



LETTER AGREEMENT

No. 92-28-PGE



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Attention: Mr. Jack McNally, Business Manager

Pursuant to Letter of Agreement No. 90-113-PGE Paragraph K, the Company is exercising its option to apply identical provisions to the Pipe Line Operations organization.

In order to address the problems associated with the changes in California's driving requirements, the Company proposes pursuant to Section 204.4 to the Physical Agreement the following:

- A) Establish a generic Commercial Driver's License Addendum (CDLA) (attached Exhibit I) that may be applied on a headquarters-by-headquarters basis to all Pipe Line Operations non-entry level physical job classifications represented by IBEW Local 1245. The CDLA will only be incorporated into those Job Definitions that currently do not require a commercial driver's license. Such positions are not considered as new classifications - they are existing classifications that have the additional CDLA requirement added.
- B) At each headquarters, Company shall designate a certain number of non-entry level positions which shall have the CDLA duties added to the regular duties of all eligible classifications in each department. At each headquarters, Company shall designate enough non-entry level positions to be able to drive/operate all available equipment requiring a commercial driver's license. This applies to both normal working hours and overtime situations. This will normally be 125% of the number of pieces of equipment requiring a commercial driver's license to operate, minus the number of classifications who are currently required to possess a commercial driver's license by Job Definition.

The above formula is to be used only to modify the number of commercial driver's licenses to be established at a headquarters. It is not intended that a CDLA designated employee can volunteer to or be assigned to operate equipment that he/she is not qualified to operate.

The maximum number and mix of positions to be established in a department at a headquarters shall be at the discretion of local management.

- C) In the implementation of this agreement, filling of positions that have the CDLA duties in addition to the regular duties will be open only to incumbent employees in the headquarters. Following such initial staffing, future vacancies at the headquarters shall be offered first to qualified employees at the headquarters. Should it become necessary to fill the vacancy under the provisions of Section 205.7 (i.e., no volunteer at headquarters), the Company will use the prebid list for the base classification.

Once the number of position requiring a commercial driver's license is determined at a headquarters, Company shall solicit "bids" from all non-beginning level employees in the department and normal line of progression who are qualified by possession of a Class "A" license or by interpretation of current California law; e.g., a valid Class 3 California Driver's License. Those employees who are the successful bidders and do not possess the appropriate valid license will be given 30 days from the date of notification that they are a successful bidder to obtain the driver's license. Awards to qualified bidders will be in order of those employees with the greatest Service, without regard to classification.

- D) Where the application of the CDLA and the work assignment is such that an employee is being required to perform work normally associated with a higher classification, Company will upgrade the employee to the higher classification in accordance with Title 205.
- E) If, in the future, an incumbent employee is in a position requiring the CDLA and that employee cannot, for any reason, obtain or renew the commercial driver's license, such employee shall be returned to the base classification at the headquarters. Such employee shall not thereafter be entitled to consideration for appointment to a position requiring the CDLA until such time as such employee reacquires a commercial driver's license and is the senior qualified employee seeking a position requiring the CDLA.
- F) Incumbent employees in classifications presently requiring a commercial driver's license shall not be removed from their classification or location as a result of this Agreement.
- G) Those employees holding a classification with a CDLA will be paid in the following manner: Employees with a weekly base rate of \$715.00 or greater, a lump sum annual premium of \$600.00; employees with a weekly base rate of less than \$715.00, a lump sum annual premium of \$500.00. The lump sum premium shall be paid annually, during December of each year, not later than December 5, in a separate check. Employees who no longer qualify for the CDLA designation shall be paid a pro rata portion of the above amounts for that portion of the year spent in a CDLA designated classification; e.g., if an employee no longer qualifies for the CDLA designation on April 1, he/she will be paid 4/12 of the annual premium. If he/she no longer qualifies on March 31, 3/12 of the premium shall be paid. Such payment shall be made within 30 days after the payroll department receives notification the employee has left the CDLA designated classification.

Employees upgraded to classifications requiring the CDLA pursuant to Section D above, or employees who possess a Class "A" license not required by Job Definition and who utilize such in conjunction with the performance of the duties of his or her regular classification shall be paid a daily premium. Payment will be made on the next following regular payday. If the base duties performed are a classification having a wage rate of \$715.00 or more per week, such employee shall be paid \$2.50 per day; if the base duties performed are of a classification having a wage rate of less than \$715.00 per week, such employee shall be paid \$2.00 per day.

- H) For those employees in positions requiring the CDLA, Company shall continue to pay all costs associated with obtaining and maintaining a Class "A" commercial license.
- I) Employees, including those in entry level classifications, that are not eligible for the CDLA may, at their sole discretion, obtain and maintain a Class "A" license. Company shall pay all costs associated with obtaining and maintaining such license. However, such employees shall not be compensated in accordance with this agreement unless the license is utilized in a position requiring the CDLA. When such employee is required to perform the duties of a CDLA designated classification, he/she shall be entitled to compensation as provided for in Section G above.

- J) Availability of a commercial driver's license shall be considered when making job assignments pursuant to Titles 208 and or 212 of the Agreement, but limited to those instances where such license is required and then only to the final employee being assigned overtime work, assuming no other employee previously assigned to the work unit possess a commercial driver's license.

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

Very truly yours,

PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY

By 
Manager - Industrial Relations

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

LOCAL UNION NO. 1245, INTERNATIONAL
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AFL-CIO

 , 1992

By 
Business Manager

EXHIBIT I

COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE ADDENDUM

In addition to the other specific duties of present classification held, the following work is performed.

Drives a truck transporting personnel, supplies and equipment as well as operate all truck mounted and associated equipment. Must possess a valid Class "A" driver's license.