



# LETTER AGREEMENT NO. 96-117-PGE

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November 26, 1996

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International Brotherhood of  
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P.O. Box 4790  
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Attention: Mr. Jack McNally, Business Manager

Dear Mr. McNally:

The Meter Reader 94-53 Committee has had ongoing discussions regarding an upcoming pilot of automated meter reading in Diablo Division's Delta District. The AMR project is intended to analyze and quantify the benefits of providing an automated meter reading capability to the Company's customers. As part of this pilot, the Company expects to install 100,000 automated meters in Delta District by July 1997.

The Company proposes the following provisions for the AMR pilot pursuant to Section 205.17 of the Physical Agreement.

#### 1. Retrofitting of Meters

a. Electric meters will be retrofit at the Company's Fremont Electric Meter Facility by Title 200 Hiring Hall Utility Workers in the Electric Meter line of progression, classification code 0280-experienced rate, and 0281-inexperienced rate. A HH Utility Worker's wage rate will depend upon the employee's experience level as specified in Letter Agreement 95-145 (Generic Hiring Hall Agreement). Any applicable shift premium shall also be paid.

b. To facilitate the training of PG&E employees who will retrofit meters at Fremont, approximately 50 meters will be retrofit by Cellnet at their San Carlos facility.

c. Gas meters will be retrofit in the field by Hiring Hall AMR Installers-Delta Project in conjunction with the installation of electric meters.

#### 2. Installation of Meters

a. Electric meters will be installed by the temporary classification of Title 200 Hiring Hall AMR Installer-Delta Project, classification code 0282. All Hiring Hall AMR Installers will be paid \$789.70/week.

b. The Company may also use volunteers among the regular Meter Readers in Diablo Division to install meters. Meter Reader volunteers will be selected by seniority order from among Meter Readers in Delta District first, then any remaining Meter Readers in Diablo Division. Meter Readers selected to install meters will be upgraded to the temporary AMR Installer classification.

c. Hiring Hall AMR Installers will retrofit gas meters in the field.

d. While the majority of AMR Installers are expected to work a Monday-Friday schedule, some AMR Installers may be scheduled for a Tuesday-Saturday schedule to install/retrofit meters on Saturdays due to access problems during the week. The number of Installers scheduled to work Tuesday-Saturday will be kept to the minimum number operationally necessary.

The above provisions are limited to the AMR pilot in Delta District.

If you are in accord with the foregoing and agree thereto, please so indicate in the space provided and return one executed copy of this letter to the Company.

Very truly yours,

PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY

By:   
Director and Chief Negotiator

The Union is in accord with the foregoing and agrees thereto as of the date hereof.

Dec 2, 1996

By:   
Business Manager