilitate the license
12 renewal of the ISFSI site-specific license Phase II with the NRC.

13 **e. ISFSI Infrastructure Expenses**

14 Specific infrastructure work is described below.

15 An ISFSI monitoring sump was previously abandoned during
16 construction of the Portal Monitor Road. The 4-inch drain line from the
17 sump needed a future access point, as well as drainage system
18 evaluation and environmental soil sampling outside the ISFSI protected
19 area. The on-site CWC did the civil work and a CWC environmental
20 consultant performed the hand borings and soil analysis.

21 Site support was provided by the CWC performing decommissioning
22 of HBPP, and included manpower, operators and equipment such as
23 forklifts and cranes, when needed. This equipment was required for
24 periodic maintenance troubleshooting of security systems; support from
25 Electrical Engineering; utilization of forklifts for K-rail movement; moving
26 and installation of storage containers; support during the ISFSI
27 Relicensing Lid Lift Activities; movement of the VBS for refurbishment;
28 removal and replacement of Building 11 AC unit; and removal of riprap
29 on the slope to identify HB ISFSI drain pipe terminus, etc.

30 One of the existing consulting companies was engaged to prepare
31 the ISFSI licensing renewal plan and participate in NRC and other
32 industry activities. They also prepared and conducted a license
33 renewal-lead inspection and finalized the inspection package as part of

1 the submittal for the license renewal of the HB ISFSI site-specific
2 license.

3 The provider of nuclear waste storage canisters (aka casks) was
4 engaged to answer various inquiries from ISFSI Management, including
5 relief device, rupture disks and torque values.

6 **f. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Fees**

7 For the 2015 through 2018 period, NRC Permits and Fees were
8 \$174 thousand.

9 The NRC is statutorily required by Congress to recover most of its
10 budget authority through fees assessed to licensees. Most of these
11 costs were for the triennial inspection of the site and the ensuing written
12 reports, examining the "Assurance of Funding" letter, Emergency Plan
13 review and Security Plan review, a records exemption request,
14 reviewing the Decommissioning Funding Plan and Background
15 Security L Clearance checks. These were performed in 2015
16 through 2017.

17 **7. Caisson**

18 **a. Summary**

19 Removal of the Caisson implemented a FOAK shoring and water
20 cutoff wall using CSM technology. PG&E management and CWC
21 management interfaced closely to evaluate several shoring and water
22 cut-off designs and ultimately agreed upon a final design that
23 adequately addressed safety concerns, risk and specific site challenges.
24 The 2015 NDCTP approved budget for the Caisson Removal project is
25 \$151 million, and the project has been completed for \$151 million.
26 Completion of this unique project on time and on budget is an
27 extraordinary achievement.

28 The scope for Caisson field work included designing shoring and the
29 cut-off wall, pre-trenching, installing the shoring and cut-off wall,
30 dewatering, excavating and removing the Caisson and backfilling. CWC
31 costs included project overhead staffing and indirect costs, which could
32 not be directly assigned to specific decommissioning activities. These
33 costs included trailer rentals; van transportation, including rentals and

1 fuel; Management travel; Caisson-specific training; incidental expenses;
2 and subsistence.

3 **b. Field Work**

4 In the 2012 NDCTP, the CPUC approved PG&E's plan to remove
5 the Caisson and associated estimated costs. In the 2015 NDCTP, the
6 CPUC approved PG&E's revised estimate which was based on a
7 methodology change for removal.

8 **1) Planning**

9 PG&E worked with industry experts to develop a conceptual
10 design for Caisson removal and compile a cost estimate, utilizing
11 the results of the 2012 Caisson Removal Feasibility Study. The
12 conceptual approach included installation of a cement-bentonite
13 water cutoff wall. The original CW contract endorsed this
14 conceptual approach and PG&E directed the CWC to evaluate and
15 implement the concept. The CWC's detailed analysis and
16 evaluation found technical implementation issues with the
17 conceptual design, which precluded its practical implementation at
18 HBPP. Many alternative options were developed and analyzed.
19 PG&E and the CWC worked together to agree on a final design, the
20 CSM wall.

21 **2) Evaluation of Alternate Caisson Removal Technologies**

22 The CWC evaluated a number of alternative methodologies
23 and technologies to accomplish the Caisson removal work
24 scope. Within the realm of regulatory mandates, PG&E was
25 supportive of the CWC's attempts at innovation and optimization
26 of work execution.

27 The CWC presented numerous options to the HBPP
28 Management Team, studying and vetting alternate technologies and
29 viable execution sequencing. The primary industry technologies
30 and methods considered for use at HBPP were Slurry Wall, Soil Nail
31 Wall, Freeze Wall, Sheet Pile, Ring Reinforcement and the CSM
32 Wall. These alternate technologies are discussed in detail in
33 Chapter 9, Attachment A, Section 9.1.2.

1 This time- and labor-intensive effort eventually paid off with a
2 streamlined execution strategy, which contributed to maintaining the
3 overall decommissioning schedule of the project previously filed.
4 The end result was the optimal execution of the work scope and
5 space, in many cases allowing concurrent work activities on multiple
6 work fronts.

7 **3) Slurry Wall Concept**

8 During the slurry wall design phase, the slurry wall contractors
9 continued to revise the planned installation approach. In the course
10 of design development, the slurry wall contractor expressed concern
11 that tight vertical tolerances could only be met with great effort,
12 potentially affecting cost and schedule. The slurry wall contractor
13 ultimately proposed a combined clamshell bucket and hydromill
14 approach to install slurry wall panels and continued planning
15 that approach.

16 The CWC was concerned that the perimeter slurry wall and the
17 proposed deep shoring components were analyzed as separate
18 components, rather than collectively as a system. These concerns
19 were compounded after observing slurry wall operations at another
20 project. The CWC expressed concerns regarding the slurry wall
21 contractor's ability to control verticality and the technology's
22 increased difficulty in addressing cross-contamination concerns and
23 environmental SWPPP requirements at HBPP.

24 The CWC and PG&E reevaluated the design approach outlined
25 in the original proposal and in the awarded CW contract. As the
26 CWC further developed design plans, an option to complete the
27 perimeter wall with CSM technology was developed. A specialty
28 contractor described the CSM process as a modified trench-cutter
29 technique, to be used for both perimeter groundwater cutoff and for
30 Caisson demolition SOE.

31 **4) CSM Wall Final Design**

32 The HBPP project provided oversight to vet seismic criteria and
33 design integration of the water cutoff wall with the deep shoring of

1 the excavation cutoff wall system. Early in the design phase,
2 Project Teams from HBPP and the primary contractor visited
3 two sites to benchmark the project and to evaluate appropriate
4 means and methods for similar work to be performed at HBPP.
5 Appropriate independent oversight was implemented by HBPP
6 through its SMEs.

7 HBPP made use of its SMEs, Engineering and Consultant staff
8 to assess, evaluate and document positions on significant technical
9 issues. This ensured alternatives were being addressed and any
10 alternate approaches were appropriately evaluated.

11 During the development of the design, the HBPP Risk Analyst
12 met with the Project Team to provide an overview of the PG&E risk
13 comparison initiative, explaining its importance and specifics of the
14 Caisson removal project.

15 The CWC petitioned HBPP Management for approval to change
16 the original approach for water cutoff from oblong slurry wall
17 technology to circular CSM wall technology. The CWC examined
18 different water cutoff and shoring wall configurations and presented
19 details to PG&E Management. After several vetting iterations, which
20 involved input from PG&E Corporate SMEs and outside SMEs,
21 HBPP agreed to the five-concentric-ring, circular, combined water
22 cutoff and excavation shoring wall configuration.

23 The final design contained three key support elements: the
24 perimeter cutoff wall, the dewatering well system and the Caisson
25 deep shoring system. The CSM wall was a cylindrical cementitious
26 structure encircling the Reactor Caisson to allow excavation in
27 nearly dry conditions. The CSM wall was constructed by in-situ
28 mixing of native soils, bentonite and cement in two hundred and
29 fifty-five individual overlapping rectangular panels, forming five
30 concentric rings. The CSM rings were installed to specific design
31 depths, allowing for excavation to a depth of 96 feet.

32 The inside ring had a diameter of 110 feet and was centered
33 near the Unit 3 reactor Caisson. This inner ring and three adjacent
34 rings formed the SOE. A water cutoff wall keyed into the Unit F

1 geological clay layer, formed a “contained” structure, allowing for
2 removal of the groundwater inside the CSM wall via conventional
3 dewatering wells.

4 As installed, the five rings comprised an overall wall thickness of
5 approximately 13 feet throughout. The bottom of the reactor
6 Caisson structure was approximately 80 feet BGS and the bottom of
7 the inner shoring ring was approximately 106 feet below grade.
8 Each successive shoring ring stair-stepped down in 4-foot
9 increments, to a depth of 118 feet. The water cutoff ring was
10 approximately 173 feet deep. Four 126-foot deep dewatering wells
11 located inside the deep shoring system allowed for dewatering,
12 providing for dry excavation of deep structures.

13 **5) CSM Wall Installation Equipment**

14 There was no existing fixed-mast CSM equipment capable of
15 reaching the required depth of 170 feet necessary to key into the
16 Unit F clay layer for water cutoff, while remaining within design
17 vertical tolerance. The equipment manufacturer advised the CSM
18 contractor that a BG-50 machine could be fabricated with an
19 extended rigid Kelly Bar mast and shipped to meet the CWC’s
20 schedule requirements.

21 The lead time for design, production and shipping was
22 approximately eight months, and the scheduled start date for the
23 CSM wall was about eight and one-half months out, pressing a
24 decision to procure the BG-50 to comply with the project’s baseline
25 completion schedule.

26 The proposed fixed-mast CSM hydromill had a clear advantage
27 over a cable-hung hydromill in that the cutting heads were mounted
28 to a rigid bar (mast) and could be hydraulically adjusted for
29 verticality via computer control.

30 **6) CSM CW Contract Specification**

31 With the technology change from slurry wall to CSM wall, a
32 technical specification was needed. The CWC developed the initial
33 specification in collaboration with the CSM specialty contractor and

1 Designer of Record (DOR), based on similar CSM project
2 specifications previously used in the construction of CSM projects
3 throughout California. Elements of the slurry wall specification were
4 adopted for the outermost ring of the CSM wall, considered the
5 cutoff wall.

6 To maximize safety margins, HBPP requested a Safety Factor
7 (SF) of 3 on the final wall strength in the CSM wall specification.
8 The design also considered an evaluation of a hundred-year seismic
9 event during the Caisson demolition and excavation. DOR
10 calculations for hydrostatic forces outside the wall outlined the CSM
11 compressive strength requirements for an SF of 3 per depth of
12 excavation. Specifically, strength requirements increased from the
13 upper elevations as the depth increased. Based on the assumption
14 that the CSM panels were homogenous, the specification aligned
15 with the strength required at the greatest depth of excavation.

16 The specification required that a minimum of 75 percent of
17 individual cylinders tested for strength must meet or exceed the
18 design strength. The specification allowed for 25 percent of the
19 samples to be lower than the design strength, so long as the overall
20 average met or exceeded 1,000 per square inch (psi). Strength
21 testing was performed on wet grab samples taken of the mix
22 during installation.

23 The initial specification also included criteria for panel verticality,
24 panel overlap and alignment. PG&E consulted with several
25 structural and seismic engineering SMEs for consensus on the
26 predicted design strength of the CSM wall and the overall
27 specification criteria. All parties agreed with the initial specification
28 and the project moved forward with installation.

29 **7) CSM Wall Installation**

30 Pre-trenching was among the early field activities started.
31 Pre-trenching and excavation were used to remove known shallow
32 commodities and remediate any radiological contamination within
33 the areas in the slurry wall or the CSM wall footprint.

1 Pre-trenching progressed as originally planned in support of a
2 coffin-shaped slurry wall. Since the commodity removal associated
3 with pre-trenching would be required regardless of the methods
4 used for Caisson removal, overall project schedule time was
5 preserved by targeting the slurry wall footprint for pre-trenching prior
6 to finalizing the CSM wall design.

7 The Unit 2 slab area was the only area outside the RCA within
8 the slurry wall footprint. After this area was pre-trenched to the RCA
9 boundary, project focus shifted to working inside the RCA. This
10 required meticulous planning and coordination to facilitate ongoing
11 decommissioning preparation activities with minimal disruption,
12 including major demolition and excavation work within the small,
13 fenced-in RCA.

14 There were several distinct scopes of work ongoing within the
15 RCA, including: reactor vessel segmentation; preparation of the
16 RFB for OAD; asbestos abatement on the RFB outer walls;
17 decommissioning of the LRWB; equipment and systems;
18 geotechnical borings; and groundwater/storm water management.
19 Each of these individual projects had multi-disciplined workforces
20 who passed through Access Control on the east end of the RCA.
21 The only logical available area within the RCA conducive to
22 pre-trenching was the northwest corner of the RCA. Above-grade
23 demolition and subgrade excavations began at this location
24 Demolition of the SAS was required in order to complete
25 pre-trenching.

26 Interference between the RFB and the circular CSM wall
27 alignment required field work and schedule balance so work could
28 be completed safely. As a result, in addition to the previously-
29 completed pre-trenching activities, it was necessary to demolish and
30 remove the east 40-foot section of the RFB to allow for
31 pre-trenching, underground utility removal and FSS activities.

32 The CSM wall installation baseline milestone start date was
33 June 2015 and the scheduled completion was April 2016. Multiple
34 additional required support tasks, such as installation of a

1 distribution power panel, additional Baker tanks, seismic restraints
2 for cement and sand silos, pushed the actual start date to July 2015.
3 The installation took about 12 months and ended in June 2016.

4 A batch plant was assembled and installed on the Unit 1
5 footprint at the west end of the fossil power block to support
6 operation of the BG-40 fixed-mast hydromill. This batch plant had
7 several 20,000-gallon capacity mobile tanks connected in series in
8 order to efficiently recycle water and help meet the 30,000 gallons-
9 per-day water demand. The plant also had two silos for cement
10 storage and large hoppers for bentonite. After the second hydromill
11 arrived on site, a second identical batch plant was installed.
12 Operation of the batch plant required careful control, mixing and
13 monitoring of raw materials to maintain the specified mix design.
14 This required a steady delivery rotation of cement trucks contracted
15 and supplied by local vendors during drilling operations.

16 A large de-sanding unit was also operated adjacent to the first
17 batch plant. The de-sander separated sand from the slurry, which
18 was then pumped back to the rig. It also reclaimed water from the
19 wet excavation spoils, optimizing water consumption. Multiple dump
20 trucks and loaders operated between the de-sander unit and CSM
21 wall, clearing the installation site of wet excavation spoils. When the
22 second hydromill machine was brought on site, an additional
23 portable centrifugal de-sanding unit was added, as planned.

24 When CSM mobilization and pre-trenching complete was on the
25 southwest area of the footprint, panel installation began. Panels
26 were installed in a “leap-frog” type sequence. Within a ring, after
27 installation of the first panel, the third panel in the pattern was
28 installed and the middle panel within the pattern was installed last.
29 This methodology was also applied for rings, with the innermost ring
30 panels installed first, then the middle ring and/or outer ring, then
31 lastly, the second and/or fourth ring.

32 **8) Specific Challenges**

33 The CSM panel installation sequence was frequently interrupted
34 to facilitate other field work activities such as RFB demolition, which

1 required relocating the CSM drilling equipment so that panel
2 installation could continue in a different area without schedule
3 interruption. Additionally, the CSM panel installation work was
4 challenged by the presence of a demolition exclusion zone for
5 personnel safety.

6 The CWC experienced construction challenges associated with
7 large crane erection, electrical load center start-up, preparation of
8 the BG-40 and BG-50 hydromill rig engineered working surfaces,
9 and systemization and start-up of the bentonite/cement batch plant,
10 all of which contributed to a one-month delay to the CSM installation
11 start. The CWC and the CSM contractor were confident the delay
12 could be recovered. Working longer days and on weekends
13 focused on the schedule directly related to critical path activities.

14 Final wet grab sample test results at 56 days failed to meet the
15 75 percent criterion designated in the specification. The DOR
16 evaluated the increasing strength requirements over the depth of the
17 CSM wall. In October 2016, the technical specification was revised
18 to move from absolute 1,000 psi average sample strength to a
19 strength requirement by depth necessary to achieve a SF of 3. The
20 specification retained the initial 75 percent/25 percent pass/fail
21 criteria, allowing for deviation from this acceptance criteria with
22 DOR approval.

23 The DOR and the CSM specialty contractor initiated a vertical
24 core boring operation at their own expense to verify the compressive
25 strength of the wall. The compressive strength test results of the
26 vertical cores proved inconclusive, due to several issues
27 encountered during core recovery. As a result, the DOR proposed a
28 horizontal core boring operation from within the excavation as the
29 Caisson demolition progressed. This allowed for shorter cores,
30 which alleviated the guidance and recovery issues associated with
31 the long vertical core sampling method. In addition, due to the
32 horizontal core orientation, a larger sample size was obtained, with
33 each sample containing representative samples from several
34 individual panels. Horizontal drilling was performed at 10-foot depth

1 intervals for the first 60 feet of the excavation. When a 60-foot
2 depth was reached, the results of the program were assessed by
3 the DOR to determine if additional SOE was needed. Based on the
4 results of the program, the DOR determined that additional
5 reinforcement was in fact needed to sustain the targeted SF of 3.

6 Based on test results and DOR evaluation, a 12-inch thick layer
7 of 4,000 psi shotcrete, starting at the 50-foot depth and continuing to
8 the bottom of the excavation, was installed. A joint approval among
9 the DOR, CSM specialty contractor and HBPP was reached, which
10 allowed the excavation to proceed past a depth of 50 feet with the
11 shotcrete reinforcement.

12 The initial specification also had tight verticality and panel
13 overlap criteria. Initially, panels had a 9-inch maximum allowable
14 circumferential vertical deviation. A 3-dimensional engineering
15 model comprised of actual installation data for the water cut-off wall,
16 was reviewed by the DOR, the CWC and the CSM specialty
17 contractor. They jointly determined that overlap was not necessary
18 to meet design intent, so long as no apparent void existed
19 between panels.

20 The revised specification amended the 9-inch circumferential
21 deviation criteria for all panels to a maximum 12-inch allowable
22 deviation. Additionally, the initial specification required a minimum
23 12-inch overlap between panels. Two-dimensional engineering
24 models comprised of actual installation data for panel overlap were
25 reviewed after installation of each panel. The DOR reviewed and
26 approved all cases of panel verticality and overlap that did not meet
27 the revised specification.

28 Verticality and overlaps meeting the design intent for the water
29 cutoff wall were confirmed with the successful groundwater
30 drawdown test inside the CSM wall.

31 **9) Dewatering**

32 A dewatering system was installed within the boundary of the
33 CSM wall, which incorporated geotechnical instrumentation placed
34 in individual wells to monitor groundwater level and soil movement.

1 The water was managed mainly for groundwater within the
2 structure and served a secondary function for storm water and dust
3 control process water.

4 The system included four dewatering wells and four piezometer
5 wells that were located inside the CSM wall and required careful
6 observation during the excavation process to prevent damage by
7 excavation equipment.

8 After demolition of the RFB and the commencement of Caisson
9 demolition, the excavation groundwater levels were maintained
10 based on current excavation level. As excavation began, the level
11 was maintained at least 10 feet below the current excavation level.
12 Three of the wells were active and one was maintained as a backup.
13 Pumping rates were established and the pumps were run for
14 3 minutes at a time, in 13-minute intervals. The system's four pump
15 discharge pipes connected to a header that emptied into a series of
16 holding tanks, which then pumped directly to the GWTS, utilizing a
17 control valve configuration and operating process.

18 Tracking the daily operation of the system included
19 contingencies for rain events and seismic activity, etc. Four
20 geotechnical inclinometers located around the perimeter of the
21 CSM wall monitored below-ground lateral movements of the soil
22 mass and CSM wall. They functioned as designed. No surprises or
23 anomalies were detected during the Caisson removal.

24 **10) Caisson Removal**

25 The Caisson was a reinforced-concrete, below-grade structure,
26 which served to house the reactor vessel and supporting operational
27 equipment. This structure served to keep the high-water table at
28 bay, as well as to provide a below-grade shell to house Unit 3's
29 support systems and equipment, while retaining the surrounding
30 soils in place. The upper portion of the Caisson was a rectangular
31 structure, 50 feet wide (N-S) by 52 feet deep (E-W), and it extended
32 from El. -14 to El. +12. The lower 58.5 feet of the Caisson was a
33 heavily-reinforced 60-foot diameter, circular concrete structure with
34 4-foot-thick walls.

1 Caisson demolition and backfill included the removal of the
2 Unit 3 deep foundation Caisson structure and its underlying tremie
3 pad including concrete slabs, subgrade structures, embedded
4 piping, soils, piling and debris. Caisson demolition work also
5 included the operation of a dewatering system; the monitoring of
6 geotechnical instrumentation systems; installation of a surface
7 railing safety system and barrier system at working surface to
8 protect workers; installation of a personnel access system; and
9 installation of an excavation ventilation system. This work was
10 completed during 2015-2018 with actual costs of \$68.3 million.

11 Due to potential risk of contamination during Caisson removal,
12 an impermeable layer was installed around the CSM. Its
13 construction included the placement of controlled low-strength
14 material, aggregate, storm water collection basins and utility
15 conduits to supply temporary utilities during Caisson excavation. A
16 rubber liner was installed to cover the completed CLSM foundation
17 and create a waterproof barrier. The final working surface was
18 finished with a gravel base to ensure proper water drainage into the
19 storm water collection basins.

20 A scaffold stair tower was designed and installed incrementally
21 within the CSM wall. The stair tower was supported by cantilevered
22 steel beams, which were counterweighted with concrete barrier rails.
23 They were braced to the existing shoring wall to support seismic
24 loading requirements. As the excavation progressed, additional
25 sections were added in 20-foot increments to provide safe access to
26 and egress from the excavation.

27 Additional CSM shoring strength was provided by dowels,
28 Welded Wire Fabric (WWF) and shotcrete. A layer of WWF and
29 6 inches of shotcrete were installed on the first 20 feet of the shaft to
30 meet seismic and surcharge demands. An additional 10 feet of
31 WWF, along with two rows of rock bolts, were installed below the
32 shotcrete to mitigate spalling. No shotcrete lining was installed from
33 El. -20 feet to El. -44 feet as this section of CSM wall met all

1 strength requirements. WWF and 12 inches of shotcrete lining were
2 installed at a depth of 51 feet and below.

3 Soil was excavated 6 feet at a time and the shotcrete liner was
4 installed in 6-foot lifts. Once the Reactor Caisson's concrete was
5 demolished and the shotcrete liner met required compressive
6 strength specifications, the excavation progressed.

7 Caisson demolition and excavation was broken into
8 three phases. Each phase was completed with the use of hydraulic
9 excavators equipped with large concrete breakers, metal-cutting
10 shears, and concrete processors. During the first phase, the upper
11 portion of the Caisson, including the RFB slab from El. +12 to
12 El. -20, as well as the exterior Caisson walls in the El. -20 to El. -30,
13 were removed and the area excavated.

14 The second phase involved removing and segregating the
15 Activated Region of the drywell (which was the interior ring of the
16 Caisson) from the remaining portions of the structure below El. -30.
17 The Activated Regions of the drywell were within El. -20 to El. -30.

18 The third and final phase was to remove the remainder of the
19 Caisson and the adjacent soils, which extended from an El. of -30 to
20 approximately El. -84.

21 Excavation began from El. +9.5 and proceeded in approximately
22 4-foot lifts. First, soils between the concrete structure and the CSM
23 wall were removed from around the exterior of the Caisson.
24 Following removal of the soils, the concrete structure was
25 demolished down to the current soil elevation. This process was
26 repeated until the entire structure, as well as the surrounding soils,
27 were removed. The debris generated from these activities was used
28 to fill void spaces within the structure, which provided additional
29 working surface for demolition equipment. Excavated soil spoils to
30 be utilized for reuse were processed through the GARDIAN system
31 and then stockpiled at predetermined locations on site, to be used
32 for the Caisson backfill process.

33 The initial phase of Caisson demolition activities was performed
34 with the excavation equipment setup around the top of the CSM wall

1 and the former SFP. The SFP had previously been backfilled with
2 demolition debris generated during the RFB demolition. More
3 working space within the CSM ring became available as the
4 excavation progressed. This allowed for a makeshift ramp made up
5 of debris, to be used on the east side of the excavation for the
6 remaining demolition equipment to enter the hole during the first
7 20 feet of excavation. Alternately, excavation equipment was rigged
8 and lowered into the excavation, utilizing a 275-ton support crane.
9 The stair tower, its support beams and first tier of the scaffolding
10 were installed once the excavation reached approximately 5 feet
11 in depth.

12 Excavation and demolition continued in lifts down to El. -20.
13 All soils and portions of the structure were fully removed down to
14 this elevation. After the El. -20, the demolition process changed
15 slightly to address issues specific to the Activated Region area. The
16 change meant that the removal of the structure was restricted to
17 excavation of soils and the demolition of structure, exempting the
18 interior drywell concrete, interior suppression chamber liner plate
19 and the drywell liner. This restriction was in effect until
20 approximately El. -30 was reached. Following demolition of the
21 exterior structure within this 10-foot elevation range, a 10-foot tall
22 section of the drywell remained, which protruded above the
23 working surface.

24 At this point, the top layer of soil was utilized as a sacrificial
25 layer at the working surface. This sacrificial layer was used as a
26 barrier layer to prevent Activated Region debris from comingling with
27 the surrounding materials. Demolition of the Activated Region
28 commenced as follows.

29 First, the suppression chamber liner plate was stripped from the
30 drywell concrete (concrete and interior drywell liner plate remained
31 in place). The liner was direct-loaded into IM for disposal following
32 removal.

33 Next, the activated concrete from the drywell was demolished
34 and direct-loaded into IMs for disposal. During concrete removal,

1 the interior drywell liner plate served to prevent any Activated
2 Region debris from falling into the drywell cavity. Following the
3 completion of the activated concrete removal and load-out, the
4 drywell liner plate was removed and direct-loaded for disposal.

5 At completion of the drywell liner plate removal, surveys were
6 taken and the sacrificial material layer was disposed of, along with
7 approximately 6 inches of soil and debris below the barrier layer.

8 Upon completion of the Activated Region removal, the
9 remaining 55 feet of the Caisson and surrounding soils were
10 removed in a manner similar to the first 32 feet of the excavation.
11 This continued until the entirety of the structure was fully removed,
12 as well as the base tremie concrete layer. Excavation equipment
13 was removed and an FSS was completed per NRC direction. A
14 third-party NRC consultant was present to observe and confirm that
15 results of the survey met NRC acceptance criteria. Support
16 equipment used for excavation and demolition work was removed
17 from the hole, including dewatering wells, piezometer survey
18 equipment, stair tower and the ventilation ducts and system. The
19 inclinometers located outside the CSM wall were also removed.

20 **11) Backfill**

21 After the FSS was completed, the CWC backfilled the Caisson
22 using stockpiled materials that had passed all survey criteria. A
23 telestacker (conveyor belt system) was used to transport reuse
24 materials that had been stockpiled at the Discharge Canal into the
25 Caisson. The reuse materials were pushed with a caterpillar to an
26 excavator, that loaded the conveyor system that deposited the
27 materials into the Caisson excavation. Once this stockpile of
28 materials was exhausted, dump trucks were used to continue the
29 filling process of the Caisson excavation to approximately 20 feet
30 below the top. This material was leveled with long-reach
31 excavators, then crushed reuse concrete from the site was placed
32 on top. A clay layer was placed over the crushed concrete, at
33 approximately 10 feet below the top of the Caisson excavation.
34 Geo-Tec fabric was placed over the clay and the remaining 10 feet

1 were compacted. Compaction started with 12-inch lifts, finishing the
2 top 3 feet in 8-inch lifts, until final compaction was met.

3 The clay layer and Geo-Tec fabric formed a protective pH
4 barrier to prevent the concrete from affecting the existing water
5 table. By utilizing multiple backfill methods (i.e., telestacker,
6 long-reach excavators, caterpillar and compaction equipment), the
7 CWC performed the scope of work ahead of the original forecast.

8 Demobilization from the Caisson backfill included cleaning,
9 surveying and removing all the equipment used for the backfill
10 process. It required that the impermeable layer installed to protect
11 areas already in the FSS be removed; the capping off of any
12 sampling wells in the area that could not be done earlier, based on
13 critical path activities; and the FSS of the remaining HMS excavation
14 that was not completed earlier in the project.

15 **c. Project Staffing**

16 Starting in 2015, staffing costs were split between the base scope
17 (General Staffing) and Caisson, based upon the amount of work being
18 performed. Caisson Removal Project Staffing actual costs during
19 2015-2018 total \$13.2 million.

20 **d. Waste Disposal**

21 The upper portions of the RFB were removed prior to excavating the
22 Caisson. Some concrete debris was used within the Caisson and
23 suppression chamber to provide a safe and stable working base for
24 heavy equipment.

25 The CWC was tasked to reuse soil from the Caisson excavation as
26 much as possible on site. The waste volume forecast was based on the
27 assumption that 75 percent of the soil from the Caisson excavation
28 could be screened for reuse on site and only 25 percent of the volume
29 would be classified as waste. Contrary to the original 75 percent reuse
30 estimate, initially 0 percent of the soil was reused. The CWC ultimately
31 developed better methods and processes for protecting the reuse soil
32 and minimizing cross-contamination, thereby increasing the volume of
33 reuse soil. The improved CWC methods, including removal of a

1 sacrificial soil layer, control of material and focused remediation,
2 resulted in an aggregate soil reuse volume of 65 percent.

3 The EL. +12 to EL. +2 concrete and soil were dispositioned as
4 radwaste, due to contamination. Soil below the EL. +2 was expected to
5 be clean or less contaminated and the Waste Management group
6 reused as much of this soil as possible. Initially, the CWC extracted soil
7 from the area between the Caisson and the CSM wall in 4-foot lifts.
8 Radiologically-impacted concrete and steel and the top 1-foot layer of
9 surrounding soil mixed with concrete debris were removed as waste.
10 The remaining 3 feet of soil were removed and analyzed for reuse on
11 site. However, due to concrete debris from the excavation and
12 comingled material, the soil between the EL. +2 and EL. -6 could not be
13 saved for reuse. Removal techniques and operations improved each lift,
14 resulting in an increased percentage of soil preserved for reuse. As the
15 CWC progressed in Caisson demolition, work performance improved
16 and by mid-June 2017, the CWC had transitioned into 6-foot lifts to
17 maximize the amount of reusable soil.

18 Concrete and soil waste materials were taken to the SMF for
19 preparation and packaging. Materials were crushed and sized to adhere
20 to waste disposal facilities' disposal incentives. Once crushed, the
21 waste material was loaded into IP-1 bags destined to go to Andrews.
22 Other materials were loaded into IP-1 IMs for shipment to Grand View.

23 A small portion of the structural steel in the Caisson had elevated
24 levels of radiation and was also sent to Clive. Metal waste (piping,
25 structural steel and rebar) was direct-loaded into IMs and sent to Grand
26 View, Andrews and Clive, based on radiological conditions established
27 during the waste categorization process.

28 Waste shipments are scheduled for off-site transport on an
29 established schedule. During the period 2015 through 2018, the
30 following shipments were made from HBPP for Caisson:

2015	509 shipments	19.5 million pounds
2016	91 shipments	4.6 million pounds
2017	490 shipments	60.3 million pounds
2018	102 shipments	10.0 million pounds

1 The projected expenditure was based upon the assumption that
2 75 percent of the soil from the Caisson excavation could be screened for
3 reuse onsite.

4 **e. License Termination Survey**

5 Specific duties pertaining to Caisson decommissioning and
6 remediation activities at HBPP included ensuring that turnover surveys
7 were completed; soils and groundwater DCGLs for FSS were complied
8 with; surveys were documented; procedures and programs were
9 revised; NRC oversight was coordinated; and reports to the NRC and
10 State of California regulators were produced properly.

11 The organization was managed by the Site Closure Manager. A
12 lead Project Planner working for this group developed the license
13 termination plan (LTP), which provided the plan for the site to be
14 radiologically cleared and released for unrestricted use. The LTP
15 application was submitted to the NRC as an amendment to the Facility
16 Operating License for HBPP Unit 3. It provided detailed site
17 characterization; descriptions of remaining dismantlement activities;
18 plans for site remediation; technical data for development of site-specific
19 DCGL; methods for FSS of excavated soils for reuse; detailed plans for
20 the final radiological survey; description of the end state of the site;
21 updated site-specific estimations of the remaining decommissioning
22 costs; and an update to the site environmental report. Based on
23 experience gained from other decommissioned sites, submittal of this
24 plan as early as practical facilitated early end-state decisions and
25 provided increased opportunities for stakeholder involvement.

26 The LTP was submitted to the NRC in May 2013 and ultimately
27 approved by the NRC in May 2015. It was added to the Defueled Safety
28 Analysis Report in November 2016. Its required bi-annual review
29 occurred in February 2018, resulting in Revision 2 of the LTP.

1 Because of the similarity between MARSSIM and MARSAME, the
2 FSS group prepared packages and performed surveys to disposition
3 various materials and equipment that were or were not released from
4 the site. Much of this type of work was performed during the demolition
5 of the fossil-fueled units on the HBPP site. However, during Unit 3
6 decommissioning, there were times when it was beneficial to use the
7 MARSAME process to plan and document surveys. These instances
8 were for specific disposition of items, such as office trailers, major
9 pieces of equipment and building debris. Like MARSSIM surveys,
10 MARSAME surveys are quality records subject to NRC oversight.

11 NRC Oversight of the FSS Process

12 FSS staff coordinated with the NRC during decommissioning, with
13 the NRC providing independent review of the process. Conference calls
14 occurred on a regular basis and periodic meetings took place to update
15 the NRC on Caisson decommissioning progress and anticipated FSS
16 survey work. The NRC contractor was at times present on site, as
17 requested by the NRC, to monitor FSS activities and perform
18 independent measurements of areas being surveyed.

19 Survey Unit Documentation and License Termination

20 When all survey units within a given larger survey area were
21 completed, relevant documentation was compiled into a submission
22 report to the NRC for review and approval. As a visual aid for the
23 review, site mapping and geospatial representations were overlaid, with
24 sample data to be included in the final area report. A quality check
25 process was used to validate the entire area report prior to its submittal
26 to the NRC. Technical FSS staff answered requests for additional
27 information during the NRC review.

28 A few survey area reports have been submitted for approval to the
29 NRC, to support termination of the 10 CFR §50 License. A final report
30 will be developed once most, or all area reports have been submitted to
31 the NRC. Requests for additional information are being addressed
32 during the review of any final survey area packages submitted.

33 Implementation of this process required key staffing positions such
34 as an FSS Consulting Engineer, FSS Engineer, FSS Report Writer,

1 Operations Foreman, Radiological Control Technician/FSS Technician
2 and Radiological Decontamination Technician/FSS Labor Count Room.
3 The RP organization was originally assigned the responsibility of
4 analyzing radiological samples taken in the field. That responsibility was
5 shifted to the Site Closure organization after major radiological source
6 terms were removed and the main concern became measuring the
7 environmental background levels. The Count Room functional area was
8 responsible for analyzing radiological constituents of work area and
9 environmental samples; calibrating and maintaining instrumentation;
10 evaluating post-decommissioning status relative to DCGL; revising
11 procedures and programs; assisting FSS with ISOCS surveys; and
12 generating reports to the NRC and State of California regulators.

13 Final Status Survey Staffing

14 The FSS was staffed by experienced site termination professionals
15 and technicians. Within the group were individuals with experience from
16 SONGS Unit 1, Yankee Rowe, Fermi 1, Maine Yankee, Connecticut
17 Yankee and various DOE and research reactor and facility
18 decommissioning. In addition to the personnel with experience from
19 other projects, locally-hired personnel, trained and qualified by the
20 RP group, transferred to FSS roles to augment the experienced core
21 group of technicians.

22 Final Status Survey Consulting Engineer

23 The FSS Consulting Engineer advised the FSS Supervisor on
24 technical matters regarding the development and operation of the
25 FSS Program. This position was responsible for developing and
26 maintaining procedures, processes, technical basis, license basis and
27 license termination plans and documents. The FSS Consulting
28 Engineer advised Management and staff on how to complete assigned
29 tasks, in addition to providing guidance on how to interact with
30 stakeholders and regulatory agencies.

31 Final Status Survey Engineer

32 The FSS Engineer planned and developed survey packages and
33 supporting documentation (i.e., technical position papers, procedures,
34 work instructions and calculations). This position was responsible for

1 developing and maintaining procedures, processes and plans for
2 executing MARSSIM-compliant implementation strategies to support
3 effective FSS. This included the compilations of data and reports.

4 Final Status Survey Report Writer

5 The FSS Report Writer prepared and packaged the FSS-related
6 documentation and data required to support license termination. The
7 FSS Report Writer assisted the FSS Engineer(s) and FSS Consulting
8 Engineer in the preparation of survey packages and other FSS program
9 documentation, including regulatory submittals, LTP and Data Quality
10 Analysis reports.

11 Final Status Survey Foreman

12 The FSS Foreman provided guidance to FSS Technicians. The
13 FSS Foreman provided radiological safety input for planning activities at
14 the site and conferred with cross-departmental Supervision and
15 Management to ensure support of scheduled activities.

16 Final Status Survey Technician

17 The FSS Technician ensured the project was successfully
18 completed, while maintaining safety as the first priority. Personnel
19 assigned to this position performed radiological surveys and provided
20 that data to FSS Engineers, who would utilize the data to demonstrate
21 the final site clearance criteria was met.

22 Since the FSS and RP functions were combined, these same
23 Technicians also performed surveys for radiological release of
24 equipment for offsite release, either utilizing a MARSAME survey
25 package or RP procedures where no MARSAME package was deemed
26 necessary.

27 The actual costs for this scope during 2015-2018 were \$5.4 million.

28 **f. Tools and Equipment**

29 Starting in 2015, Tools & Equipment costs were split between the
30 base scope (Remainder of Plant Systems) and Caisson.

31 **g. Other**

32 Costs in this category include Caisson RP Discrete (direct labor),
33 Caisson Specialty Contracts, and Caisson Small Dollar Vendors.

1 Caisson Excavation RP Discrete

2 The Caisson's surfaces and accessible embedded piping were
3 either decontaminated or removed in preparation for excavation.
4 However, there were areas where the residual contamination could not
5 be removed safely or cost effectively in advance of Caisson removal.
6 RP monitoring, measuring and control were required during Caisson
7 excavation and removal. Areas of concern which required RP
8 Technician support included embedded pipe commodities, drywell-
9 activated core region, suppression chamber removal and the removal of
10 bulk plate steel and beams.

11 The RP and Environmental teams took confirmation samples upon
12 completion of removal of contaminated material. During OAD, all tools
13 and equipment had to be surveyed for radiological contamination at the
14 end of each shift, prior to removal from the area and after any suspected
15 contamination.

16 **8. Canals**

17 The Intake and Discharge Canal Remediation scope of work included
18 mechanical removal of radiologically- and chemically-contaminated
19 sediment from the Intake and Discharge Canals, demolition of the discharge
20 outfall and levee to Humboldt Bay, demolition of the Intake and Discharge
21 Canal headwork structures, restoration of the levee and Coastal Access
22 Trail along the bay, management, dewatering of contaminated sediments
23 and treatment of water to meet discharge permit requirements and disposal
24 of canals waste.

25 The 2015 NDCTP approved estimate for the scope was \$55.3 million.
26 Total costs were \$47 million.

27 **a. Canal Removal**

28 Remediation of the Intake and Discharge Canals required specific
29 actions, including surveying, water management (water removal and
30 treatment), shoring, asbestos abatement, demolition (Intake and
31 Discharge structures and Discharge Canal outlet), sediment excavation
32 and levee restoration. The end state of this scope of work was removal
33 of clean and contaminated sediment accumulation for both canals and

1 restoration of the levee to separate the Discharge Canal from
2 Humboldt Bay.

3 **1) Discharge Canal**

4 The Discharge Canal was located on the northern portion of the
5 HBPP property. The Discharge Canal was originally 360 feet long
6 by 20 feet wide, with the bottom at a depth of approximately 7 feet
7 below El. 0 Mean Lower Low Water (MLLW). The embankment
8 height was 12 feet above the MLLW, with the side walls lined with
9 riprap at a slope of 1.5:1. It was surrounded by higher-elevation
10 industrial lands to the west and a temporary construction laydown
11 facility to the east. There were four 48-inch diameter, unscreened
12 outfall pipes connecting the Discharge Canal to Humboldt Bay.

13 During plant operation, the Discharge Canal was the final
14 ponding location for cooling water from operating units before it
15 entered Humboldt Bay. It was used to allow the temperature of
16 water to normalize and for the settling of potential sediments and
17 contaminants. In addition to sea water, effluent discharges entering
18 the canal included the radwaste discharge and laundry discharge
19 lines, fossil unit settling ponds, storm water, oily water separator and
20 low-volume waste water, consisting of evaporator blow-down water.
21 The chemical contaminants in the effluents included heavy metals
22 and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons. Discharge effluents would
23 go directly to the canal. Low-volume waste (oily water separator
24 overflows) and boiler blow-down containing heavy metals were
25 discharged through the settling ponds and a filtration system.
26 Normal releases to the canal allowed some waste compounds to
27 contact the material on the bottom and be retained by the clay
28 particles. Each of these allowed effluents was included as a part of
29 the operating discharge permits for the HBPP site.

30 Initial characterization of the sediment in the Discharge Canal in
31 1998 resulted in several samples with elevated Cs-137
32 concentrations and activity at depths up to 2 feet in the sediment.
33 After initial characterization, permitted radioactive discharges from
34 the LRW system continued. This was anticipated to result in a

1 potential increase to the sampled activity in the sediment and silting
2 layer. After termination of the flushing cooling water flows from
3 Units 1 and 2, the sediment layer thickened significantly with sand
4 and silt material. The accumulated sediments included naturally
5 occurring materials carried on the ebbing and flowing tides mixed
6 with radioactive chemical contaminants, which had been
7 discharged, a portion of which settled in the canal sediments.

8 The CWC initiated preparatory work in June 2014. To prepare
9 the Discharge Canal for remediation activities, temporary roads
10 were built. A temporary laydown area measuring approximately
11 300 feet by 120 feet was prepared and paved. Temporary power
12 was installed at the temporary laydown area to support the
13 Pre-Treatment System (PTS) and dewatering operations. The PTS
14 was installed south of the current GWTS, located in the area
15 formerly known as Trailer City. The CWC completed the
16 preparatory work in August 2014.

17 Discharge Canal field work commenced August 2014. The
18 Discharge Canal was isolated from Humboldt Bay tidal waters to
19 remediate the soil and remove asbestos-coated pipes that provided
20 a connection between the Discharge Canal and the bay. Isolation
21 was achieved by installing a sheet-pile coffer dam in the bay just
22 outside the canal discharge pipes, to isolate the discharge pipes and
23 the Discharge Canal from the bay. Once the coffer dam was
24 installed, fish were removed from the canal by Biologists and then
25 the canal was dewatered using electric- and diesel-powered
26 dewatering pumps for transferring water.

27 Dewatering processes proceeded as planned, until December 7,
28 2014, when a storm pounded the sheet pile wall. Waves from the
29 storm resulted in seawater in-leakage into the canal. In-leakage
30 came from over the top of sheet pile and around the sides. In spite
31 of utilizing conventional sheet pile design, the continual wave action
32 produced constant flexing of the sheet pile walls, which created
33 several large leaks in the wall.

1 In-leakage through the coffer dam exceeded the capacity of the
2 GWTS, making the remediation of the interior of the Discharge
3 Canal challenging. The CWC prepared a multi-part plan to reduce
4 water in-leakage by plugging the Discharge Canal pipes with
5 inflatable bladders, placing large cement blocks in front of the
6 plugged pipes, and pouring a cement slurry between the pipes and
7 the cement blocks to adequately seal the area and prevent water
8 in-leakage. Divers prepared the inside of the pipes underwater by
9 removing debris to prevent damage to the bladders. They then
10 installed the bladders in the discharge piping. This action isolated
11 the area inside the leaking coffer dam so water could be
12 pumped back into the bay and allowed work to start inside the
13 Discharge Canal.

14 The riprap above the normal water table was assumed
15 radiologically clean and was stockpiled for reuse. Riprap from the
16 water line down to bottom of the canal slope was removed using
17 excavators, lifting the rocks individually from the embankment and
18 placing them directly into dump trucks. All riprap from the Discharge
19 Canal successfully passed through the GARDIAN system, was
20 considered clean and was stockpiled for reuse at some stage in the
21 process of the canal backfill operation or reconstruction of the levee
22 and Coastal Access Trail.

23 The removal of years of sediment accumulation was performed
24 next. The north half of the canal had the most accumulated
25 sediment, being up to 3 feet in depth at some points. This
26 accumulated sediment accounted for approximately 122,000 cubic
27 feet of the 160,000 cubic feet removed from the entire canal. In
28 addition to the sediment removal, the specification mandated
29 excavation of up to 3 feet of the original clay liner placed in the
30 Canal to minimize groundwater and contain the cooling water.
31 Characterization demonstrated that Cs-137 and chemical
32 contamination did not migrate into the lower levels of the clay liner at
33 the bottom of the Discharge Canal. To be conservative, the top

1 6 inches of clay was removed as assurance that all contamination
2 was addressed.

3 During excavation, groundwater upwelled in several locations
4 through the exposed clay liner. Even with minimal clay liner
5 removal, several springs in the south end were exposed, causing
6 substantial in-leakage. In addition, during high tides seawater
7 seeped through the soils of the canal at the north end, requiring
8 additional management efforts by crews. All this in-leakage was
9 treated in the GWTS.

10 In order to prevent potential spread of contamination in
11 unexcavated material from groundwater intrusion from the exposed
12 springs into the already excavated and surveyed area, a bladder
13 dam was installed near the south end of the Discharge Canal. Once
14 the decision to install a CSM wall in lieu of the slurry wall was made,
15 the north end of the canal was filled with CSM spoils. An earthen
16 berm created from CSM spoils was then built against the bladder
17 dam and then built to a higher elevation than the bladder dam as a
18 water intrusion barrier. This new soil accumulation served as a
19 replacement dam allowing the bladder dam to be removed. The
20 removal of sediment and topographic surveys was performed in
21 stages, going from north end to the south, followed by FSS and
22 confirmatory chemical sampling.

23 In order to remove the south headworks structure, riprap and
24 storm drain discharge lines had to be removed, and remaining
25 exposed ends were capped.

26 The south Discharge area canal south headworks removal was
27 a high-risk, difficult work area. In order to remove this concrete
28 monolith, the excavation required a 20-foot deep excavation area.
29 The excavation area was further complicated, due to the presence
30 of a nearby slope of approximately 85 degrees. Removal of an
31 office trailer, handicap parking and some of the road above was
32 performed, resulting in a reduction to an acceptable slope.

33 An excavator at the bottom of the canal removed material and
34 placed it in a staging location prior to the material being loaded into

1 trucks. A second excavator and dump trucks were staged at the top
2 of the slope to receive the rubble. Personnel access paths, ladders
3 and barricades were placed and maintained as needed.

4 Sumps were installed to address the water flow from the
5 excavated springs to maintain water levels below the work surface
6 during excavation and backfill. Water in-leakage was processed
7 through the PTS and the GWTS.

8 The exposed south headworks were removed as far as possible
9 without additional shoring requirements. The rubble was examined
10 by RP and was disposed. The riprap was passed through the
11 GARDIAN for eventual reuse or disposal. A second clay radwaste
12 discharge line and two storm drain lines were cut and removed at
13 the remaining slope and disposed of at the direction of RP and
14 Environmental. After plugging the ends, surveyors marked the
15 location of daylight pipe ends and left them for future removal with
16 circulating water lines.

17 Upon completion of the sediment removal in the Discharge
18 Canal, the CWC was able to address the remaining work of
19 removing the ACM-covered discharge pipes. The tops of these
20 pipes were 3 feet below sea level and with the original sheet pile
21 wall continuing to have substantial leakage, these pipes remained
22 underwater. The specialty contractor could not remove the piping
23 underwater because of the potential for uncontrolled spread of
24 ACM particles.

25 A safe work area needed to be established for the crew
26 performing the abatement behind the sheet pile coffer dam. To
27 reduce the flexing of the sheet pile, additional structural support was
28 needed. To accomplish this, a water system was designed and
29 installed. Next, water in-leakage issues needed to be addressed to
30 ensure a dry work environment. In order to block in-leakage of sea
31 water, a plastic-wrapped poured-in-place concrete plug was used to
32 seal the wall, as well as isolate the concrete from pH influences on
33 the bay. A temporary fence was installed, redirecting the Coastal

1 Access Trail around the worksite, thereby keeping the trail open to
2 the public during this excavation.

3 Removal of the north headwall, pipes, the temporary trail;
4 temporary facilities, including laydown area and crane pad; and
5 addition of approximately 3 feet of fill below the pipes was
6 performed. All materials were removed and the sheet pile wall was
7 pulled in time to meet the fish window deadline of October 15 set by
8 the CDFW.

9 **2) Intake Canal**

10 The Intake Canal led from King Salmon Road to the intake
11 structure and was 550 feet long by 60 feet wide. The Intake Canal
12 channeled ocean water from the bay via Fisherman's Channel, as a
13 cooling water source for the original fossil power generation units
14 and Unit 3.

15 Intake Canal remediation included removal of the concrete
16 Intake infrastructure at the east end of the Intake Canal, which
17 housed debris bar racks, a screen wash system, isolation gates and
18 cooling water pumps. Some of these components were removed
19 during fossil decommissioning or, in the case of Unit 3, when the
20 unit was placed in SAFSTOR.

21 The first activity for the Intake Canal area was to install a water
22 cutoff structure. Because a bladder dam would isolate more bank
23 area than was available for remediation, an industry-standard sheet
24 pile wall was installed instead by a specialty contractor. Just after
25 the installation of the sheet pile wall, a fish relocation process was
26 performed by one of the CWC specialty subcontractors. This
27 process involved seining the area three times and installing a
28 turbidity curtain upstream after seining was complete. Various
29 marine life species were expected, found and appropriately released
30 by the biologists.

31 Large-capacity water pumps outfitted with special screens to
32 prevent the loss of marine wildlife were used to dewater the canal
33 and pump water into the bay.

1 To meet the release criteria, Unit 1 Intake structure was cleaned
2 out by the CWC and surveyed by HBPP FSS Technicians. The
3 physical removal of the biological growths was required prior to
4 surveying. Access was difficult because the structure was ~20 feet
5 in height/depth, and primary access was from the bottom of the
6 structure. Specialized scaffolding was erected, using long-handled
7 tools and other various techniques, to allow crews safe access to
8 the walls to execute cleaning of the structure. Survey results
9 indicating the structure was free of radiological contamination were
10 presented to the NRC and it was approved for free release, with the
11 NRC granting HBPP permission to leave portions of the structure in
12 the ground. This approved approach allowed the CWC to leave
13 roughly 60 percent of the structure in place, resulting in a shortening
14 of the schedule for the project. Removal of the fill rock used in the
15 Intake structure during fossil decommissioning took longer than
16 planned, because of 3-inch to 4-inch sized stone.

17 The Intake Canal contaminated soil was removed with a
18 long-reach excavator and transferred to the Waste Department for
19 disposal. Upon completion of the contaminated sediment removal,
20 the HBPP FSS group performed FSS of the entire canal. During the
21 FSS survey the HBPP Environmental group completed a chemical
22 contamination survey, which allowed for a clean, free-released area
23 for both radiological and chemical contamination.

24 The CCC canal remediation permit required restoration of the
25 canal area. This restoration included the creation of new wetland
26 areas that were an off-set for the filling in of the Discharge Canal.
27 This new wetland created roughly 1.5 acres of new saltwater
28 wetlands, which were vegetated per the permits with native
29 species identified.

30 Creation of additional wetland areas expanded into the former
31 Contractor Parking Lot. Creation of the wetland involved the
32 removal of approximately 6,000 square yards of material. Work
33 crews excavated the area to the grades established by the approved
34 work plans, which were based on the site restoration permits. A

1 portion of the material from the excavated area was used to backfill
2 the remaining Intake structure to meet end-state final grades. The
3 remaining material was transported to the Discharge Canal area,
4 which was the main on-site staging area for reuse soil.

5 Upon completion of the excavation activities, the canal was
6 reflooded. This was achieved by slowly removing sections of the
7 sheet pile wall. This allowed the bay water to slowly reflood the dry
8 canal area and prevented excessive erosion of the newly-excavated
9 and profiled area.

10 The project was restricted to working within a fish window
11 established by site restoration permits which limited in-water work to
12 a less than a six-month window, from June to October. The project
13 work began in June 2016 and was completed in December 2016.
14 Special permission was received from the permitting agencies to
15 work past the original fish window date of October 2016. This was
16 granted because of the limited amount of impact the remaining work
17 activities would have on the neighboring water habitat areas.

18 **b. Canal Disposal**

19 Although the Discharge Canal sediment was previously thought to
20 have much higher levels of contamination, upon excavation it was
21 characterized well within the acceptance criteria for exempt waste.
22 Based on measured and surveyed contamination levels in the
23 excavated materials, no Class A waste shipments to an appropriate
24 disposal site were included in the shipping forecast. In addition, the
25 waste volume excavated was less than expected, because the Cs-137
26 and chemical contamination did not migrate into the lower levels of the
27 sediment or the clay layer at the bottom of the Discharge Canal. The
28 original waste volume estimate was based on a contaminated clay layer
29 of 3 feet along the bottom of the Discharge Canal.

30 Instead of the original basis of 30,970 pounds, the actual weight of
31 loaded IMs was approximately 32,000 pounds to 35,000 pounds. This
32 optimized the IM weight, which further reduced the number of IM
33 shipments. The reduced waste volume, along with the waste shipments

1 being classified as exempt materials for appropriate site disposal,
2 resulted in a cost avoidance.

3 Originally, the entire Intake structure, which was comprised of
4 reinforced concrete, was planned for removal. However, only the top
5 3 feet of the structure needed to be removed leaving roughly 60 percent
6 of the structure in place. After the canal was dewatered and the
7 contaminated soils removed, the Remediation Department performed a
8 turnover survey of the entire canal area. The results of this survey
9 provided a bounded area that was less than the original estimated area,
10 resulting in a reduction of waste volume for disposal.

11 Excavated Discharge and Intake Canal soil was unsuitable for
12 immediate packaging and transporting, due to its high water content.
13 Dump trucks were filled with Discharge Canal mud, transporting it to the
14 SMF and dumping the load on the concrete floor. The drainage was
15 collected and pumped into a holding tank. As the soil drained, it was
16 stacked and allowed to further drain. This process allowed for a more
17 rapid excavation of the Discharge Canal. The soil processing included
18 draining, drying and the addition of lime to chemically react with the
19 water for evaporation. The Environmental Team gained approval from
20 the NCRWQCB and DTSC prior to mixing lime with reuse soils. This
21 process required multiple soil manipulations utilizing heavy equipment.
22 The Discharge Canal ACM piping was processed and packaged into
23 IMs. Concrete and incidental rebar were direct-loaded into IMs at
24 the canals.

25 Waste shipments were scheduled for off-site transport on an
26 established schedule. During the period 2015 through 2018, the
27 following shipments were made from HBPP for Canals:

2015	144 shipments	4.8 million pounds
2016	226 shipments	10.3 million pounds
2017	42 shipments	2.1 million pounds
2018	34 shipments	3.3 million pounds

1 **9. Common Site Support**

2 Actual costs during 2012-2014 being presented for reasonableness
3 review total \$1.2 million. Actual costs during 2015-2018 total \$1.3 million.

4 **a. Relocation of Trailer City**

5 During the construction of the new HBGS facility, PG&E installed a
6 complex of office trailers, known as Trailer City, in an area at the east
7 end of the HBPP Decommissioning Project. There were 22 individual
8 trailers units which were in configurations ranging from single-wide to
9 six-wide. Half of the 3-acre area east of the Discharge Canal was
10 covered by offices, roadways and sidewalks. The remaining area was
11 occupied by the GWTS and used for associated laydown storage.

12 The area occupied by Trailer City was also needed to accommodate
13 soil remediation, processing, load-out, storage and as a laydown area.
14 Trailers became unoccupied when PG&E reduced its decommissioning
15 staff and the CWC ramped up their staffing for the CW portion of
16 the decommissioning.

17 Domestic water lines, sewer lines and conduit were capped at
18 appropriate locations 4 inches below grade. Electrical conductors were
19 de-terminated and removed from the conduits all the way back to their
20 power sources. Trailer skirting, stairs and Americans with Disabilities
21 Act (ADA) ramps were removed and discarded, unless lessors retained
22 possession. Wood and metal scrap, anchors, porches and piers were
23 either reused, transported to a local recycler, or disposed of in a Class II
24 landfill. Seismic tie downs were saved for reuse, where practical. To
25 prevent unauthorized entry and potential injury, doors were boarded
26 over following completion of interior preparation. Two vendors removed
27 their respective trailers in a planned sequence. Spotters were used as
28 the oversized loads were carefully maneuvered through the site to exit.

29 Above-ground structures, poles, and a site emergency siren were
30 removed from Trailer City. Telephone and data communication lines
31 were also removed. Sidewalks, parking areas, truck wash station,
32 concrete pads, concrete pedestals and firehose cabinets were removed
33 and discarded.

1 This work was performed under the direction of Engineering staff
2 and final inspections were performed. This work was completed in
3 May 2014.

4 Costs incurred after the removal of Trailer City are attributed to rent
5 costs for offsite office facilities.

6 **b. Groundwater Treatment System**

7 The GWTS was installed by HBPP during the self-perform portion of
8 decommissioning. The GWTS was designed for treating site water at a
9 calculated maximum incoming rate of 300 gallons per minute (gpm).
10 The design basis did not consider the volume or in-leakage rate from the
11 Intake and Discharge Canals, since at the time the GWTS design
12 criteria was established, the plan was to dredge the sediment (wet
13 remediation) and leave the canals in place. Safety concerns and
14 reconsideration of the effectiveness of wet remediation led PG&E to
15 select the alternative approach of dry removing canal sediments.
16 Costs for installation of the GWTS were reviewed and approved in the
17 2015 NDCTP.

18 To adapt the GWTS for the process of dry removing the canals'
19 sediment, a PTS that settles out most solids was deemed the more
20 efficient and less costly alternative to GWTS outages for cleaning. The
21 PTS was located adjacent to and connected to the GWTS. The PTS
22 was added to remove entrained sediment to ensure that the GWTS was
23 not overloaded and shut down, which would affect any scheduled work
24 activities dependent on continuous water removal. Additionally, the PTS
25 settling tanks provided storage capacity to allow short GWTS outages,
26 while continuing to support work activities.

27 The GWTS was originally designed to process up to 300 gpm. The
28 system was not designed to handle the processing needs resultant from
29 dewatering the canals during sediment removal and removing the
30 Caisson entirely. The decommissioning plan changed to include
31 year-around excavation activity, concurrent excavation activity and the
32 complete removal of the Caisson. As a risk mitigation effort to reduce
33 the potential for non-compliant storm water and groundwater
34 discharges, the CWC proposed to effectively double the capacity of the

1 GWTS by adding an additional sand filter, particulate filters and carbon
2 filters. An additional resin tank was added to the original system to
3 provide additional metals removal capacity and redundancy to the
4 system. The original pumps and piping were reconfigured to allow flow
5 rates up to 600 gpm.

6 GWTS expansion was successfully completed and tested to confirm
7 the added capacity worked as planned. It was proven to be a useful
8 expansion, as the system was operated well over 300 gpm on many
9 occasions after the completed expansion. During the fall of 2017, the
10 GWTS was split into two separately-operable 300 gpm systems. The
11 major elements of the 2015 GWTS Expansion were relocated to the top
12 of the hill adjacent to Building 26 and west of the Caisson. The new
13 system location was required to enable remediation of contaminated soil
14 from beneath the original GWTS footprint.

15 Costs in this category were for the GWTS specialty vendor and were
16 incurred in 2015. The GWTS is managed by the CWC and costs are
17 spread amongst the individual CWC projects.

18 **c. GWTS Operations**

19 The GWTS Operation scope is managed by the CWC and is
20 described below.

21 The CWC trained and dedicated a group of individuals to the daily
22 operation of the GWTS. Due to strict environmental standards imposed
23 by local and state authorities the functioning of the many elements had
24 to be monitored, maintained and managed to an approved procedure.

25 Every time water was to be transferred from a work face to the
26 GWTS, a decision was made whether to route to the PTS or directly to
27 influent tanks. Factors such as sampling, blending water to manage
28 turbidity and/or pH levels, hold time for turbidity control (settling time)
29 and storage during system maintenance would inform that decision.
30 Once decided, water transfer was monitored and recorded on a
31 daily report.

32 Field manual operations included: continuously recording conditions
33 and actions on the daily report, including recirculation decisions,
34 chemical injection pump calibrations, chitosan dosage rates and manual

1 backwash activity; and visually monitoring water stream for pH, turbidity
2 and flow via inline displays and comparing them to digital output
3 displays during discharge. Staff worked irregular hours and weekends
4 during higher-than-normal rains to ensure excavations were ready for
5 the next shift's work. Treatment Technicians were required on site
6 anytime the GWTS was in operation.

7 **10. Engineering, Procurement and Construction Services**

8 **a. EPC Services**

9 EPC was established as a separate cost category in the 2015
10 NDCTP in order to provide a single point of contact to manage a diverse
11 set of vendors and necessary services to support the decommissioning
12 project. Because the CWC was performing most of the work on the site,
13 PG&E transferred the contracted site maintenance activities scope to
14 the CWC. PG&E recognized that transferring an additional O&M-type
15 scope to the CWC stood to benefit the project by allowing the CWC to
16 control all activities on site. The CWC would be able to balance
17 resources more effectively than multiple contractors could
18 independently. The EPC work captured the additional support
19 operations necessary to keep HBPP running efficiently and consolidated
20 several scopes of work that fell outside the boundaries of the other CWP
21 scope packages.

22 PG&E turned over the EPC Services program to the CWC in
23 January 2014. PG&E requested that the CWC assume responsibility to
24 implement the requirements of the approved SWPPP on file with the
25 NCRWQCB. The CWC began providing labor, equipment and materials
26 to maintain site compliance with the SWPPP. Following the transfer of
27 the SWPPP EPC Scope, PG&E transferred housekeeping activities, the
28 HBPP Safety Program, warehouse operations, general site
29 maintenance, vendor oversight, scheduling coordination and work week
30 manager EPC Scopes to the CWC in May 2014.

31 The above scopes were implemented and maintained by the CWC
32 to support the site functions. Changes to the General Site Maintenance
33 Scope in October 2014 added three categories to the EPC operations,

1 including System Operations, Training Coordination/Liaison and Skilled
2 Trades Activities and Light Industrial Support.

3 **b. Other Services – Training**

4 The CWC assumed administrative duties of the HBPP Training
5 Department in 2014, maintaining HBPP’s philosophy of implementing an
6 extensive training program and compliance database. This was to
7 ensure worker safety and to comply with Cal/OSHA. The CWC
8 conducted over seven hundred and fifty training classes since assuming
9 program responsibilities under the guidance of PG&E. These training
10 classes were to ensure that the workforce was properly prepared to
11 work on the site as new employees, or to requalify individuals so they
12 could continue their assigned duties.

13 An offsite office space was used exclusively for training after the
14 planned decommissioning of the on-site training space at HBPP. The
15 training area included a break room, assembly room and staff offices.
16 A shuttle van was available to employees needing transport from the job
17 site to the offsite training space to attend scheduled classes.

18 The Training Coordinator/Liaison Services were performed in
19 accordance with the HBPP QA Program.

20 **F. Use of Experienced and Qualified Personnel**

21 In the 2005 NDCTP decision, the Commission determined that “to
22 reasonably undertake decommissioning a nuclear generating plant,
23 PG&E...must employ properly trained experts who have experience relevant to
24 decommissioning a nuclear plant to plan and perform the decommissioning.”³
25 In each NDCTP since that time, the Commission has concluded that PG&E had
26 provided uncontested evidence that the work which had been completed to date
27 was performed by qualified and experienced personnel.

28 To ensure project success, PG&E recruited a highly experienced and
29 specialized group of managers with solid management skills, strong technical
30 skills, industry specific knowledge, and the desire to see the project succeed
31 through the critical phases. The low attrition rate, strong participation in
32 professional and industry forums, and proven ability to solve unexpected

3 D.07-01-003, Ordering Paragraph 6.

1 problems demonstrate PG&E's success. The combination of PG&E and
2 contractor personnel with specialized skill sets has proven to be very cost
3 effective. Industry evaluations, audits, NRC inspections, H&S records, and
4 project accomplishments attest to the team's ability to manage the project within
5 the project parameters.

6 All decommissioning activities at HBPP are overseen by PG&E's Director of
7 Decommissioning, Loren Sharp. Mr. Sharp has extensive project management
8 experience, including extensive experience in managing and disposing of toxic
9 hazardous waste. In addition, he is a licensed nuclear engineer with substantial
10 experience in managing plant operations. As Director of Decommissioning, Mr.
11 Sharp has overseen more than 500 PG&E and contract employees and is
12 responsible for ensuring that HBPP decommissioning is conducted safely and in
13 accordance with the NRC and various other federal and state agencies.

14 Decommissioning activities are also overseen by the acting HBPP Deputy
15 Director for Decommissioning, James Salmon, who reports to Mr. Sharp. These
16 activities include environmental compliance, environmental remediation, waste
17 management and site restoration. Mr. Salmon has degrees in chemistry and
18 business administration and has nearly 40 years' experience in waste
19 management, environmental program management and project management.

20 William Barley is responsible for the Site Closure Group, which includes the
21 License Termination Plan, Final Status Surveys, site training and license
22 termination interface with the NRC. Mr. Barley has a chemical engineering
23 degree and is a certified Health Physicist. He has 40 years of nuclear
24 experience and has held positions as a RP Manager, Senior Reactor Operator
25 Engineer and NRC inspector. At HBPP, Mr. Barley supervises the License
26 Termination Survey staff and manages the CAP, as well as regulatory affairs
27 matters previously performed by the Decommissioning Manager, and
28 Radiological Program management duties previously performed by the
29 RP Manager.

30 Mr. Sharp's, Mr. Salmon's and Mr. Barley's qualifications are outlined in the
31 attached Statements of Qualifications. The organizational structure which PG&E
32 has established for ongoing decommissioning work is set forth in Chapter 8,
33 Attachment A, HBPP DCE, Appendices B through F.

1 As is shown above, PG&E has satisfied the criteria for training and
2 experience set forth by the Commission in D.07-01-003.

3 **G. Comparison of Forecast and Actual SAFSTOR Expenditures**

4 As authorized in Commission D.14-02-024, PG&E tracks its actual
5 SAFSTOR expenses and “trues up” based on whether the amount collected in
6 rates is greater than or less than the expenses actually incurred. Under
7 collections will result in additional withdrawals from the NDTs, while over
8 collections will be credited against decommissioning costs incurred by PG&E
9 that would otherwise be recoverable from the NDTs.

10 Personnel who perform SAFSTOR O&M also perform substantial
11 decommissioning tasks, and the true-up procedure avoids rate recovery
12 duplications or omissions merely because of the way in which PG&E personnel
13 account for and spend their time. If these individuals end up spending more
14 time on decommissioning than on SAFSTOR, customers are held harmless
15 through an additional contribution to the trust. Conversely, if these individuals
16 actually spend more time on SAFSTOR than anticipated, PG&E will not suffer a
17 shortfall merely because additional SAFSTOR activities are required in
18 connection with decommissioning.

19 D.17-05-020 directed PG&E to track and explain differences between actual
20 and forecast SAFSTOR O&M expenses.⁴ For 2016, PG&E’s actual SAFSTOR
21 O&M costs exceeded the annual revenue requirement by \$4.390 million. The
22 adopted revenue requirement forecast was \$9.357 million, and the 2016 actuals
23 were \$4.967 million. This over collection is attributable to individuals supporting
24 the decommissioning activities and a discrepancy in the forecast that assumed a
25 greater allocation of Administrative and General to the SAFSTOR activities than
26 was actually incurred.

27 For 2017 PG&E’s actual SAFSTOR O&M costs were over collected from the
28 annual revenue requirement by \$1.151 million. The adopted revenue
29 requirement forecast was \$5.024 million, and the 2017 actuals were
30 \$3.873 million. This over collection is attributable to less manpower required to
31 maintain the NRC SAFSTOR requirements than was anticipated.

4 D.17-05-020, p. 64.

1 For 2018 PG&E anticipates that its forecast for SAFSTOR O&M costs will be
2 over-collected from the annual revenue requirement by \$1.950 million. The
3 adopted revenue requirement forecast was \$4.992 million, and the 2018
4 preliminary actuals are estimated to be \$3.510 million. This over-collection is
5 attributable to less manpower required to maintain SAFSTOR requirements than
6 was anticipated.

7 **H. Conclusion**

8 In summary, the Commission should affirm the reasonableness and
9 prudence of the completed projects as described in this chapter; find that PG&E
10 has made reasonable efforts to retain and utilize sufficient qualified and
11 experienced personnel; and find that PG&E adequately explained the difference
12 between actual and forecast SAFSTOR expenditures.

**TABLE 9-1
COMPLETED PROJECTS APPROVED COST ESTIMATE TO ACTUAL (2012 NDCTP)**

A 2012 NDCTP CPUC Filing	B C 2012-2014 Approved 2012 NDCTP Estimate		D E F Amount Spent Presented for Reasonableness			G Previously Presented and Approved	H Spent Remaining for Future Reasonableness Review	Delta C-(F+G+H)
	Base	Nominal	2012-2014 ¹	2015-2018	Total			
	378,802,217	398,622,050	34,289,776	-	34,289,776	227,153,626	7,630,505	129,548,143
1 - General Staffing	66,879,786	69,938,306	-	-	-	66,432,824	7,630,505	(4,125,023)
License Termination Survey	7,149,598	7,487,619	-	-	-	-	7,630,505	(142,886)
Overall Project/Civil Works Oversight	59,730,188	62,450,687	-	-	-	66,432,824	-	(3,982,137)
2 - Remainder of Plant Systems	51,287,467	53,421,149	41,535	-	41,535	43,748,081	-	9,631,534
Direct Labor	32,716,722	34,022,032	41,535	-	41,535	31,823,080	-	2,157,417
Liquid Radwaste Removal	6,938,936	7,320,409	-	-	-	4,282,774	-	3,037,635
Tools and Equipment	11,631,810	12,078,709	-	-	-	7,642,227	-	4,436,482
3 - Site Infrastructure	2,251,887	2,343,226	-	-	-	4,935,540	-	(2,592,314)
4 - Specific Project Costs	72,184,834	75,643,003	9,783,021	-	9,783,021	27,282,792	-	38,577,191
Reactor Vessel Removal	15,896,279	16,530,248	-	-	-	15,263,911	-	1,266,337
Turbine Building Demolition	14,370,353	14,940,563	-	-	-	12,018,881	-	2,921,682
Civil Works	41,918,202	44,172,193	9,783,021	-	9,783,021	-	-	34,389,172
Nuclear Facilities	41,376,133	43,601,017	9,656,521	-	9,656,521	-	-	33,944,496
Office Facilities	542,069	571,176	126,501	-	126,501	-	-	444,676
5 - Waste Disposal (Excludes Caisson / Canals)	50,762,743	53,876,290	5,494,905	-	5,494,905	46,507,268	-	1,874,117
Labor (Packaging and Handling)	11,512,031	12,241,660	-	-	-	10,874,350	-	1,367,310
Third Party Disposal Sites	36,620,246	38,850,851	5,494,905	-	5,494,905	31,867,488	-	1,488,459
Waste Handling Building	2,630,466	2,783,779	-	-	-	3,765,430	-	(981,651)
6 - Small Value Contracts	26,825,024	27,739,352	37,924	-	37,924	21,575,949	-	6,125,480
Small Dollar Vendor ¹	7,186,457	7,454,061	37,924	-	37,924	2,680,883	-	4,735,254
Specialty Contracts	19,638,567	20,285,292	-	-	-	18,895,065	-	1,390,227
7 - Spent Fuel Management	13,450,356	14,154,252	-	-	-	14,279,397	-	(125,145)
Security (PG&E)	10,126,024	10,690,990	-	-	-	11,235,555	-	(544,565)
ISFSI O&M	1,525,843	1,593,444	-	-	-	1,632,172	-	(38,729)
ISFSI Staffing / Engineering / Specialty Contracts	1,727,246	1,795,538	-	-	-	1,089,192	-	706,346
ISFSI Infrastructure Expense	-	-	-	-	-	77,231	-	(77,231)
NRC Fees	71,243	74,280	-	-	-	245,246	-	(170,966)
9 - Caisson	65,245,822	69,346,787	9,194,034	-	9,194,034	-	-	60,152,753
Field Work (Civil Works Contract)	58,556,128	61,976,019	9,194,034	-	9,194,034	-	-	52,781,985
Slurry Wall/CSM Wall	58,556,128	61,976,019	9,194,034	-	9,194,034	-	-	52,781,985
Waste Disposal	4,883,412	5,380,589	-	-	-	-	-	5,380,589
Packaging / Material Handling	1,806,283	1,990,179	-	-	-	-	-	1,990,179
10-Canals	23,704,100	25,642,441	8,379,236	-	8,379,236	-	-	17,263,205
Canal Removal	12,580,790	13,386,673	8,379,236	-	8,379,236	-	-	5,007,437
Canal Disposal	11,123,310	12,255,768	-	-	-	-	-	12,255,768
11 - Common Site Support	5,720,750	5,995,251	1,159,807	-	1,159,807	2,391,776	-	2,443,668
Relocation of Trailer City	2,542,000	2,688,812	888,774	-	888,774	-	-	1,800,039
Groundwater Treatment System Ops	761,474	792,786	271,033	-	271,033	14	-	521,739
Groundwater Treatment System	2,417,276	2,513,653	-	-	-	2,391,763	-	121,890
12 - EPC	489,447	521,993	199,315	-	199,315	-	-	322,678
EPC Services	489,447	521,993	199,315	-	199,315	-	-	322,678
Other Services - Training	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Note: 1. Small Value Contracts Spend Includes \$3,149 for costs incurred in 2011

**TABLE 9-2
COMPLETED PROJECTS APPROVED COST ESTIMATE TO ACTUAL (2015 NDCTP)**

A 2015 NDCTP CPUC Filing	B 2015-2018 Approved 2015 NDCTP Estimate		D Amount Spent Presented for Reasonableness			G Previously Presented and Approved	H Spent Remaining for Future Reasonableness Review	Delta C-(F+G+H)
	Base ¹	Nominal ²	2012-2014	2015-2018	Total			
	415,768,624	443,560,039	-	365,887,901	365,887,901	5,254,094	34,301,629	38,116,416
1 - General Staffing	34,643,447	36,475,856	-	28,138,098	28,138,098	-	6,020,138	2,317,621
License Termination Survey	6,296,058	6,641,393	-	-	-	-	6,020,138	621,255
Overall Project/Civil Works Oversight	28,347,388	29,834,463	-	28,138,098	28,138,098	-	-	1,696,365
2 - Remainder of Plant Systems	5,104,925	5,283,992	-	4,587,091	4,587,091	-	-	696,901
Direct Labor	2,743,043	2,860,330	-	2,655,329	2,655,329	-	-	205,000
Radiation Protection	2,743,043	2,860,330	-	2,655,329	2,655,329	-	-	205,000
Tools & Equipment	2,361,882	2,423,662	-	1,931,762	1,931,762	-	-	491,900
RP Tools & Equipment	2,361,882	2,423,662	-	1,931,762	1,931,762	-	-	491,900
4 - Specific Project Costs	103,968,350	110,194,042	-	68,792,685	68,792,685	1,720,205	28,281,491	11,399,661
Reactor Vessel Removal	1,693,007	1,739,108	-	(736)	(736)	1,720,205	-	19,639
Civil Works	102,494,605	108,683,615	-	68,886,219	68,886,219	-	-	11,515,905
Nuclear Facilities Demolition	60,161,115	62,821,873	-	66,293,695	66,293,695	-	-	(3,471,822)
Administration Services	40,814,849	43,029,349	-	42,437,915	42,437,915	-	-	591,435
Restricted Area Prep	5,547,472	5,675,442	-	6,171,599	6,171,599	-	-	(496,158)
Refueling Building	8,304,579	8,496,126	-	9,170,035	9,170,035	-	-	(673,909)
Units 1, 2 and 3 Circulating Water Lines	2,722,521	2,785,325	-	6,612,272	6,612,272	-	-	(3,826,947)
Upper Yard Demolition	1,238,993	1,267,574	-	957,170	957,170	-	-	310,405
Temporary Facilities	1,532,701	1,568,057	-	944,705	944,705	-	-	623,352
Offices & Facilities Demolition	1,865,978	2,041,690	-	2,101,145	2,101,145	-	-	(59,454)
Final Site Restoration	37,253,566	40,412,905	-	-	-	-	28,281,491	12,131,414
Other Services/Letter of Credit	3,213,946	3,407,147	-	491,379	491,379	-	-	2,915,768
Disallowed Scope	(219,222)	(228,681)	-	(92,798)	(92,798)	-	-	(135,883)
5 - Waste Disposal (Excludes Caisson / Canals)	34,822,844	38,799,614	-	35,229,131	35,229,131	3,533,889	-	36,594
Third Party Disposal	32,601,773	36,485,244	-	35,229,131	35,229,131	1,293,653	-	(37,540)
Labor Packaging and Handling	2,221,071	2,314,370	-	-	-	2,240,236	-	74,134
6 - Small Value Contracts	12,960,489	13,562,375	-	11,017,677	11,017,677	-	-	2,544,697
Small Dollar Vendors	1,750,345	1,846,866	-	1,723,266	1,723,266	-	-	123,600
Small Dollar Vendors	1,750,345	1,846,866	-	1,723,266	1,723,266	-	-	123,600
Specialty Contracts	11,210,144	11,715,509	-	9,294,412	9,294,412	-	-	2,421,097
Environmental Contracts	1,041,989	1,121,875	-	1,512,840	1,512,840	-	-	(390,966)
Permitting	302,000	322,857	-	983,518	983,518	-	-	(660,661)
Specialty Consultants	9,866,156	10,270,777	-	6,798,054	6,798,054	-	-	3,472,724
7 - Spent Fuel Management	35,352,832	37,735,082	-	27,714,733	27,714,733	-	-	10,020,349
Security (PG&E)	24,152,470	25,910,839	-	21,937,592	21,937,592	-	-	3,973,248
ISFSI Operate & Maintain	2,180,894	2,316,519	-	1,912,651	1,912,651	-	-	403,868
ISFSI Staffing / Engineering / Specialty Contracts	3,346,908	3,517,087	-	1,877,811	1,877,811	-	-	1,639,276
ISFSI Infrastructure Expenses	5,490,000	5,792,821	-	1,812,492	1,812,492	-	-	3,980,328
NRC Fees	182,559	197,816	-	174,187	174,187	-	-	23,630
9 - Caisson	132,677,602	141,931,590	-	141,816,081	141,816,081	-	-	115,509
Field Work (Civil Works Contract)	77,189,053	81,405,385	-	80,613,876	80,613,876	-	-	791,509
Caisson	61,833,344	65,359,258	-	68,261,967	68,261,967	-	-	(2,902,708)
Slurry Wall/CSM Wall	12,641,528	13,211,889	-	10,575,080	10,575,080	-	-	2,636,809
Dewatering	2,714,181	2,834,238	-	1,776,830	1,776,830	-	-	1,057,408
Project Staffing	17,643,186	18,869,164	-	13,231,648	13,231,648	-	-	5,637,516
Waste Disposal	23,313,034	26,205,862	-	35,092,897	35,092,897	-	-	(6,887,035)
License Termination Survey	4,189,348	4,486,368	-	5,398,254	5,398,254	-	-	(911,887)
Tools & Equipment	1,253,037	1,301,563	-	763,662	763,662	-	-	537,901
Other	9,089,943	9,663,248	-	6,715,743	6,715,743	-	-	2,947,505
RP Discrete	1,338,207	1,425,435	-	1,498,091	1,498,091	-	-	(72,656)
Specialty Contracts	6,887,232	7,312,073	-	4,990,147	4,990,147	-	-	2,321,926
Specialty Contracts	5,274,446	5,586,229	-	3,988,979	3,988,979	-	-	1,597,250
Environmental Contracts	1,250,386	1,340,034	-	921,147	921,147	-	-	418,887
Specialty Permitting	362,400	385,810	-	80,020	80,020	-	-	305,790
Small Dollar Vendor	864,504	925,740	-	227,505	227,505	-	-	698,235
Small Dollar Vendor	864,504	925,740	-	227,505	227,505	-	-	698,235
10-Canals	44,242,713	46,962,435	-	38,670,562	38,670,562	-	-	8,291,873
Canal Removal	32,582,306	33,939,883	-	32,095,069	32,095,069	-	-	1,844,814
Canal Disposal	11,660,406	13,022,552	-	6,575,493	6,575,493	-	-	6,447,059
11 - Common Site Support	1,725,005	1,833,437	-	1,270,370	1,270,370	-	-	563,068
Relocation of Trailer City	1,398,085	1,497,542	-	928,129	928,129	-	-	569,412
Groundwater Treatment System Ops	34,579	35,303	-	35,303	35,303	-	-	0
Groundwater Treatment System	292,342	300,592	-	306,937	306,937	-	-	(6,345)
12-EPC	10,270,378	10,781,616	-	8,651,473	8,651,473	-	-	2,130,143
EPC Services	9,588,908	10,059,383	-	7,339,041	7,339,041	-	-	2,720,342
Other Services - Training	681,470	722,233	-	1,312,432	1,312,432	-	-	(590,200)

Notes:

1. HBPP decommissioning estimated cost to complete approved in D.17-05-020 with contingency allocated to each category as authorized through AL 5203-E effective Mar 23, 2017
2. Amount of authorized expenditures escalated to nominal dollars in the year planned to spend Jan 1, 2015 through Dec 31, 2018 (Includes complete budget for all CWC scope of work)
3. Reactor Vessel Removal has a credit of \$736 due to late invoice credit.

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3 **CONTRIBUTIONS FUNDING THE NUCLEAR DECOMMISSIONING**
4 **TRUST**

5 **A. Introduction and Purpose**

6 This chapter presents Pacific Gas and Electric Company’s (PG&E) forecast
7 of annual contributions to the nuclear decommissioning (ND) qualified master
8 Trust (NDT or ND Trust) for the Diablo Canyon Power Plant (DCPP) Units 1
9 and 2 and Humboldt Bay Power Plant Unit 3 (HBPP), beginning January 1,
10 2020. In addition, this chapter reviews the updated assumptions including the
11 escalation rates used to forecast nominal decommissioning costs for DCPP and
12 HBPP, ND Trust balances, equity turnover rates and the forecast of expected
13 rates of return on NDT assets to ensure that adequate funds will be available for
14 decommissioning activities. Lastly, this chapter describes PG&E’s compliance
15 with the 2009 Nuclear Decommissioning Cost Triennial Proceeding (NDCTP)
16 Phase 2 Decision directive to providing a summary of actual trust fund
17 performance covering the previous three years compared to the prior NDCTP
18 forecast performance.¹

19 **B. Summary of Request**

20 PG&E requests California Public Utilities Commission (Commission)
21 approval of annual contributions to the Trust of \$226.715 million for DCPP
22 Unit 1, \$151.141 million for DCPP Unit 2, and \$3.791 million for HBPP,
23 beginning January 1, 2020. The annual contributions are shown in Table 10-1
24 below. The associated revenue requirements are presented in Chapter 11.

¹ Decision (D.) 13-01-039 Ordering Paragraph (OP) 12. The Commission reiterated this directive in the 2015 NDCTP. D.17-05-020, p 65.

TABLE 10-1
DIABLO CANYON POWER PLANT UNITS 1 AND 2 AND HUMBOLDT BAY POWER PLANT
UNIT 3 CURRENT AND PROPOSED CONTRIBUTIONS
(MILLIONS OF DOLLARS)

Line No.		D.17-05-020	A.18-12-XXX
1	Diablo Canyon Unit 1 – Nov. 2024	–	\$226.715
2	Diablo Canyon Unit 2 – Aug. 2025	–	151.141
3	Total	–	\$377.856
4	HBPP	\$62.360	\$3.791

C. Background

In 1983, the Commission ordered the California utilities with nuclear facilities to begin forecasting eventual costs of ND, “to assure that adequate funds will be available for decommissioning nuclear generating facilities, and to ensure that the costs of decommissioning will be distributed equitably over time among the customers who benefit from operation of the nuclear power plants.”²

D.83-01-013 approved a separate, externally-managed sinking fund, dedicated for decommissioning costs. The decision states:

...annual contributions will be set so that the principal plus accumulated earnings should cover the cost of decommissioning at the time decommissioning is expected to occur.

In 1988, PG&E completed the first step in the decommissioning of HBPP. That step involved placing the unit into a custodial mode of decommissioning defined by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) as Safe Storage. PG&E began actively decommissioning HBPP in 2009, shortly after the completion of the Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI). Based on PG&E’s current schedule of decommissioning activities, decommissioning of HBPP is expected to conclude in 2033.

DCPP Units 1 and 2 have been safely generating electricity for Central and Northern California since 1984 and 1985, respectively. The two nuclear reactors are currently licensed to operate until 2024 and 2025.

D. Contributions Estimating Methodology

The NDT annual contributions are calculated based on the following estimating methodology. First, the decommissioning cost estimates for DCPP

² D.83-01-013 (52 P.U.R. 4th 6118).

1 are estimated in 2017 dollars in Chapter 4, and are estimated in 2018 dollars for
2 HBPP in Chapter 8. These cost estimates are escalated to the future years in
3 which the decommissioning activities will occur. The decommissioning costs
4 from Chapters 4 and 8 are assigned to five main categories: PG&E labor,
5 equipment and materials, contract labor, burial costs of low-level radioactive
6 waste (LLRW), and other.³ Escalation factors, shown in Table 10-2 for DCP, and
7 Table 10-4 for HBPP, are applied to the annual costs to arrive at forecasted
8 nominal estimates. Second, annual contributions to the NDT are calculated
9 such that the estimated end-of-year 2017 market values of the NDT plus annual
10 contributions and earnings on the NDT, less associated income tax payments on
11 those earnings, will equal the cost of each respective decommissioning at its
12 time of occurrence.

13 For DCP, the NDT funding period ends in 2024 for Unit 1 and 2025 for
14 Unit 2. For HBPP, the NDT funding period ends in 2022.

15 Contributions are estimated using the following assumptions:

- 16 • Escalation rates for each of the five main decommissioning cost categories,
17 as discussed in sections D.1. for DCP, and D.2. for HBPP, below; and
- 18 • Estimated rates of return on the Trust, equity turnover percentages, asset
19 allocations, and equity ramp-down assumptions, as presented in sections F
20 through H below.

21 **1. Assumed Escalation Rates – DCP**

22 For each of the five main decommissioning cost categories, the constant
23 dollar costs are escalated to the period when decommissioning costs will be
24 incurred using the escalation rates described below. For DCP, costs are
25 escalated annually from the 2018 Decommissioning Cost Estimate through
26 2076, when the last of the decommissioning costs are forecasted to
27 be incurred. The adopted escalation assumptions from the prior case
28 (D.17-05-020) and updated proposed assumptions are shown in Table 10-2

3 “Other” includes costs such as engineering and decommissioning preparations (e.g., planning for permanent defueling of the reactor, preparation and filing of a Post-Shutdown Decommissioning Activities Report with the NRC, and shutdown preparation), property tax, insurance premiums, LLRW recycling costs, and plant energy costs.

1 below. Average escalation rates are shown for comparison purposes only,
 2 as actual rates change each year.

**TABLE 10-2
 DIABLO CANYON POWER PLANT
 AVERAGE ANNUAL ESCALATION RATES AND ASSUMPTIONS**

Line No.	Cost Category	D.17-05-020	A.18-12-XXX	Source
1	PG&E Labor	2.92%	3.30%	<u>Prior Case:</u> Blended rate based on PG&E union contract and non-represented employees. Consistent with 2017 General Rate Case (GRC) showing. <u>Proposal:</u> No change in methodology. Consistent with 2020 GRC filing.
2	Equipment and Materials	1.96%	1.44%	<u>Prior Case:</u> Weighted proportional to total costs based on 91 percent Gross Domestic Product (GDP) implicit price deflator for consumables and 9 percent Producer Price Index (PPI) for machinery and equipment. <u>Proposal:</u> No change in methodology. Weights updated based on 41 percent consumable materials and 59 percent heavy duty equipment.
3	Contract Labor	3.10%	3.09%	<u>Prior Case:</u> Employment Cost Index (ECI) for total private compensation. <u>Proposal:</u> No Change in Methodology.
4	LLRW Burial Costs	6.64%	6.70%	<u>Prior Case:</u> Average growth rate of pressurized water reactor (PWR) burial costs series over 28 years from NUREG-1307 Reports. <u>Proposal:</u> Average growth rate of PWR burial costs series over 30 years from NUREG-1307 Reports. Method consistent with prior case.
5	Other	2.19%	2.21%	<u>Prior Case:</u> GDP Implicit Price Deflator. <u>Proposal:</u> No Change in Methodology.
<p>Note: Escalation rates are an average of the annual escalation rates over the period of forecasted decommissioning cost activity.</p>				

a. PG&E Labor

PG&E labor costs comprise approximately \$1,343.9 million or 29 percent of total decommissioning costs. PG&E proposes to use a 3.30 percent average escalation rate to escalate PG&E Labor costs in 2018 and thereafter. The rates are based on a blend of PG&E union contracts and non-represented employees for each period and are consistent with what will be filed in PG&E's 2020 GRC and with the prior NDCTP.

1 **b. Equipment and Materials**

2 Equipment and materials costs comprise approximately
3 \$537.3 million or 12 percent of total decommissioning costs. Based on
4 a review of the costs, approximately 41 percent are categorized as
5 consumable materials and 59 percent are categorized as heavy-duty
6 equipment. PG&E proposes to escalate the costs based on a weighting
7 of the following indices: (1) for consumable materials, comprising
8 41 percent, the forecasted changes in the GDP implicit price deflator;
9 and (2) for heavy-duty equipment, comprising 59 percent, the forecasted
10 changes in the PPI for machinery and equipment. Both indices are
11 available through 2048. For the period from 2049 to 2076, a 3-year
12 average of the 2046-2048 weighted indices was used. This method is
13 consistent with the 2015 NDCTP.

14 **c. Contract Labor**

15 Contract labor costs comprise approximately \$976.7 million or
16 21 percent of total decommissioning costs. Consistent with the prior
17 NDCTP, PG&E proposes to escalate contract labor costs based on the
18 forecasted changes in the ECI for total private compensation. The ECI
19 compensation series includes the changes in wages and salaries (not
20 seasonally adjusted) and the costs of employee benefits for private
21 industry workers. The use of the ECI series is appropriate, as it is a
22 principal economic indicator of the changes in total compensation. The
23 index is available through 2048. For the period from 2049 to 2076, a
24 3-year average of the 2046-2048 index was used. This method is
25 consistent with the prior NDCTP.

26 **d. LLRW Burial and Disposal**

27 LLRW burial and disposal costs comprise approximately
28 \$895.0 million or 19 percent of total decommissioning costs. Consistent
29 with the prior NDCTP, PG&E proposes to use 6.70 percent, based on
30 the average annual change in LLRW burial and disposition costs from
31 1986 to 2016, of the PWR burial sites and waste vendors published in

1 NUREG-1307 (NUREG report).⁴ The NUREG report, which is updated
2 periodically, provides estimates of radioactive waste burial and
3 disposition costs by site and by year for licensees to use in developing
4 ND cost estimates and analysis.

5 In forecasting the future cost of LLRW disposal, there continues to
6 be few data points, a lack of sites and a great deal of uncertainty. To
7 the extent that actual contract data is not available, PG&E believes the
8 continued reliance on the NUREG report estimates is a reasonable and
9 consistent method of escalation of LLRW costs. This method is
10 consistent with the prior NDCTP.

11 **e. Other**

12 Other costs comprise approximately \$898.3 million or 19 percent of
13 total decommissioning costs. PG&E proposes to use the forecasted
14 changes in the GDP implicit price deflator index for escalation of other
15 costs. The GDP implicit price deflator provides a reasonable and
16 objective measurement of price changes and inflationary trends in other
17 costs. The index is available through 2048. For the period from 2049 to
18 2076, a 3-year average of the 2046-2048 index was used. This method
19 is consistent with the prior NDCTP.

20 Table 10-3 presents the decommissioning costs for DCPD on a
21 constant and nominal dollar basis, using the proposed escalation factors
22 discussed above. The cost estimate in Table 10-3 includes \$37 million
23 of decommissioning planning activities as described in Chapter 3. It
24 excludes the incremental planning activities of \$150 million for which
25 PG&E is seeking separate revenue recovery as described in
26 Chapter 11.

⁴ Table 2.1, NUREG-1307, Rev 16, Final Report, published March 2017. The report provides escalation factors for the waste burial/disposition component of the decommissioning fund requirement, as required by the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR 50.75(c)(2)).

**TABLE 10-3
DIABLO CANYON POWER PLANT
COST OF DECOMMISSIONING IN CONSTANT AND NOMINAL DOLLARS
(MILLIONS OF DOLLARS)**

Line No.		D.17-05-020 2024-2062	A.18-12-XXX 2024-2076
1	<u>Constant Dollar Cost</u>	(2014)	(2017)
2	PG&E Labor	\$682.270	\$1,343.897
3	Equipment and Materials	341.158	537.301
4	Contract Labor	671.893	976.661
5	LLRW Burial and Disposal	326.312	894.998
6	Other	547.341	898.292
7	Total	\$2,568.974	\$4,651.149
8	<u>Nominal Dollar Cost</u>		
9	PG&E Labor	\$1,159.049	\$2,503.744
10	Equipment and Materials	486.410	694.342
11	Contract Labor	1,136.059	1,780.256
12	LLRW Burial and Disposal	831.312	3,700.319
13	Other	939.535	1,391.093
14	Total	\$4,552.365	\$10,069.754

2. Assumed Escalation Rates – HBPP

For each of the five remaining decommissioning cost categories, HBPP constant dollar costs are escalated to the period when remaining decommissioning activities will be incurred, using the escalation rates described below. Costs are escalated annually from the 2018 cost study period, through the end of decommissioning in 2033.⁵ The adopted escalation assumptions from the prior case (D.17-05-020) and updated proposed assumptions are shown in Table 10-4 below. Average escalation rates are shown for comparison purposes only, as actual rates change each year.

⁵ All demolition and restoration activities associated with decommissioning HBPP, except for spent fuel disposal and ISFSI decommissioning, are anticipated to be completed by 2020. Spent fuel storage activities are forecast to continue to the end of 2033.

**TABLE 10-4
HUMBOLDT BAY POWER PLANT UNIT 3
AVERAGE ANNUAL ESCALATION RATES AND ASSUMPTIONS**

Line No	Cost Category	D.17-05-020	A.18-12-XXX	Source
1	PG&E Labor	2.91%	3.30%	<u>Prior Case:</u> Blended rate based on PG&E union contract and non-represented employees. Consistent with 2017 General Rate Case (GRC) showing. <u>Proposal:</u> No change in methodology. Consistent with 2020 GRC filing.
2	Equipment and Materials	1.64%	2.50%	<u>Prior Case:</u> Weighted proportional to total costs based on 91 percent GDP implicit price deflator for consumables and 9 percent PPI for machinery and equipment. <u>Proposal:</u> No change in methodology. Weights updated based on 98 percent consumable materials and 2 percent heavy duty equipment.
3	Contract Labor	3.07%	3.23%	<u>Prior Case:</u> ECI for total private compensation. <u>Proposal:</u> No change in methodology.
4	LLRW Burial Costs	5.0%	5.0%	<u>Prior Case:</u> Confidential blended rate based in part on actual pricing in accordance with stipulation with the Office of Ratepayer Advocates. <u>Proposal:</u> No change in methodology.
5	Other	1.97%	2.20%	<u>Prior Case:</u> GDP Implicit Price Deflator. <u>Proposal:</u> No change in methodology.

a. PG&E Labor

PG&E labor costs comprise approximately \$89.9 million or 33 percent of remaining decommissioning costs. PG&E proposes to use a 3.30 percent average escalation rate to escalate PG&E Labor costs in 2019 and thereafter. The rates are based on a blend of PG&E union contracts and non-represented employees for each period and are consistent with what will be filed in PG&E's 2020 GRC, and with the prior NDCTP.

b. Equipment and Materials

Equipment and materials costs comprise approximately \$1.4 million or 0.5 percent of remaining decommissioning costs. PG&E proposes to escalate the costs based on a weighting of the following indices:

1 (1) 98 percent of the forecasted changes in the GDP implicit price
2 deflator; and (2) 2 percent of the forecasted changes in the PPI for
3 machinery and equipment. This methodology is consistent with the
4 prior NDCTP.

5 **c. Contract Labor**

6 Contract labor costs comprise approximately \$136.7 million or
7 50 percent of remaining decommissioning costs. Consistent with the
8 prior NDCTP, PG&E proposes to escalate the contract labor costs
9 based on the forecasted changes in the ECI for total private
10 compensation. The ECI compensation series includes the changes in
11 wages and salaries (not seasonally adjusted) and the costs of employee
12 benefits for private industry workers. The use of the ECI series is
13 appropriate, as it is a principal economic indicator of the changes in total
14 compensation. This method is consistent with the prior NDCTP.

15 **d. LLRW Burial and Disposal**

16 LLRW burial costs comprise approximately \$20.9 million or
17 8 percent of remaining decommissioning costs. PG&E proposes to use
18 a 5 percent blended escalation rate based on actual HBPP LLRW burial
19 and disposal contracts.

20 **e. Other**

21 Other costs comprise approximately \$24.3 million or 9 percent of
22 remaining decommissioning costs. PG&E proposes to use the
23 forecasted changes in the GDP implicit price deflator for escalation of
24 other costs. The GDP implicit price deflator provides a reasonable and
25 objective measurement of price changes and inflationary trends in other
26 costs. This method is consistent with the prior NDCTP.

27 Table 10-5 presents the decommissioning costs for HBPP on a
28 constant and nominal dollar basis, using the proposed escalation
29 factors above. The cost estimate in table 10-5 includes the actual
30 decommissioning spend of \$15 million for the months of November and
31 December in 2017, and the estimates for 2018-2033. The November
32 and December 2017 costs are included as they had not been withdrawn

1 from the trust by December 31, 2017, the starting point used for
 2 contribution modeling.

TABLE 10-5
HUMBOLDT BAY POWER PLANT UNIT 3
COST OF REMAINING DECOMMISSIONING IN CONSTANT AND NOMINAL DOLLARS
(MILLIONS OF DOLLARS)

Line No.		D.17-05-020 2015-2030	A.18-12-XXX 2019-2033
1	<u>Constant Dollar Cost</u>	2014	2018
2	PG&E Labor	\$88.290	\$89.898
3	Equipment and Materials	4.800	1.361
4	Contract Labor	301.284	136.675
5	LLRW Burial Costs	73.075	20.946
6	Other	63.833	26.323
7	Total	\$531.282	\$273.203
8	<u>Nominal Dollar Cost</u>		
9	PG&E Labor	\$109.596	\$112.552
10	Equipment and Materials	4.938	1.382
11	Contract Labor	330.425	152.221
12	LLRW Burial Costs	84.824	24.630
13	Other	68.983	28.706
14	Total	\$598.766	\$319.491

3 **E. Trust Balances**

4 PG&E's qualified NDT for DCPD and HBPP is an externally managed,
 5 separate legal entity.⁶ It is taxed on its investment earnings at a reduced federal
 6 tax rate of 20 percent.⁷

7 Table 10-6 shows the balances in the NDT as of December 31, 2015, and
 8 as of December 31, 2017.

⁶ California Public Utilities Code Section 8325.

⁷ I.R.C 468A(e)(2)(a).

TABLE 10-6
TRUST BALANCES OF DIABLO CANYON AND HBPP
(MILLIONS OF DOLLARS)

Line No.		D.17-05-020	A.18-12-XXX
1	<u>Date of Fund Balance Update</u>	12/31/2015	12/31/2017
2	Diablo Canyon Unit 1	\$1,126.739	\$1,374.308
3	Diablo Canyon Unit 2	\$1,474.283	\$1,797.696
4	Subtotal, Diablo Canyon	\$2,601.022	\$3,172.004
5	HBPP	192.543	150.375
6	Total	\$2,793.565	\$3,322.379

1 As of December 31, 2017, the DCPD and HBPP NDT values have grown by
2 \$528 million from \$2,794 million as of December 31, 2015 to \$3,322 million as of
3 December 31, 2017. The revenue requirement for the 2015 previous NDCTP
4 triennial period (2017-2019) reflected NDT balances as of December 31, 2015 in
5 accordance with the Commission order and Internal Revenue Service
6 requirements. In addition, in accordance with D.13-01-039, OP 12, Tables 10-9
7 and 10-10 provide a comparison table of projected and actual NDT rates of
8 return for the years 2016⁸ and 2017.

9 **F. Return on Equity**

10 Russell Investments (Russell) provides PG&E with forecast rates of return
11 on various asset classes. Russell is a leading investment consultant and
12 investment manager serving institutional clients in over 35 countries. Russell
13 publishes forecast rates of return for 5-, 10-, and 20-year periods. For DCPD,
14 PG&E uses Russell's 20-year return forecasts for equity and fixed income
15 as this most closely matches the long-term investment horizon of the DCPD
16 NDT assets. For HBPP, PG&E uses Russell's 10-year return forecasts for
17 equity and fixed income as this is more aligned with HBPP's remaining
18 decommissioning life.

19 For the return on equity, PG&E uses Russell's forecast returns for United
20 States (U.S.) equity and global ex-U.S. equity. Following the investment policy
21 weightings, PG&E weights these components 70 percent U.S. equity and

⁸ Although the revenue requirement period for the prior NDCTP is 2017-2019, PG&E provides the actual vs forecasted trust rates of return for the Diablo Canyon and HBPP NDTs for 2016 as 2016 actual returns were not known until after the 2015 NDCTP was filed.

1 30 percent global ex-U.S. equity to arrive at a composite expected return on
2 equity of 8.06 and 8.12 percent for DCP and HBPP, respectively.
3 Comparisons of PG&E's proposed return on equity assumptions and the
4 adopted return on equity assumptions approved in the 2015 NDCTP are
5 provided in Tables 10-7 and 10-8 below.

6 **1. Equity Turnover Rate**

7 In the last several NDCTPs, the Commission has accepted PG&E's
8 calculating the annual equity turnover rates by averaging the actual equity
9 turnover rates from prior years. Consistent with this methodology, PG&E
10 again averages recorded equity turnover rates for both the non-U.S. equity
11 and U.S. equity markets from 2008 through 2017. The resulting average
12 equity turnover rate is approximately 11 percent.

13 **G. Return on Fixed Income**

14 The fixed income portfolio is invested against two different benchmarks.
15 70 percent of the portfolio is invested against the Barclays Capital U.S. Treasury
16 Bond Index. For this portion of the portfolio, PG&E uses Russell's expected
17 return on U.S. government bonds, 3.7 and 3.0 percent for DCP and
18 HBPP, respectively.

19 The remaining 30 percent of the portfolio is invested against a custom
20 benchmark. PG&E worked with one of its investment managers, BlackRock, to
21 design a custom benchmark with a goal of achieving a higher risk-adjusted
22 return than the current Treasury benchmark. The custom benchmark includes
23 corporate, high yield, asset-backed, municipal and Treasury bonds. Using
24 expected return assumptions from Russell Investments, PG&E forecasts an
25 expected return from this portion of the portfolio at 4.4 and 3.62 percent for
26 DCP and HBPP, respectively.

27 For the total fixed income portfolio, PG&E forecasts an expected return of
28 3.9 percent for Diablo Canyon, and an expected return of 3.19 percent for
29 HBPP, which is calculated as a weighted average of the Treasury portfolio and
30 the custom portfolio. A comparison of PG&E's proposed return on fixed income
31 assumptions and the adopted return on fixed income assumptions approved in
32 the 2015 NDCTP are provided in Tables 10-7 and 10-8 below.

1 **H. Asset Allocation**

2 The Nuclear Facilities Decommissioning Master Trust Committee
3 (Committee) sets the asset allocation and has elected to set the equity exposure
4 for the Diablo Canyon NDT at 60 percent, 30 percent of which is non-U.S.
5 equity. The equity allocation for the HBPP NDT is 6 percent, reflecting the short
6 investment horizon for these NDT assets. Fixed income makes up the
7 remainder of the allocation, 40 percent for Diablo Canyon and 94 percent for
8 HBPP. The forecast rates of return reflect this asset allocation.

9 **1. Asset Liability Study**

10 In 2018 the Committee engaged Callan Associates (Callan) to develop
11 an asset allocation glide path for DCPD NDT assets. Callan is a well-known
12 investment consulting firm that has produced analysis on NDT investment
13 matters for the Committee, the Commission and other utilities across the
14 country dating back to 1991.

15 An asset liability study uses Monte Carlo simulation to evaluate potential
16 future scenarios (in this case 2,000) of asset returns and the impact of
17 inflation on decommissioning expenditures. The study analyzes the
18 trade-off between risk and reward of various asset allocations and is used
19 by the Committee to select an appropriate asset allocation. Similar to the
20 prior study Callan developed a glide path approach to asset allocation rather
21 than the typical static allocation. A glide path gradually reduces the
22 allocation to equities as the investment horizon decreases and
23 decommissioning spending draws near. Reducing the exposure to equities
24 like this reduces the risk that a bear market for equities would cause
25 significant losses to NDT assets shortly before they are required for
26 decommissioning expenditures. The glide path adopted by the Committee
27 is shown in Table 10-11.

1 I. **Table Comparison of Expected Returns and Equity Turnover Assumptions**
 2 **Used in the Prior NDCTP Proceeding Versus Current Proceeding**

TABLE 10-7
DIABLO CANYON POWER PLANT
EXPECTED RETURN ASSUMPTIONS
(MILLIONS OF DOLLARS)

Line No.		A.16-03-006	A.18-12-XXX
1	<u>Asset Allocations and Pre-Tax Returns</u>		
2	Equity	60.0%	60.0%
3	Fixed Income	40.0%	40.0%
4	Equity Rate of Return	7.7%	8.1%
5	Equity Return, Net of Fees	7.6%	8.0%
6	Fixed Income Rate of Return	3.6%	3.9%
7	Fixed Income Return, Net of Fees	3.5%	3.8%
8	Income Tax Rate on Equity Earnings	27.1%	27.1%
9	Income Tax Rate on Fixed Income Earnings	20.7%	20.7%
10	<u>Combined Overall After-Tax/After Fees Return</u>		
11	Equity	4.1%	4.3%
12	Fixed Income	1.1	1.2
13	Total	5.2%	5.5%
14	Equities Ramp Down Assumption (i.e. converted to fixed income investments)	Per glide path	Per glide path
15	Average Equity Turnover rate	11.0%	11.0%

TABLE 10-8
HUMBOLDT BAY POWER PLANT UNIT 3
EXPECTED RETURN ASSUMPTIONS
(MILLIONS OF DOLLARS)

Line No.		A.16-03-006	A.18-12-XXX
1	<u>Asset Allocations and Pre-Tax Returns</u>		
2	Equity Allocation	6.0%	6.0%
3	Fixed Income Allocation	94.0%	94.0%
4	Equity Rate of Return	7.7%	8.1%
5	Equity Return, Net of Fees	7.6%	8.0%
6	Fixed Income Rate of Return	3.6%	3.2%
7	Fixed Income Return, Net of Fees	3.5%	3.1%
8	Income Tax Rate on Equity Earnings	27.1%	27.1%
9	Income Tax Rate on Fixed Income Earnings	20.7%	20.0%
10	<u>Combined Overall After-Tax/After Fees Return</u>		
11	Equity	0.4%	0.4%
12	Fixed Income	2.6%	2.3%
13	Total	3.0%	2.7%
14	Average Equity Turnover rate	11.0%	11.0%

1 **J. Table Comparison of Projected Rate of Return Assumptions Used in the**
 2 **Prior NDCTP Proceeding Versus Actual Rate of Return**

**TABLE 10-9
 DIABLO CANYON POWER PLANT
 COMPARISON OF ACTUAL AND PROJECTED
 RATES OF RETURN FOR 2016-2017
 (RETURNS ARE AFTER FEES AND TAXES)**

Line No.		2016	2017
1	2015 NDCTP Return Projection	5.23%	5.23%
2	Actual Rate of Return	6.63%	14.35%

**TABLE 10-10
 HUMBOLDT BAY POWER PLANT UNIT 3
 COMPARISON OF ACTUAL AND PROJECTED
 RATES OF RETURN FOR 2016-2017
 (RETURNS ARE AFTER FEES AND TAXES)**

Line No.		2016	2017
1	2015 NDCTP Return Projection	3.04%	3.04%
2	Actual Rate of Return	1.48%	3.65%

1 K. Table Asset Allocation Glidepath for Diablo Canyon

**TABLE 10-11
DIABLO CANYON POWER PLANT
ASSET ALLOCATION GLIDEPATH**

Year	U.S. Equity	Non-U.S. Equity	Total Equity	Fixed Income	Cash	Total
2018	42%	18%	60%	40%	—	100%
2019	39%	17%	55%	45%	—	100%
2020	35%	15%	50%	50%	—	100%
2021	32%	14%	45%	55%	—	100%
2022	27%	12%	39%	61%	—	100%
2023	25%	11%	35%	65%	—	100%
2024	22%	9%	31%	69%	—	100%
2025	20%	8%	28%	72%	—	100%
2026	19%	8%	27%	73%	—	100%
2027	20%	8%	28%	72%	—	100%
2028	20%	8%	28%	72%	—	100%
2029	20%	8%	28%	72%	—	100%
2030	20%	9%	29%	71%	—	100%
2031	20%	9%	29%	71%	—	100%
2032	18%	8%	25%	75%	—	100%
2033	15%	7%	22%	78%	—	100%
2034	14%	6%	20%	80%	—	100%
2035	14%	6%	20%	80%	—	100%
2036	14%	6%	20%	80%	—	100%
2037	15%	7%	22%	78%	—	100%
2038	19%	8%	27%	73%	—	100%
2039	27%	12%	39%	61%	—	100%
2040	32%	14%	46%	54%	—	100%
2041	32%	14%	45%	55%	—	100%
2042	31%	13%	44%	56%	—	100%
2043	29%	13%	42%	58%	—	100%
2044	29%	12%	41%	59%	—	100%
2045	28%	12%	40%	60%	—	100%
2046	27%	11%	38%	62%	—	100%
2047	25%	11%	36%	64%	—	100%
2048	25%	11%	35%	65%	—	100%
2049	23%	10%	33%	67%	—	100%
2050	21%	9%	30%	70%	—	100%
2051	20%	8%	28%	72%	—	100%
2052	17%	7%	24%	76%	—	100%
2053	14%	6%	20%	80%	—	100%
2054	11%	5%	15%	85%	—	100%
2055	8%	3%	11%	89%	—	100%
2056	4%	2%	6%	94%	—	100%
2057	2%	1%	3%	97%	—	100%
2058	1%	0%	1%	99%	—	100%
2059	0%	0%	0%	100%	—	100%
2060	0%	0%	0%	100%	—	100%
2061	0%	0%	0%	100%	—	100%
2062	0%	0%	0%	100%	—	100%

1 **L. Internal Revenue Service Schedule of Ruling Amounts**

2 PG&E is required to obtain a new Schedule of Ruling Amounts (SRA)
3 reflecting the updated funding assumptions approved by the Commission in
4 this NDCTP.

5 Federal Treasury regulations require that the SRA be calculated based on
6 fund balances as of the most-recent year-end.⁹ Immediately following a final
7 decision in this proceeding, PG&E will file an advice letter with the Commission
8 to update the annual decommissioning revenue requirements and contribution
9 amounts based on the assumptions adopted in this NDCTP using the
10 most-recent year-end Trust fund balances. Depending on the trust fund
11 balances as of the most-recent year-end (which will depend on actual earnings
12 of the fund vs. earnings forecasts), the revenue requirement (and corresponding
13 contribution) may increase (in the case of reduced trust earnings) or decrease
14 (in the case of higher trust earnings).

15 **M. Conclusion**

16 PG&E requests that the Commission adopt the forecasted rates of return
17 and escalation factors set forth in this chapter for purposes of establishing the
18 necessary contributions to the NDT.

⁹ Treas. Reg. § 1.468A-3(h)(2)(vii)(D).

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1 **PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY**
2 **CHAPTER 11**
3 **TRUST CONTRIBUTION AND**
4 **PLANNING ACTIVITIES REVENUE REQUIREMENTS**

5 **A. Introduction**

6 **1. Purpose and Scope of Chapter**

7 The purpose of this chapter is to present the Nuclear Decommissioning
8 Trust (NDT) contribution and Diablo Canyon Power Plant (DCPP)
9 decommissioning planning activities revenue requirements needed
10 to support Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E) Nuclear
11 Decommissioning (ND) beginning January 1, 2020. The revenue
12 requirement calculations presented here comprise all revenues needed to
13 fund PG&E's DCPP and Humboldt Bay Power Plant (HBPP) NDT based on
14 the contributions developed in Chapter 10 and the costs of DCPP
15 pre-shutdown decommissioning planning activities presented in Chapter 3.

16 **2. Summary of Proposal**

17 PG&E's cost of service, as expressed in revenue requirements, is
18 calculated based on PG&E's planned NDT contributions and DCPP
19 pre-shutdown planning activities. Specifically, PG&E is seeking recovery of
20 a California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC or Commission) jurisdictional
21 annual revenue requirement of \$417.877 million beginning January 1, 2020.
22 As presented in Table 11-1, the \$417.877 million includes three separate
23 revenue requirement components.

**TABLE 11-1
PRESENT AND PROPOSED REVENUE REQUIREMENTS
(THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)**

Line No.	Description	Present 2019	Proposed 2020	Increase/ (Decrease)
1	DCPP Pre-shutdown Planning Activities	–	\$30,295	\$30,295
2	DCPP NDT Contribution	–	383,731	383,731
3	HBPP NDT Contribution	\$63,386	3,850	(59,536)
4	HBPP Safe Storage (SAFSTOR)	4,401	–	(4,401)
5	Total	\$67,787	\$417,877	\$350,090

(a) PG&E Prepared Testimony, Chapter 8, Section I describes why PG&E is not seeking a further revenue requirement for HBPP SAFSTOR in this filing.

1 This \$417.877 million annual revenue requirement represents a
2 \$350.090 million increase from the 2019 authorized revenue requirement of
3 \$67.787 million.¹ At the end of this chapter, Table 11-3 summarizes the
4 revenue requirements to fund the DCPP pre-shutdown decommissioning
5 planning activities for 2020-2024, and Table 11-4 presents in detail a
6 summary of the total NDT contribution revenue requirement.

7 **3. Organization of the Remainder of This Chapter**

8 The remaining sections of this chapter are organized as follows:

- 9 • Section B – Current Cost Structure;
- 10 • Section C – DCPP Pre-Shutdown Decommissioning Planning Activities
11 Revenue Requirement and Cost Recovery Proposal;
- 12 • Section D – DCPP Units 1 and 2 and HBPP Unit 3 NDT Contribution
13 Revenue Requirements;
- 14 • Section E – NDT Contribution Revenue Requirements Cost Recovery
15 Proposal;
- 16 • Section F – Conclusion; and
- 17 • Section G – Tables.

18 **B. Current Cost Structure**

19 PG&E recovers authorized revenue requirements for ND services through
20 the ND rate component in electric rates. The revenue requirements used to set
21 these rates were last authorized in PG&E’s 2015 Nuclear Decommissioning

¹ Advice Letter (AL) 5080-E.

1 Cost Triennial Proceeding (NDCTP), Decision (D.) 17-05-020, as implemented
2 by subsequent AL filings. In compliance with Ordering Paragraph 1 of
3 D.17-05-020, PG&E filed AL 5080-E to implement the 2017-2019 NDT
4 contribution revenue requirement as described and adjusted in the decision.

5 **C. DCPD Pre-shutdown Decommissioning Planning Activities Revenue**
6 **Requirement and Cost Recovery Proposal**

7 Table 3-1 in Chapter 3 discusses PG&E's request to spend \$187.848 million
8 (2017\$) for decommissioning planning activities by the end of 2024. As shown
9 in Table 11-2 below, the \$187.848 million in planning activities costs were
10 escalated to a nominal amount of \$214.124 million using the proposed
11 escalation factors in Chapter 10. The \$214.124 nominal planning activities
12 amount was reduced for the \$37.2 million or 3 percent that can be withdrawn
13 from the NDT. As noted in Chapter 3, prior to plant shutdown, NRC regulations
14 limit PG&E's access to the NDT funds to 3 percent of the generic
15 decommissioning formula funding amount, which equates to \$37.2 million.² The
16 \$37.2 million is expected to cover decommissioning planning activities costs
17 through part of 2019. To calculate the average annual spend net of the
18 \$37.2 million trust withdrawal amount, the balance of spend for the years
19 2019-2022 was totaled and divided by three years, and the balance of spend for
20 years 2023-2024 was totaled and divided by two years. An annual average
21 spend has been developed for the periods 2020-2022 and 2023-2024 to ensure
22 that revenues are in line with spend and eliminate the need for a tax gross-up.
23 The revenue requirements were then calculated by adding Revenue Fees and
24 Uncollectibles (RF&U) to these annual average amounts.

² For more details, please refer to PG&E Prepared Testimony, Chapter 3, Section C, "NRC Regulations Limit Access to NDTs Pre-Shutdown."

**TABLE 11-2
DIABLO CANYON POWER PLANT PRE-SHUTDOWN PLANNING ACTIVITIES
ESCALATED TO NOMINAL DOLLARS
(THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)**

Line No.		Pre-2018	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
1	\$(2017) Spend	\$7,368	\$21,568	\$16,526	\$21,840	\$26,368	\$22,928	\$32,020	\$39,231	\$187,848
2	Nominal Spend	\$7,368	\$21,678	\$17,563	\$23,936	\$29,713	\$26,807	\$38,529	\$48,529	\$214,124
3	Less 3% Trust Withdrawal	\$(7,368)	\$(21,678)	\$(8,154)	-	-	-	-	-	\$(37,200)
4	Nominal Spend To Be Recovered From Diablo Canyon Decommissioning Balancing Account (DCDBA) (before applying RF&U factor)									\$176,924
5	Net Spend 2019-2022	-	-	\$9,409	\$23,936	\$29,713	\$26,807	-	-	\$89,865
6	Annual Average 2020-2022	-	-	-	\$29,955	\$29,955	\$29,955	-	-	\$89,865
7	Spend 2023-2024	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$38,529	\$48,529	\$87,058
8	Annual Average 2023-2024	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$43,529	\$43,529	\$87,058
9	RF&U Revenue Requirements	-	-	-	\$340	\$340	\$340	\$494	\$494	\$2,008
10		-	-	-	\$30,295	\$30,295	\$30,295	\$44,023	\$44,023	\$178,932
11	Total Revenue Requirements To Be Recovered From DCDBA									\$178,932

1 PG&E applied a RF&U expense factor of 0.011349 (electric) to the planning
2 activities expense forecast to calculate the annual revenue requirements. This
3 RF&U factor was determined using the methodology adopted in PG&E's 2017
4 General Rate Case (GRC) D.17-05-013,³ as approved for 2019 in
5 AL 4020-G/5389-E, using the latest available data for the year 2019.

6 The revenue requirement of \$178.932 million to fund DCCP planning
7 activities occurring from 2019 through 2024 will be recovered separately from
8 the contributions to the NDT through an expense-only balancing account, the
9 DCDBA.⁴ Upon Commission approval, PG&E proposes to transfer the balance
10 in the Diablo Canyon Decommissioning Planning Memorandum Account, which
11 is pending before the Commission in Application 18-07-013, to the DCDBA.
12 This balancing account will track actual expenditures incurred, compared to the
13 adopted DCCP pre-shutdown decommissioning planning costs.

14 PG&E proposes that the revenue requirement associated with the DCCP
15 pre-shutdown decommissioning planning activities be collected from customers

³ 2017 PG&E GRC D.17-05-013, Section 4.1.5.7., p. 94.

⁴ In the event that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission approves PG&E's exemption request to withdraw more than 3 percent annually from the NDT (PG&E Prepared Testimony, Chapter 3, Attachment A), PG&E will adjust the NDT contribution and revenue requirements accordingly.

1 through the ND non-bypassable charge. The Nuclear Decommissioning
2 Adjustment Mechanism (NDAM), as authorized in D.99-10-057, will be used to
3 record each authorized revenue requirement and the associated billed revenues.
4 Interest will be calculated in the account on a monthly basis, based on 3-month
5 commercial paper interest rates. Cost recovery of decommissioning planning
6 activities revenue requirements will commence in conjunction with the next
7 electric rate change after the effective date of the final decision in this
8 proceeding. Annually thereafter, the under- or over-collections would be
9 recovered or refunded through the Annual Electric True-Up (AET).⁵

10 At this time, PG&E is requesting cost recovery for an annual revenue
11 requirement of \$30.295 million over the period 2020-2022 and an annual
12 revenue requirement of \$44.023 million over the period 2023-2024 in order to
13 fund the planning activities that will occur from 2019 to 2024.

14 **D. DCPD Units 1 and 2 and HBPP Unit 3 NDT Contribution Revenue**
15 **Requirements**

16 The NDT contribution revenue requirements include the costs to
17 decommission DCPD and HBPP. As described in Chapter 10, the appropriate
18 level of contributions to the DCPD qualified Trust is \$226.715 million for Unit 1,
19 and \$151.141 million for Unit 2, and the appropriate level of contributions to the
20 HBPP qualified Trust is \$3.791 million. PG&E will make these contributions to
21 the Trust each quarter beginning in 2020.

22 PG&E applied a RF&U revenue factor of 0.011221 (electric) to the Trust
23 contributions to calculate the Trust contribution revenue requirement. Similar to
24 the aforementioned RF&U expense factor, this RF&U revenue factor was
25 determined using the methodology adopted in PG&E's 2017 GRC Decision

5 The proposed ratemaking for funding DCPD pre-shutdown planning activities represents the lowest cost and is in the best interest of ratepayers. In the event that the Commission rejects PG&E's proposal to establish the DCDBA, PG&E will continue to perform the pre-shutdown activities, as it is the reasonable and prudent course of action. In this case, the costs of the DCPD pre-shutdown activities will be funded with working capital from shareholders at a cost of \$40.2 million more to ratepayers over the period 2020-2024. In the event that the Commission delays the NDCTP decision beyond December 31, 2019, the costs of the DCPD pre-shutdown activities will be funded with working capital from shareholders during the interim period until a decision is issued and rate recovery commences.

1 (D.17-05-013), as approved for 2019 in AL 4020-G/5389-E, using the latest
2 available data for the year 2019.

3 Consistent with the prior 2015 NDCTP filing, working cash requirements are
4 included in the calculation of the rate base on which PG&E earns a return. To
5 calculate working cash estimates for the ND cost category, PG&E applied the
6 appropriate working cash factors and methods authorized in the 2017 GRC to
7 the Trust contribution estimates presented in this application. The primary
8 working cash item that pertains to DCPD and HBPP ND is the lead-lag study.
9 Specifically, this is the working cash capital requirement that results from the lag
10 in payments to the NDT.

11 PG&E also proposes to use the return on rate base from the most recently
12 approved Cost of Capital (COC) proceeding, the 2018 authorized COC decision
13 (D.17-07-005).⁶ This is consistent with the method that PG&E used in prior
14 NDCTP applications.

15 **E. NDT Contribution Revenue Requirements Cost Recovery Proposal**

16 PG&E proposes that the revenue requirement associated with NDT
17 contributions continue to be collected through a ND non-bypassable charge as
18 specified in Public Utilities Code Section 379. The NDAM will be used to record
19 each authorized revenue requirement and the associated billed revenues on a
20 monthly basis. Interest will be calculated in the account on a monthly basis,
21 based on 3-month commercial paper interest rates. The annual amount that
22 PG&E proposes to recover in rates will consist of the revenue requirement and
23 the NDAM account balance as of the end of the prior year. Cost recovery will
24 occur through the NDAM and will be initially recovered through the next electric
25 rate change after the effective date of the final decision in this proceeding.
26 Annually thereafter, any under- or over-collections will be recovered or refunded
27 through the AET. PG&E proposes to continue using the revenue allocation and
28 rate design methodology approved in prior NDCTPs.

29 **F. Conclusion**

30 PG&E requests the Commission to adopt PG&E's estimated revenue
31 requirements needed to support PG&E's NDT contributions and the costs of
32 DCPD pre-shutdown decommissioning planning activities, beginning January 1,

6 AL 3887-G/5148-E, approved on October 26, 2017, established debt rates.

1 2020. PG&E proposes the revenue requirements establishing the final cost
 2 recovery to be finalized in a true-up AL and preliminary statement request
 3 following the final decision for this proceeding, and calculated using the same
 4 Results of Operations assumptions presented here, updated as appropriate for
 5 the COC, RF&U, and tax parameters, as adopted in PG&E's future COC, GRC
 6 and other relevant decisions.

7 **G. Tables**

**TABLE 11-3
 DIABLO CANYON POWER PLANT DECOMMISSIONING PLANNING ACTIVITIES REVENUE
 REQUIREMENT FORECAST
 2020-2024
 (THOUSANDS OF NOMINAL DOLLARS)**

Line No.	Description	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
1	DCPP Pre-shutdown Decommissioning Planning Activities Costs	\$29,955	\$29,955	\$29,955	\$43,529	\$43,529	\$176,924
2	RF&U	340	340	340	494	494	2,008
3	Requested Revenue	\$30,295	\$30,295	\$30,295	\$44,023	\$44,023	\$178,932

TABLE 11-4
ANNUAL NUCLEAR DECOMMISSIONING TRUST CONTRIBUTION REVENUE REQUIREMENT
BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2020
(THOUSANDS OF NOMINAL DOLLARS)

<u>Line No.</u>		
1	Adopted Revenues	\$67,787
2	Plus Difference	<u>319,795</u>
3	Requested Revenue	\$387,582
4	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	
5	Energy Costs	—
6	Other Production	—
7	Storage	—
8	Transmission	—
9	Distribution	—
10	Customer Accounts	—
11	Uncollectibles	\$1,312
12	Customer Services	—
13	Administrative and General	—
14	Franchise & SFGR Tax Requirement	3,027
15	Project Amortization	—
16	Wage Change Impacts	—
17	Other Price Change Impacts	—
18	Other Adjustments	<u>—</u>
19	Subtotal Expenses	\$4,339
20	<u>Taxes</u>	
21	Superfund	—
22	Property	—
23	Payroll	—
24	Business	—
25	Other	—
26	State Corporation Franchise	\$108
27	Federal Income	<u>234</u>
28	Total Taxes	\$342
29	Depreciation	—
30	Fossil Decommissioning	—
31	Nuclear Decommissioning	<u>\$381,647</u>
32	Total Operating Expenses	\$386,328
33	Net for Return	\$1,254
34	Rate Base	\$16,307
35	<u>Rate of Return</u>	
36	On Rate Base	7.69%
37	On Equity	10.25%

PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY
APPENDIX A
STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS

1 **PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY**
2 **STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS OF WILLIAM H. BARLEY**

3 Q 1 Please state your name and business address.

4 A 1 My name is William H. Barley, and my business address is Pacific Gas and
5 Electric Company, Humboldt Bay Power Plant.

6 Q 2 Briefly describe your responsibilities at Pacific Gas and Electric Company
7 (PG&E).

8 A 2 I am responsible for the Site Closure Group which includes, the License
9 Termination Plan, Final Status Surveys, site training, and Nuclear
10 Regulatory Commission interface for license termination.

11 Q 3 Please summarize your educational and professional background.

12 A 3 I have 40 years of experience in nuclear power with 20 years of that
13 experience being nuclear decommissioning experience in Nuclear
14 Regulatory Commission (NRC), Department of Energy and United Kingdom
15 facilities. In the past I have held positions of Radiation Protection Manager
16 and Quality Manager at large boiling water reactors. I have a Bachelor of
17 Science degree in Chemical Engineering from Penn State University and am
18 a Certified Health Physicist by the American Board of Health Physics.
19 Additionally, I was a past licensed Senior Reactor Operator Engineer and an
20 NRC Inspector at TMI-2 during accident recovery.

21 Q 4 What is the purpose of your testimony?

22 A 4 I am sponsoring the following testimony and workpapers in PG&E's
23 2018 Nuclear Decommissioning Cost Triennial Proceeding:

- 24 • Chapter 9, "Humboldt Bay Power Plant Completed Project
25 Reasonableness Review Testimony"; and
- 26 • Workpapers supporting Chapter 9, "Humboldt Bay Power Plant
27 Completed Project Reasonableness Review Testimony."

28 Q 5 Does this conclude your statement of qualifications?

29 A 5 Yes, it does.

1 **PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY.**
2 **STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS OF ERIC D. BRACKEEN**

3 Q 1 Please state your name and business address.

4 A 1 My name is Eric D. Brackeen, and my business address is Pacific Gas and
5 Electric Company, 4111 Broad Street, Suite 120, San Luis Obispo,
6 California.

7 Q 2 Briefly describe your responsibilities at Pacific Gas and Electric Company
8 (PG&E).

9 A 2 I am a manager within the Nuclear Steam Supply System and Balance of
10 Plant Decommissioning Engineering Department, and am responsible for
11 the reactor pressure vessel and internals segmentation and disposal
12 aspects of decommissioning the Diablo Canyon Power Plant (DCPP).

13 Q 3 Please summarize your educational and professional background.

14 A 3 I received a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from
15 California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo in 2004. I have a
16 total of 14 years experience in the areas of licensing, engineering, operation,
17 maintenance, and decommissioning of the DCPP. During this time, my
18 primary role was as system engineer responsible for the reactor coolant
19 systems and aging management of the reactor pressure vessels and
20 internals. In addition, I have served as a sitting member on various
21 industry technical advisory committees responsible for resolution of
22 materials degradation issues impacting operation and reliability of reactor
23 internals components within the domestic and foreign fleets of pressurized
24 water reactors.

25 Q 4 What is the purpose of your testimony?

26 A 4 I am sponsoring the following testimony in PG&E's 2018 Nuclear
27 Decommissioning Cost Triennial Proceeding:

- 28 • Chapter 4, Attachment A, "Diablo Canyon Power Plant Detailed Cost
29 Estimate":
30 – Section E, 5.

31 Q 5 Does this conclude your statement of qualifications?

32 A 5 Yes, it does.

1 **PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY.**
2 **STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS OF ELIZABETH (LIZ) CHAN**

3 Q 1 Please state your name and business address.

4 A 1 My name is Elizabeth (Liz) Chan, and my business address is Pacific Gas
5 and Electric Company, 77 Beale Street, San Francisco, California.

6 Q 2 Briefly describe your responsibilities at Pacific Gas and Electric Company
7 (PG&E).

8 A 2 I am a Senior Regulatory Analyst in PG&E's Financial Forecasting and
9 Revenue Requirements Department, within the Controller organization.

10 I am responsible for financial analysis and modeling, including the
11 development of Results of Operations (RO) models for incremental cost
12 recovery filings and developing related testimony.

13 Q 3 Please summarize your educational and professional background.

14 A 3 I received a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Economics and
15 Policy from University of California, Berkeley in 2012. From 2012-2013,
16 I provided analysis and decision support for various energy policy initiatives
17 as a City Hall Fellow in the Power Enterprise Department of the
18 San Francisco Public Utilities Commission. In August 2013, I joined PG&E
19 as a Business Finance Associate Analyst. From 2013-2014, I provided
20 financial planning, forecasting, and budgeting support to PG&E's
21 Emergency Program leadership. From 2014-2016, I worked as a Business
22 Finance Analyst in the Enterprise Planning & Governance group, and
23 performed financial planning, reporting, and analysis to inform leadership
24 decision-making. From 2016-2018, I worked as a Revenue Requirements
25 Analyst, supporting major regulatory cases as a Witness Assistant, and
26 performed numerous ad hoc financial analyses in support of regulatory
27 strategy and commitments. In March 2018, I started my current position as
28 a Senior Regulatory Analyst, where I am responsible for RO Witness
29 assignments related to our incremental regulatory cases.

30 Q 4 What is the purpose of your testimony?

31 A 4 I am sponsoring the following testimony and workpapers in PG&E's
32 2018 Nuclear Decommissioning Cost Triennial Proceeding:

- 1 • Chapter 11, “Trust Contribution and Planning Activities Revenue
2 Requirements”; and
3 • Workpapers supporting Chapter 11, “Trust Contribution and Planning
4 Activities Revenue Requirements.”
5 Q 5 Does this conclude your statement of qualifications?
6 A 5 Yes, it does.

1 **PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY**
2 **STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS OF JON FRANKE**

3 Q 1 Please state your name and business address.

4 A 1 My name is Jon Franke, and my business address is Pacific Gas and
5 Electric Company, 77 Beale Street, San Francisco, California.

6 Q 2 Briefly describe your responsibilities at Pacific Gas and Electric Company
7 (PG&E).

8 A 2 I am the Vice President (VP) of Safety Health and Claims and the Chief
9 Safety Officer for PG&E. I also have overall responsibility for the activities
10 associated with the decommissioning of Humboldt Bay Power Plant Unit 3,
11 and the overall planning and cost estimating for Diablo Canyon Power Plant
12 Units 1 and 2.

13 Q 3 Please summarize your educational and professional background.

14 A 3 I received a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from the
15 United States (U.S.) Naval Academy, a Master of Science degree in
16 Mechanical Engineering from the University of Maryland, and a Master's
17 degree in Business Administration from the University of North Carolina at
18 Wilmington. I have over 30 years of nuclear industry experience, obtained
19 while working in increasing levels of responsibility in the U.S. Navy, and at:
20 Carolina Power and Light, Progress Energy, Duke Energy, and Talen
21 Energy. I served in several leadership positions at Brunswick Nuclear Plant
22 before becoming the Plant General Manager, and later VP, at Crystal River
23 Nuclear Plant. Prior to joining PG&E in 2017, I served as VP of
24 Susquehanna Nuclear Plant, where I was responsible for all aspects of safe,
25 reliable, and efficient nuclear plant operation, design, and maintenance.
26 Immediately prior to my current assignment as the VP of Safety Health and
27 Claims, I was the VP of Power Generation for PG&E.

28 Q 4 What is the purpose of your testimony?

29 A 4 I am sponsoring the following testimony in PG&E's 2018 Nuclear
30 Decommissioning Triennial Cost Proceeding:

- 31 • Chapter 1, "Introduction and Policy."

32 Q 5 Does this conclude your statement of qualifications?

33 A 5 Yes, it does.

1 **PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY**
2 **STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS OF TED HUNTLEY**

3 Q 1 Please state your name and business address.

4 A 1 My name is Ted Huntley, and my business address is Pacific Gas and
5 Electric Company, 77 Beale Street, San Francisco, California.

6 Q 2 Briefly describe your responsibilities at Pacific Gas and Electric Company
7 (PG&E or the Company).

8 A 2 I am the Director of the Investments and Benefit Finance Department at
9 PG&E, where I and my department are responsible for the oversight of all
10 employee benefit investments sponsored by PG&E Corporation and its
11 affiliates, including the Company. In addition, my department is responsible
12 for oversight of the PG&E's Nuclear Decommissioning Trust Investments.
13 Investments and Benefit Finance serves two committees in the discharge of
14 its duties: the PG&E Corporation Employee Benefit Committee, and
15 PG&E's Nuclear Facilities Decommissioning Master Trust Committee.
16 My department provides advice and recommendations to these committees
17 on a broad range of issues concerning asset allocation, asset class
18 structure, and investment management, as well as contribution strategy.

19 Q 3 Please summarize your educational and professional background.

20 A 3 I received my Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Engineering from the
21 Pennsylvania State University in 1987, and a Master of Science degree in
22 Industrial Engineering from Stanford University in 1991.

23 I began my employment with PG&E in 1991. Between 1991 and 1994,
24 I was a Resource Planning Engineer in the Electric Resources Planning
25 Department. In 1994, I moved to the Finance organization, where I held
26 various positions in Financial Planning and Analysis and Treasury, including
27 Manager of Financing. I joined the Investments and Benefit Finance
28 Department in 2007 and was named Director of the department in 2013.

29 Q 4 What is the purpose of your testimony?

30 A 4 I am sponsoring the following testimony and workpapers in PG&E's 2018
31 Nuclear Decommissioning Triennial Cost Proceeding:

- 32 • Chapter 10, "Contributions Funding the Nuclear Decommissioning
33 Trust"; and

- 1 • Workpapers supporting Chapter 10, “Contributions Funding the Nuclear
2 Decommissioning Trust.”
- 3 Q 5 Does this conclude your statement of qualifications?
- 4 A 5 Yes, it does.

1 **PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY**
2 **STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS OF THOMAS P. JONES**

3 Q 1 Please state your name and business address.

4 A 1 My name is Thomas P. Jones, and my business address is Pacific Gas and
5 Electric Company, 735 Tank Farm Road, San Luis Obispo, California.

6 Q 2 Briefly describe your responsibilities at Pacific Gas and Electric Company
7 (PG&E or the Utility).

8 A 2 I am the Director of Strategic Initiatives at Diablo Canyon Power Plant
9 (DCPP), where I oversee the license renewal projects for DCPP, dry cask
10 storage licenses at both Humboldt Bay Power Plant and DCPP, the DCPP
11 Land Stewardship Program, and other initiatives related to DCPP.

12 Q 3 Please summarize your educational and professional background.

13 A 3 I have a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of
14 California, Santa Barbara, and have been actively engaged in California
15 public policy since 1994. I worked for the California State Legislature for
16 seven years, covering matters related to: utilities, unitary tax, public
17 education, and emergency preparedness, including nuclear-related
18 legislation and DCPP property tax impacts associated with rapid
19 depreciation related to the proposed electrical de-regulation in 1997-1998.

20 I joined PG&E's Government Relations Department in 2001. In my
21 various capacities at PG&E, I have received extensive training in
22 emergency planning from the Utility, the Nuclear Energy Institute, and the
23 Harvard School of Public Health, and have served on the emergency
24 response organization for 15 years. I have also served on various
25 economic-development community boards, including the Economic Vitality
26 Corporation in San Luis Obispo, for nearly a decade.

27 Q 4 What is the purpose of your testimony?

28 A 4 I am sponsoring the following testimony in PG&E's 2018 Nuclear
29 Decommissioning Triennial Cost Proceeding:

- 30 • Chapter 3, "Diablo Canyon Power Plant Decommissioning Planning
31 Activities":
32 – Section E. 2.;

- 1 • Portions of the Chapter 4, Attachment A, “Diablo Canyon Power Plant
2 Detailed Cost Estimate”; and
3 • Chapter 5, “Diablo Canyon Power Plant Lands and Related Matters.”
4 Q 5 Does this conclude your statement of qualifications?
5 A 5 Yes, it does.

1 **PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY**
2 **STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS OF BRIAN KETELSEN**

3 Q 1 Please state your name and business address.

4 A 1 My name is Brian Ketelsen, and my business address is Pacific Gas and
5 Electric Company, 4111 Broad Street San Luis Obispo, California.

6 Q 2 Briefly describe your responsibilities at Pacific Gas and Electric Company
7 (PG&E).

8 A 2 I am the Manager of Project Controls for Diablo Canyon Power Plant
9 (DCPP) Decommissioning overseeing financial analytics, schedule
10 development, execution of projects, and contract management. In addition,
11 my team is the decommissioning liaison between corporate finance, project
12 governance, and regulatory proceedings.

13 Q 3 Please summarize your educational and professional background.

14 A 3 I earned a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from San Diego University. I
15 joined PG&E in 2011 after financial analyst roles for both Wells Fargo Bank
16 and Cable Audit Associates. Since joining PG&E, I have worked up through
17 and ultimately supervised the project finance organization at DCPP. Our
18 team facilitated the project approval, controls, governance, and closeout
19 process for all projects at DCPP. I have developed and maintained multiple
20 project management tools to improve long term financial planning, funding
21 authorization, and risk management. I joined DCPP decommissioning in
22 2018 and have overseen the development of the decommissioning cost
23 estimate, schedule, and the associated filing. I also supported testimony
24 and workpapers for the 2014-2017 General Rate Cases and contributed to
25 the HBPP Decommissioning team during the 2015 Nuclear
26 Decommissioning Cost Triennial Proceeding.

27 Q 4 What is the purpose of your testimony?

28 A 4 I am sponsoring the following testimony and workpapers in PG&E's
29 2018 Nuclear Decommissioning Cost Triennial Proceeding:

- 30 • Portions of the Chapter 4, "Diablo Canyon Power Plant Detailed Cost
31 Estimate"; and
32 • Chapter 7, "Diablo Canyon Power Plant Completed Project
33 Reasonableness Review."

- 1 Q 5 Does this conclude your statement of qualifications?
- 2 A 5 Yes, it does.

1 **PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY**
2 **STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS OF ERIC NELSON**

3 Q 1 Please state your name and business address.

4 A 1 My name is Eric Nelson, and my business address is Pacific Gas and
5 Electric Company, 4111 Broad Street, San Luis Obispo, California.

6 Q 2 Briefly describe your responsibilities at Pacific Gas and Electric Company
7 (PG&E).

8 A 2 I am the Director of Diablo Canyon Decommissioning Projects. I am
9 responsible for the planning and cost estimating for Diablo Canyon Power
10 Plant units 1 and 2.

11 Q 3 Please summarize your educational and professional background.

12 A 3 I received a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering,
13 Master's in Business Administration, Professional Engineer in Mechanical
14 Engineering California, and Project Management Professional certification.
15 I have a total of 33 years of experience in the areas of engineering,
16 maintenance, project management, and decommissioning.

17 Q 4 What is the purpose of your testimony?

18 A 4 I am sponsoring the following testimony and workpapers in PG&E's
19 2018 Nuclear Decommissioning Cost Triennial Proceeding:

- 20 • Chapter 2, "Diablo Canyon Power Plant Preliminary Decommissioning
21 Preparation";
- 22 • Chapter 3, "Diablo Canyon Power Plant Decommissioning Planning
23 Activities";
- 24 • Chapter 4, "Diablo Canyon Power Plant Site-Specific Decommissioning
25 Cost Estimate";
- 26 • Portions of the Chapter 4, Attachment A, "Diablo Canyon Power Plant
27 Detailed Cost Estimate"; and
- 28 • Chapter 7, "Diablo Canyon Power Plant Completed Project
29 Reasonableness Review."

30 Q 5 Does this conclude your statement of qualifications?

31 A 5 Yes, it does.

1 **PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY**
2 **STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS OF TREVOR D. REBEL**

3 Q 1 Please state your name and business address.

4 A 1 My name is Trevor D. Rebel, and my business address is Pacific Gas and
5 Electric Company, 4111 Broad Street, San Luis Obispo, California.

6 Q 2 Briefly describe your responsibilities at Pacific Gas and Electric Company
7 (PG&E).

8 A 2 I am a Decommissioning Environmental Supervisor and I am responsible for
9 coordinating the historical site assessment for radiological and
10 non-radiological contamination. Additionally, responsible for planning and
11 executing the site characterization plan for both radiological and
12 non-radiological contamination.

13 Q 3 Please summarize your educational and professional background.

14 A 3 I received a Bachelor of Science degree in Soil Science from California
15 Polytechnic University in 1997. I have worked for PG&E since 1997 in the
16 Operations Services Department holding roles as an Operator, Chemistry
17 and Radiation Protection Technician, Chemistry Laboratory Supervisor,
18 Environmental Coordinator, and Senior Chemistry Engineer. Prior to
19 working for PG&E, I served for nine years in the United States Naval
20 Nuclear Power Program.

21 Q 4 What is the purpose of your testimony?

22 A 4 I am sponsoring the following testimony and workpapers in PG&E's
23 2018 Nuclear Decommissioning Cost Triennial Proceeding:

24 • Chapter 2, "Diablo Canyon Power Plant Preliminary Decommissioning
25 Preparation":

26 – Section D.

27 Q 5 Does this conclude your statement of qualifications?

28 A 5 Yes, it does.

1 **PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY**
2 **STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS OF BRENT RITTMER**

3 Q 1 Please state your name and business address.

4 A 1 My name is Brent Rittmer, and my business address is Anata Management
5 Solutions, 9301 South 6090 West, West Jordan, Utah.

6 Q 2 Briefly describe your responsibilities at Anata Management Solutions.

7 A 2 I am a Security Consultant for Anata Management Solutions.

8 Q 3 Please summarize your educational and professional background.

9 A 3 I have over 30 years of experience in security positions at commercial
10 nuclear power plants. I work at Quad Cities Nuclear Power Station for
11 18 years starting as a Security Scheduler and then as the Security
12 Operations Manager. Afterwards, I worked at Turkey Point Nuclear Plant as
13 a Security Shift Supervisor and Site Security Manager before securing
14 employment at Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E). In 2012, I joined
15 PG&E as a Security Programs Manager at Diablo Canyon Power Plant.
16 From 2014 to 2018, I was the Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation
17 Manager at Humboldt Bay Power Plant (HBPP). HBPP was in active
18 decommissioning during this time. I retired from PG&E in May 2018 and
19 joined Anata Management Solutions.

20 Q 4 What is the purpose of your testimony?

21 A 4 I am sponsoring the following testimony and workpapers in PG&E's
22 2018 Nuclear Decommissioning Cost Triennial Proceeding:
23 • Chapter 3, "Diablo Canyon Power Plant Decommissioning Activities":
24 – Section G.1.; and
25 • Portions of the Chapter 4, Attachment A, "Diablo Canyon Power Plant
26 Detailed Cost Estimate."

27 Q 5 Does this conclude your statement of qualifications?

28 A 5 Yes, it does.

1 **PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY**
2 **STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS OF JAMES T SALMON**

3 Q 1 Please state your name and business address.

4 A 1 My name is James T Salmon, and my business address is Pacific Gas and
5 Electric Company, 1000 King Salmon Avenue, Eureka, California.

6 Q 2 Briefly describe your responsibilities at Pacific Gas and Electric Company
7 (PG&E).

8 A 2 I am the Deputy Director for decommissioning of the Humboldt Bay Power
9 Plant. I am responsible for oversight of the: decommissioning contractor
10 activities, environmental remediation activities, and site restoration activities.
11 Additionally, I am responsible for environmental compliance and waste
12 management activities associated with the decommissioning project.

13 Q 3 Please summarize your educational and professional background.

14 A 3 I received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Chemistry, and Master of Arts
15 degree in Business Administration. I have a total of 38 years of experience
16 in the following areas: waste management, environmental program
17 management, and project management. I began my career as a regulator
18 with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, and have worked
19 throughout my career on projects with large volumes of chemical or
20 radiological waste. I was part of the project team that successfully planned
21 decommissioning for the Department of Defense Chemical weapons
22 demilitarization sites. I was a Manager for Raytheon/Washington Group
23 International/URS Corp. for 16 years, destroying nerve agents or blister
24 agents, and providing leadership for plants at: Johnston Island in the
25 South Pacific, Pueblo in Colorado, Tooele in Utah, and Shchuch'ye
26 in Russia.

27 Q 4 What is the purpose of your testimony?

28 A 4 I am sponsoring the following testimony and workpapers in PG&E's 2018
29 Nuclear Decommissioning Triennial Cost Proceeding:

- 30 • Chapter 9, "Humboldt Bay Power Plant Completed Project
31 Reasonableness Review Testimony"; and

- 1 • Workpapers supporting Chapter 9, “Humboldt Bay Power Plant
2 Completed Project Reasonableness Review Testimony.”
3 Q 5 Does this conclude your statement of qualifications?
4 A 5 Yes, it does.

1 **PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY**
2 **STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS OF LOREN D. SHARP**

3 Q 1 Please state your name and business address.

4 A 1 My name is Loren D. Sharp, and my business address is Pacific Gas and
5 Electric Company, Humboldt Bay Power Plant.

6 Q 2 Briefly describe your responsibilities at Pacific Gas and Electric Company
7 (PG&E).

8 A 2 I am the Senior Director of Nuclear Decommissioning for Humboldt Bay
9 Power Plant (HBPP) and Diablo Canyon Power Plants (DCPP). I am also
10 Nuclear Plant Manager of the HBPP Unit 3. I am responsible for all
11 activities associated with the decommissioning of HBPP Unit 3. In addition,
12 I am responsible for the overall planning and cost estimating for DCP
13 Units 1 and 2.

14 Q 3 Please summarize your educational and professional background.

15 A 3 I received a Bachelor of Science degree in Nuclear Engineering, Master of
16 Science degree in Nuclear Engineering, Professional Engineer in
17 Mechanical Engineering, and Senior Reactor Operator certification. I have a
18 total of 47 years of experience with expertise in the following areas:
19 engineering design; plant operation; plant management; project
20 management; and plant decommissioning/demolition.

21 I was hired by PG&E based on my plant management and project
22 management expertise to complete nuclear fuel assembly loading into
23 storage casks at HBPP. In addition, I was hired to provide leadership for
24 decommissioning the HBPP site, as well as expertise to support filing for
25 future DCP decommissioning phase. I had been part of the management
26 team that successfully designed for decommissioning for the Department of
27 Defense Chemical weapons de-militarization sites. I was a Vice
28 President/Plant General Manager for Raytheon/Washington Group
29 International for 10 years, destroying nerve agents or blister agents, and
30 providing senior leadership for plants at: Johnston Island in the
31 South Pacific; Umatilla in Oregon; Pueblo in Colorado; Blue Grass in
32 Kentucky; and Tirana in Albania.

1 Q 4 What is the purpose of your testimony?

2 A 4 I am sponsoring the following testimony in PG&E's 2018 Nuclear
3 Decommissioning Triennial Cost Proceeding:

4 • Chapter 4, "Diablo Canyon Power Plant Site-Specific Decommissioning
5 Cost Estimate":

6 – Section E:

7 • Section 6;

8 • Chapter 8, "Humboldt Bay Power Plant Unit 3 Updated Nuclear
9 Decommissioning Cost Estimate":

10 – Attachment A, "Humboldt Bay Power Plant Unit 3 Decommissioning
11 Cost Estimate"; and

12 – Attachment B, "2016 Humboldt Bay Power Plant Unit 3
13 Decommissioning Project Report"; and

14 • Chapter 9, "Humboldt Bay Power Plant Completed Project
15 Reasonableness Review Testimony":

16 – Attachment A, "Humboldt Bay Power Plant Unit 3 Completed
17 Projects Review"; and

18 – Attachment B, "Humboldt Bay Power Plant Unit 3 Decommissioning
19 Pictorial Summary."

20 Q 5 Does this conclude your statement of qualifications?

21 A 5 Yes, it does.

1 **PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY**
2 **STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS OF PHILIPPE R. SOENEN**

3 Q 1 Please state your name and business address.

4 A 1 My name is Philippe R. Soenen, and my business address is Pacific Gas
5 and Electric Company, 4111 Broad Street, San Luis Obispo, California.

6 Q 2 Briefly describe your responsibilities at Pacific Gas and Electric Company
7 (PG&E).

8 A 2 I am a Decommissioning Environmental and Licensing Manager, and am
9 responsible for obtaining permits associated with the Diablo Canyon (DC)
10 site, decommissioning licensing activities for both Humboldt Bay Power
11 Plant and Diablo Canyon Power Plant (DCPP), and license renewal
12 applications for both Humboldt Bay (HB) and DC Independent Spent Fuel
13 Storage Installation (ISFSI).

14 Q 3 Please summarize your educational and professional background.

15 A 3 I received a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from the
16 University of California, San Diego, in 2002.

17 Prior to joining PG&E in 2004, I was a Project Engineer Contractor
18 supporting the DC ISFSI and HB ISFSI application projects. Prior to
19 assuming my present position at PG&E, I have held positions, including:
20 Assistant Project Manager for the DCPP license renewal application, DCPP
21 Licensing Supervisor, and project manager for the HB ISFSI license renewal
22 application.

23 Q 4 What is the purpose of your testimony?

24 A 4 I am sponsoring the following testimony in PG&E's 2018 Nuclear
25 Decommissioning Triennial Cost Proceeding:

- 26 • Chapter 2, "Diablo Canyon Power Plant Preliminary Decommissioning
27 Preparation":
 - 28 – Section D;
- 29 • Chapter 4, "Diablo Canyon Power Plant Site-Specific Decommissioning
30 Cost Estimate":
 - 31 – Section E:
 - 32 • Subsection E.3.g.2;

- 1 • Chapter 5, "Diablo Canyon Power Plant Lands and Related Matters":
2 – Section G; and
3 • Chapter 6, "Spent Nuclear Fuel."
4 Q 5 Does this conclude your statement of qualifications?
5 A 5 Yes, it does.

1 **PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY**
2 **STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS OF ERIK M. WERNER**

3 Q 1 Please state your name and business address.

4 A 1 My name is Erik M. Werner, and my business address is Pacific Gas and
5 Electric Company, 4111 Broad Street, San Luis Obispo, California.

6 Q 2 Briefly describe your responsibilities at Pacific Gas and Electric Company
7 (PG&E).

8 A 2 I am a Manager in the Strategic Decommissioning Planning Department and
9 I am responsible for the systems & area closure aspects of
10 decommissioning Diablo Canyon Power Plant (DCPP).

11 Q 3 Please summarize your educational and professional background.

12 A 3 I received a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from the
13 California Polytechnic State University of San Luis Obispo in 2000.
14 Following graduation, I became employed by PG&E at DCPP in the
15 Engineering Department. In 2003, I transferred to the DCPP Plant
16 Operations Department and was licensed in 2005 by the Nuclear Regulatory
17 Commission (NRC) to operate DCPP units 1 and 2 as a Senior Reactor
18 Operator. I was responsible for oversight of on-shift, DCPP control room
19 operations through mid-2014. Following my time in the control room I led
20 the DCPP training programs as Nuclear Operations Training Manager,
21 responsible for training and qualification of all Operations Department
22 employees, including oversight and administration of the Operator
23 requalification and initial NRC license programs. I joined the Strategic
24 Decommissioning Planning Department in early 2017.

25 Q 4 What is the purpose of your testimony?

26 A 4 I am sponsoring the following testimony and workpapers in PG&E's
27 2018 Nuclear Decommissioning Cost Triennial Proceeding:

- 28 • Chapter 4, "Diablo Canyon Power Plant Site-Specific Decommissioning
29 Cost Estimate."

30 Q 5 Does this conclude your statement of qualifications?

31 A 5 Yes, it does.

1 **PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY**
2 **STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS OF DAN WILLIAMSON**

3 Q 1 Please state your name and business address.

4 A 1 My name is Dan Williamson, and my business address is G4S Special
5 Tactical Services, 1395 University Boulevard, Juniper, Florida.

6 Q 2 Briefly describe your responsibilities at G4S Special Tactical Services.

7 A 2 I am a Director, Special Tactical Services, where I work with commercial
8 nuclear plants in many areas including Force-on-Force (FOF) testing of
9 nuclear plant security strategies, protective strategy review, design and
10 evaluation, efficiency analysis to reduce responder staffing, vulnerability
11 assessments, exploitability analysis and barrier plan design review.

12 Q 3 Please summarize your educational and professional background.

13 A 3 I have 18 years of experience with physical security systems, equipment
14 and procedures. I served in a leading role in 82 FOF exercises and was a
15 Team Leader for the Nuclear Industry's 17-man National Composite
16 Adversary Force. I have experience writing drill scenarios and event
17 matrices for Xcel Energy Fleet and Cooper Nuclear Station. I am a member
18 of the Nuclear Energy Institute's FOF Task Force where I helped identify
19 and resolve industry issues regarding FOF. I am a qualified AVERT
20 software operator and assisted ARES Corporation develop the software for
21 nuclear-specific design basis threat adversary and security force response.

22 Prior to this, I held the following positions; United States Marine, Armed
23 Security Officer, Security Training Instructor and Security Shift Field
24 Supervisor.

25 Q 4 What is the purpose of your testimony?

26 A 4 I am sponsoring the following testimony and workpapers in PG&E's
27 2018 Nuclear Decommissioning Cost Triennial Proceeding:

- 28 • Chapter 3, "Diablo Canyon Power Plant Decommissioning Planning
29 Activities";
30 – Section G.1.; and
- 31 • Portions of the Chapter 4, Attachment A, "Diablo Canyon Power Plant
32 Detailed Cost Estimate."

33 Q 5 Does this conclude your statement of qualifications?

1 A 5 Yes, it does.

1 **PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY**
2 **STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS OF KRISTIN M. ZAITZ**

3 Q 1 Please state your name and business address.

4 A 1 My name is Kristin M. Zaitz, and my business address is Pacific Gas and
5 Electric Company, 4111 Broad Street San Luis Obispo, California.

6 Q 2 Briefly describe your responsibilities at Pacific Gas and Electric Company
7 (PG&E).

8 A 2 I am an Engineering Manager responsible for decommissioning civil and
9 systems engineering. I am responsible for building demolition, site
10 infrastructure, and plant water system aspects of decommissioning Diablo
11 Canyon Power Plant (DCPP). I am responsible for engineering
12 management of the active decommissioning at Humboldt Bay Power Plant
13 (HBPP) Unit 3.

14 Q 3 Please summarize your educational and professional background.

15 A 3 I earned a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Cal Poly, San Luis
16 Obispo in 2003. I am a Licensed Professional Civil Engineer in the state of
17 California. I earned my Project Management Professional certification in
18 2009. I joined PG&E in 2001 and served in various capacities at DCPP,
19 including civil engineering, construction planning, and major plant projects. I
20 have been involved in various aspects of HBPP decommissioning since
21 2013.

22 Q 4 What is the purpose of your testimony?

23 A 4 I am sponsoring the following testimony and workpapers in PG&E's
24 2018 Nuclear Decommissioning Cost Triennial Proceeding:
25 • Portions of the Chapter 4 Attachment A, "Diablo Canyon Power Plant
26 Detailed Cost Estimate."

27 Q 5 Does this conclude your statement of qualifications?

28 A 5 Yes, it does.