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Patty Kouyoumdjian
Executive Officer
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Lahontan Region
2501 Lake Tahoe Blvd
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Re: PG&E Petition for Review of Cleanup and Abatement Order No. R6V-2008-0002-A4

Dear Executive Officer Kouyoumdjian:

The Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) appreciates your careful consideration of our comment letters submitted regarding the draft and amended draft of Cleanup and Abatement Order No. R6V-2008-0002-A4 (CAO). We realize the issues are complex and that you and your staff have put significant effort into responding to our comments and those of others. Your willingness to entertain the comments has obviated a number of our concerns; however significant legal and technical issues remain. PG&E is filing the attached petition and stay request for consideration by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) as we believe that the 30-day period allowed for requesting State Board review is unfortunately not sufficient time for a full discussion.

PG&E is committed to continuing to work cooperatively with you and your staff to resolve the remaining issues. We believe the on-going technical dialog is critical to our mutual understanding of the issues and to develop solutions collaboratively. There are important milestones, such as the background study implementation and the final remedy decision that must be considered when deciding the scope and timing of future investigation needs.

PG&E is absolutely committed to cleaning up the chromium plume caused by its historical operations and to working with the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region and the community to restore the water quality at Hinkley. Through our interim remedial actions, we have made significant progress on reducing the levels of hexavalent chromium in the groundwater and providing replacement water to residents. We also continue to conduct studies to ensure decisions can be made based on the most accurate scientific data possible. We appreciate your willingness to meet with PG&E on a more frequent basis to continue our progress in addressing technical and community issues and we look forward to continuing to work collaboratively with you and your staff.

Please feel free to call me directly with any questions.

Sincerely,



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