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Heller Ehrman White & McAuliffe LLP UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

In re

PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY, a California corporation,

Debtor.

Federal I.D. No. 94-0742640

Case No.: 01-30923 DM

Chapter 11 Case

Date:

September 14, 2004

Time:

1:30 p.m.

Judge:

Hon. Dennis Montali

Dep't:

235 Pine Street, 22nd Floor

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

SAN FRANCISCO, CA

San Francisco, California

[PROPOSED] ORDER APPROVING HELLER EHRMAN WHITE & McAULIFFE LLP'S FINAL FEE APPLICATION FOR ALLOWANCE AND PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 6, 2001, THROUGH APRIL 12, 2004

The Application for Final Compensation ("Final Application") of Heller Ehrman White & McAuliffe LLP ("Heller Ehrman"), special litigation and regulatory counsel for Debtor and Debtor-in-Possession Pacific Gas and Electric Company ("PG&E") for the period April 6, 2001, through April 12, 2004, came on for hearing on September 14, 2004, before the Hon. Dennis Montali. Appearances were as noted in the record. The Court having considered Heller Ehrman's Final Application, the United States Trustee's Final

Report on Professional Fees, the Comments of the Former Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors, and the Statement of PG&E; having heard oral argument; and having determined that appropriate notice has been given to parties in interest, and good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED:

- 1. The Final Application is approved, as follows: Heller Ehrman is allowed, on a final basis, on account of services performed for the period April 6, 2001, through April 12, 2004 (the "Final Application Period"):
- a. Hourly Rate Engagements: Fees in the amount of \$23,386,400.88 and expenses in the amount of \$1,460,411.61 on account of services performed on hourly rate engagements (described in Heller Ehrman's Final Application at ¶¶ 2-4 & 8-55); and
- b. <u>Contingency Fee Matter</u>: Fees in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 and expenses in the amount of \$26,672.58 on account of services performed on the Contingency Fee Matter (described in Heller Ehrman's Final Application at ¶¶ 6 & 56-60 and in the Declaration of Wondie Russell).
- 2. The Debtor is authorized to pay forthwith the amounts allowed by this Order, less the amounts heretofore paid pursuant to the Second Amended Order Establishing

 Interim Fee Application and Expense Reimbursement Procedure, dated February 25, 2002.
- 3. Heller Ehrman shall return to the Debtor within ten business days of entry of this Order the balance of \$196,851.93 in the Retainer paid by Debtor to Heller Ehrman.

Dated: Salle 14, 2004

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

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