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23 UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
24 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
25 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

26 **In re:**
27 **PG&E CORPORATION**
28 **- and -**
**PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC
COMPANY,**
Debtors.

Bankruptcy Case
No. 19 - 30088 (DM)
Chapter 11
(Lead Case)
(Jointly Administered)

**INTERIM ORDER PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C.
§§ 105(a), 363(b), AND 507 AND FED. R.
BANKR. P. 6003 AND 6004 AUTHORIZING
DEBTORS TO (I) PAY PREPETITION
WAGES, SALARIES, WITHHOLDING
OBLIGATIONS AND OTHER
COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS; (II)
MAINTAIN EMPLOYEE WAGE AND
BENEFITS PROGRAMS; AND (III) PAY
RELATED ADMINISTRATIVE
OBLIGATIONS**

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

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

Upon the Motion, dated January 29, 2019 (the “**Motion**”),¹ of PG&E Corporation (“**PG&E Corp.**”) and Pacific Gas and Electric Company (the “**Utility**”), as debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, “**PG&E**” or the “**Debtors**”) in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases (the “**Chapter 11 Cases**”), pursuant to sections 105(a), 363(b), and 507(a) of title 11 of the United States Code (the “**Bankruptcy Code**”) and Rules 6003 and 6004 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the “**Bankruptcy Rules**”), for interim and final authority to (i) pay, in their sole discretion, all prepetition amounts required under or related to the Prepetition Employee Obligations; (ii) continue their Employee Wage and Benefits Programs as such were in effect as of the date hereof and as such may be modified, amended, or supplemented from time to time in the ordinary course of the Debtors’ businesses, and (iii) honor and pay all Employee Program Administrative Obligations, all as more fully set forth in the Motion; and this Court having jurisdiction to consider the Motion and the relief requested therein pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334, *Order Referring Bankruptcy Cases and Proceedings to Bankruptcy Judges*, General Order 24 (N.D. Cal.), and Rule 5011-1(a) of the Bankruptcy Local Rules for the United States District Court for the Northern District of California (the “**Bankruptcy Local Rules**”); and consideration of the Motion and the requested relief being a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b); and venue being proper before this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and the Court having found and determined that notice of the Motion as provided to the parties listed therein is reasonable under the circumstances, and it appearing that no other or further notice need be provided; and this Court having reviewed the Motion and the Wells Declaration; and this Court having

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

1 held a hearing on the Motion; and this Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth
2 in the Motion establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and it appearing that the relief requested
3 in the Motion is necessary to avoid immediate and irreparable harm to the Debtors and their estates as
4 contemplated by Bankruptcy Rule 6003, and is in the best interests of the Debtors, their estates, creditors,
5 shareholders, and all parties in interest; and upon all of the proceedings had before this Court and after
6 due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor,

7 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

- 8 1. The Motion is granted on an interim basis, as provided herein.
- 9 2. The Debtors are authorized, but not directed, pursuant to sections 105(a), 363(b), and
10 507(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, to pay all Prepetition Employee Obligations, including, without
11 limitation, all such obligations under or relating to the Debtors' Compensation Obligations, Employee
12 Incentive and Retention Programs, Reimbursable Expenses, Withholding Obligations, Payroll
13 Maintenance Fees, Severance Programs, Employee Benefits Programs, and Supplemental Workforce
14 Obligations (which in each of the foregoing cases includes, without limitation, all Employee Program
15 Administrative Obligations arising thereunder or related thereto), that are due and payable and relate to
16 the period prior to the Petition Date and come due during the Interim Period, in accordance with the
17 Debtors' ordinary course of conduct and consistent with the Debtors' prepetition practices; *provided*,
18 that the Debtors shall not make any payments on account of any STIP Awards prior to a final hearing to
19 consider the relief requested in the Motion.
- 20 3. Without limiting the foregoing, the Debtors are authorized, but not directed, to pay all
21 "cash out" amounts due or that may become due with respect to accrued but unused vacation, to pay all
22 contributions to the 401(k) Plan withheld from Employees' paychecks and all prepetition 401(k)
23 Matching Obligations and administrative fees, to transfer all withheld amounts and to continue to
24 withhold amounts on account of the Flexible Spending Account Contributions, to transfer such amounts
25 to the Flexible Spending Account Administrators in the ordinary course of business, and to continue to
26 withhold amounts on account of the Voluntary AD&D Insurance Plan and to transfer such amounts
27 withheld to the Life Insurance Administrator in the ordinary course of business, including all prepetition
28 amounts withheld on account of the Voluntary AD&D Insurance Plan.

1 4. The Debtors are further authorized, but not directed, pursuant to sections 105(a), 363(b),
2 and 507 of the Bankruptcy Code, to maintain and continue to administer, in their sole discretion, their
3 Employee Wage and Benefits Programs as such were in effect as of the commencement of these Chapter
4 11 Cases and as such may be modified or supplemented from time to time in the ordinary course of
5 business, and to pay all obligations in connection with such programs in the ordinary course of business,
6 except as ordered otherwise herein.

7 5. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, during the pendency of the Chapter 11
8 Cases, the Debtors shall not, absent further order of the Court, make any payments under the Severance
9 Programs or any of the Employee Incentive Programs to any of the Insiders.

10 6. The Debtors are authorized to pay and otherwise honor all Reimbursable Expenses in the
11 ordinary course, as and when due; provided, that the Debtors shall not accelerate payment of any
12 Reimbursable Expenses prior to the respective payment date.

13 7. Banks and financial institutions are authorized, but not directed, at the Debtors' request,
14 to receive, process, honor and pay, to the extent of funds on deposit, any and all checks issued or to be
15 issued or electronic funds transfers requested or to be requested by the Debtors relating to the Prepetition
16 Employee Obligations, including the Employee Program Administrative Expenses.

17 8. The Debtors are authorized, but not directed, to issue new postpetition checks or effect
18 new electronic funds transfers on account of the Prepetition Employee Obligations, including the
19 Employee Program Administrative Expenses, to replace any prepetition checks or electronic funds
20 transfer requests that may be lost, dishonored, or rejected as a result of the commencement of the Chapter
21 11 Cases.

22 9. Nothing contained in this Interim Order or in the Motion is intended to be or shall be
23 construed as (a) an admission as to the validity of any claim against the Debtors, (b) a waiver of the
24 Debtors' or any appropriate party in interest's rights to dispute any claim, or (c) an approval or
25 assumption of any agreement, contract, program, policy, or lease under section 365 of the Bankruptcy
26 Code. Likewise any payment made pursuant to this Interim Order is not intended to be and shall not be
27 construed as an admission to the validity of any claim or a waiver of the Debtors' rights to dispute such
28 claim subsequently.

1 10. Notwithstanding entry of this Interim Order, nothing herein shall create, nor is intended
2 to create, any rights in favor of or enhance the status of any claim held by, any party.

3 11. The requirements for immediate entry of this Interim Order pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule
4 6003(b) have been satisfied.

5 12. The requirements of Bankruptcy Rules 4001(d) and 6004(a) are waived.

6 13. Notwithstanding the provisions of Bankruptcy Rules 4001(a)(2) and 6004(h), this
7 Interim Order shall be immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry.

8 14. The Debtors are authorized to take all steps necessary or appropriate to carry out this
9 Interim Order.

10 15. A final hearing to consider the relief requested in the Motion shall be held on February
11 27, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. (Prevailing Pacific Time) and any objections or responses to the Motion shall be
12 filed and served so as to be actually received on or prior to February 20, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. (Prevailing
13 Pacific Time).

14 16. This Court shall retain jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters arising from or
15 related to the implementation, interpretation, or enforcement of this Interim Order.

16 ** END OF ORDER **
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