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**Report on the Results of Operations
for
California Pacific Electric Company
General Rate Case
Test Year 2013**

Executive Summary, ECAC, BRRAM and Post-Test Year
Ratemaking

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**CALIFORNIA PACIFIC ELECTRIC COMPANY
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY, ECAC, BRRAM
AND POST-TEST YEAR RATEMAKING**

I. INTRODUCTION / OVERVIEW

The Division of Ratepayer Advocates (DRA) submits its exhibits in response to California Pacific Electric Company’s (CalPeco) Test Year (TY) 2013 General Rate Case (GRC) Application (A.) 12-02-014, filed on February 17, 2012, for authority to increase rates. This exhibit presents DRA’s (1) executive summary regarding CalPeco’s TY 2013 proposals and various policy matters, (2) audit examination summary, and DRA’s testimony regarding CalPeco’s Energy Cost Adjustment Clause (ECAC), Base Revenue Requirement Adjustment Mechanism (BRRAM) and Post-Test Year Ratemaking.

A. For Test Year 2013, CalPeco Seeks a \$16.3 Million Increase in Base Rates, Which is a 62% Base Rate Increase

CalPeco requests a net overall rate increase of \$7.5 million annually, or 10.02%, effective January 1, 2013. CalPeco’s Application combines base rates and purchased energy costs: base rates (including vegetation management) would increase by \$16.3 million annually, with an offsetting reduction of \$8.7 million annually in Energy Cost Adjustment Clause (ECAC) rates. CalPeco forecast base rate revenues of \$26.1 million for TY 2013 and additional requested revenues of \$16.3 million, resulting in a Base Revenue Requirement of \$42.4 million, a 62% increase.

Table 1-1 summarizes CalPeco’s requested TY 2013 base rate increases.

**Table 1-1
CalPeco’s Proposed Test Year 2013 Base Rate Increases
(In Millions of Dollars)**

CalPeco’s Base Revenue Requirement at Present Rates (a)	CalPeco’s Base Revenue Requirement at Proposed Rates (b)	\$ Increase Over Authorized Base Revenue Requirement (c=b-c)	% Increase Over Authorized Base Revenue Requirement (d=c/a)
\$26.1	\$42.4	\$16.3	62%

B. DRA Recommends a \$9.7 Million Base Rate Increase (37%)

DRA recommends that the Commission authorize a \$9.7 million increase in base rate revenues compared to CalPeco’s TY 2013 request of \$16.3 million, a difference of \$6.6 million. Table 1-2 summarizes DRA recommended TY 2013 base rate increases compared to base rate revenues at present rates. For a detailed showing of DRA’s base rate revenue recommendations, see Exhibit DRA-2, Results of Operations, Cost Allocation, Unbundling and Taxes. CalPeco was granted a 1.15% 2012 Attrition increase by D.12-04-026.

**Table 1-2
DRA Recommended TY 2013 Base Rate Increases for CalPeco’s Operations
(In Millions of Dollars)**

DRA’s Recommended Base Revenue Requirement at Present Rates (a)	DRA’s Recommended Base Revenue Requirement at Proposed Rates (b)	\$ Increase Over Authorized Base Revenue Requirement (c=b-c)	% Increase Over Authorized Base Revenue Requirement (d=c/a)
\$25.9	\$35.6	\$9.7	37%

As seen below in Table 1-3, including CalPeco’s reduced purchased energy costs moderates the level of base rate revenue increase. Absent the GRC filing, this reduction would have been implemented through a separate proceeding.

**Table 1-3
DRA Recommended TY 2013 Total Operating Revenues Versus CalPeco Requested (in Millions of Dollars)**

DRA’s Recommended Total Operating Revenues at Proposed Rates (a)	CalPeco’s Requested Total Operating Revenues at Proposed Rates (b)	\$ Increase Over Total Operating Revenues (c=b-c)	% Increase Over Total Operating Revenues (d=c/a)
\$75.5	\$82.3	\$6.8	9%

For Attrition Years 2014 and 2015, CalPeco proposes additional rate increases close to forecast inflation rates; DRA proposes lower increases based on inflation minus a 0.5% productivity factor.

1 **II. DRA’s Analysis**

2 DRA is responding to CalPeco’s TY 2013 GRC application, A.12-02-014, with
3 the issuance of 10 exhibits. (A summary of the major differences between DRA’s
4 recommendations and CalPeco’s TY 2013 requests is provided below in Section III.
5 A brief summary of the 10 exhibits is provided below in Section IV.) DRA’s team
6 consisted of 10 persons plus legal counsel responsible for the project coordination,
7 administrative support, financial review, ratemaking and policy analysis needed to
8 process CalPeco’s GRC application. DRA issued 43 sets of data requests to
9 CalPeco, and conducted numerous teleconferences with CalPeco’s staff. Each
10 exhibit includes a “Qualifications of Witness” section which provides details on
11 DRA’s multi-disciplinary team whose members have backgrounds in engineering,
12 accounting, economics, finance, law and policy.

13 **III. Summary of Major Differences Between DRA’s**
14 **Recommendations and CalPeco’s TY 2013 Requests**

15 This section highlights areas in which DRA’s TY recommendations differ from
16 CalPeco’s GRC requests:

- 17 ➤ **Distribution Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Expenses (DRA-4) –**
18 DRA recommends TY 2013 distribution O&M expenses of \$6.064 million,
19 a reduction of \$0.941 million from CalPeco’s request. DRA opposes the
20 addition of 14 new employees and proposes lower wage increases.
- 21 ➤ **Vegetation Management Expenses (DRA-4) –** DRA recommends TY
22 2013 vegetation management expenses of \$1.712 million, a reduction of
23 \$1.557 million from CalPeco’s request. DRA also recommends a one-way
24 vegetation management balancing account for those expenses.
- 25 ➤ **Customer Accounts, Customer Service and Information Expenses**
26 **(DRA-5) –** DRA recommends TY 2013 customer accounts, energy
27 efficiency and customer service and information expenses of \$1.996
28 million, a slight reduction of \$ 70,400 from CalPeco’s request.
- 29 ➤ **Administrative and General (A&G) Expenses (DRA-6) –** DRA
30 recommends TY 2013 A&G expenses of \$5.123 million, a reduction of

1 \$2.228 million from CalPeco's request. DRA opposes CalPeco's requests
2 for executive and related incentives, allocation of certain parent company
3 costs and miscellaneous general expenses.

4 ➤ **Cost of Capital (DRA-8)** – DRA recommends a rate of return of 7.50% for
5 TY 2013, as opposed to CalPeco's request of 8.24%, which amounts to
6 almost \$1 million. DRA proposes a return on equity of 9.25%, as
7 compared to CalPeco's request of 10.50%. DRA opposes CalPeco's
8 request to increase its equity ratio from 50.71% to 54.99%. DRA
9 proposes a debt/equity ratio of 49.29%/50.71%, compared to CalPeco's
10 request of 45.01%/54.99%.

11 ➤ **Cost Allocation and Rate Design (DRA-10)** – DRA recommends the
12 Commission adopt DRA's System Average Percent Cost allocation and
13 reject 1) CalPeco's Marginal Cost Study and 2) attendant Equal
14 Percentage Marginal Cost allocation. DRA is indifferent to CalPeco's
15 proposal to create a new unique tariff for its Vegetation Management
16 Program.

17 ➤ **Post-Test Year Ratemaking (DRA-1)** – DRA recommends continuation
18 of CalPeco's current Post-Test Year Adjustment Mechanism (PTAM)
19 based on CPI minus a 0.5% productivity factor for both labor and non-
20 labor components, and opposes CalPeco's request for a \$1.2 million
21 threshold amount for triggering the Major Plant Additions component.

22 **IV. Organization of DRA's Exhibits**

23 This section shows how DRA's exhibits are organized and briefly summarizes
24 the contents of each of DRA's exhibits with regard to base rate revenue requirement,
25 operating expenses, capital expenditures and rate base. Each exhibit contains a
26 statement of qualifications for the witness.

27 ***Exhibit DRA-1, Executive Summary, ECAC, BRRAM and Post-Test Year***
28 ***Ratemaking:*** This exhibit provides a brief overview of CalPeco's request, presents
29 the overall organization of DRA's exhibits, summarizes the differences between
30 DRA's and CalPeco's TY 2013 GRC estimates, and addresses the Energy Cost

1 Adjustment Clause (ECAC) CalPeco's Base Revenue Requirement Adjustment
2 Mechanism (BRRAM) proposal and Post-Test Year Ratemaking.

3 **Exhibit DRA-2, Results of Operations, Cost Allocation, Unbundling and**
4 **Taxes:** The exhibit presents DRA's analyses and recommendations regarding
5 CalPeco's Results of Operations (RO) Model, Jurisdictional Cost Allocation Factors,
6 Unbundling and Revenue Requirements for CalPeco's and DRA's Summary of
7 Earnings for CalPeco's California Jurisdiction for TY 2013.

8 **Exhibit DRA-3, Sales, Customers, Revenues and Depreciation:** This
9 exhibit presents DRA's analyses and recommendations regarding CalPeco's Electric
10 Sales, Customers, Revenues and Depreciation for TY 2013.

11 **Exhibit DRA-4, Distribution O&M/Vegetation Management:** This exhibit
12 presents DRA's analyses and recommendations regarding CalPeco's Distribution
13 Operation and Maintenance (O&M) and Vegetation Management expenses for TY
14 2013.

15 **Exhibit DRA-5, Customer Accounts, Customer Service and Information**
16 **Expenses:** This exhibit presents DRA's analyses and recommendations regarding
17 CalPeco's Customer Accounts, Energy Efficiency and Customer Service and
18 Information expenses for TY 2013.

19 **Exhibit DRA-6, Administrative & General Expenses:** This exhibit presents
20 DRA's analyses and recommendations regarding CalPeco's Administrative and
21 General (A&G) expenses for TY 2013.

22 **Exhibit DRA-7, Plant and Rate Base:** This exhibit presents DRA's analyses
23 and recommendations regarding CalPeco's Plant and Rate Base estimates for TY
24 2013. Rate Base (which includes Additions and Reductions to Rate Base) is the net
25 investment in facilities, equipment and other properties which is used to determine
26 CalPeco's return.

27 **Exhibit DRA-8, Cost of Capital:** This exhibit presents DRA's analyses and
28 recommendations regarding CalPeco's rate of return (ROR) for TY 2013. The ROR
29 or weighted cost of capital is defined as the cost of common equity, preferred equity
30 and long-term debt weighted by the shares of common equity, preferred equity and
31 long-term debt in the capital structure.

1 **Exhibit DRA-9, Results of Examination:** This exhibit presents DRA’s audit
2 of CalPeco’s financial records for the utility’s TY 2013 GRC application. DRA
3 recommends CalPeco use a lower Allowance for Funds Used During Construction
4 (AFUDC) rate.

5 **Exhibit DRA-10, Cost Allocation and Rate Design:** This exhibit presents
6 DRA’s analyses and recommendations regarding CalPeco’s revenue allocation, rate
7 design and Marginal Cost Study, which develops marginal customer, energy and
8 demand costs for each existing rate class.

9 **V. Energy Cost Adjustment Clause (ECAC)**

10 CalPeco recovers its approximately \$44.6 million fuel and purchased power
11 costs through an Energy Cost Adjustment Clause (ECAC) mechanism.¹ The vast
12 majority of CalPeco’s energy costs are from its 5 year Power Purchase Agreement
13 with Sierra Pacific (Sierra PPA), with a small amount from fuel inventory costs
14 associated with CalPeco’s Kings Beach diesel generators.² CalPeco proposes to
15 (1) modify its tariff language to reflect the transition from Sierra Pacific’s operations
16 to CalPeco’s, and to (2) move its application for revisions to the ECAC Billing
17 Factors from April 1st to July 1st for non-GRC filing years.³ (For GRC filing years,
18 CalPeco would file its ECAC revisions concurrent with its GRC filing.) CalPeco also
19 proposes to reduce its overall ECAC Billing Factor revenues by \$8.7 million (17.9%)
20 to reflect a reduction in forecast 2013 fuel and purchased power costs and a forecast
21 over-collection in its Energy Cost Adjustment Account, as of December 31, 2012.⁴
22 CalPeco proposes to amortize the current ECAC over-collection over three years,
23 resulting in an ECAC Balancing Rate Revenue Requirement of \$(4.294) million.⁵

¹ CalPeco Exh. 2, Ch.2.

² CalPeco Exh. 2, Ch. 2 at 2-3 and Exh. 2, Ch. 2, Table 2.1, In. 3.

³ CalPeco Exh. 2, Ch. 2 at 2-4 to 2-5.

⁴ CalPeco Exh. 2, Ch. 2 at 2-5.

⁵ CalPeco Exh. 2, Ch. 2 at 2-5 to 2-6.

1 CalPeco's testimony shows an ECAC Adjusted Balance over-collection estimate of
2 \$(12.883) million.⁶

3 DRA does not oppose CalPeco's proposal to modify its tariff language to
4 reflect the transition from Sierra Pacific's operations to CalPeco's operations along
5 with its proposal to move its application for revisions to the ECAC Billing Factors to
6 July 1st for non-GRC filing years and concurrently with CalPeco's GRC filings in
7 GRC years. Moving the filing dates might result in reduced regulatory costs.

8 DRA does not oppose CalPeco's proposal to reduce its ECAC Billing Factor
9 revenues to reflect a reduction in forecast 2013 fuel and purchased power costs and
10 a projected over-collection in its Energy Cost Adjustment Account. DRA does not
11 oppose amortizing the current ECAC over-collection over three years, since it will
12 smooth out the ECAC rate decrease over the GRC period.

13 **VI. Base Revenue Requirement Adjustment Mechanism (BRRAM)**

14 CalPeco proposes to reinstate a revenue decoupling balancing account
15 mechanism, the Base Revenue Requirement Adjustment Mechanism (BRRAM),
16 "which will remove the financial incentives under CalPeco's current ratemaking to
17 increase sales and thus will promote the Commission's energy efficiency
18 objectives....the BRRAM will ensure that there is no over- or under-collection of the
19 CalPeco adopted revenue requirements based on the differences between the sales
20 forecast used to set rates and the actual sales levels."⁷

21 DRA does not oppose CalPeco's BRRAM proposal. PG&E, Southern
22 California Edison, SDG&E and Bear Valley Electric Service currently have BRRAM-
23 like mechanisms in place. The adoption of a BRRAM will reduce litigation of the
24 sales forecast, which may have some minor regulatory cost benefit. DRA notes that
25 adoption of a BRRAM for CalPeco would reduce the company's sales forecasting
26 risk, which would have an impact on CalPeco's overall risk.

⁶ CalPeco Exh. 2, Ch. 2, Table 2.1, In. 20.

⁷ CalPeco Exh. 5, Ch. 2 at p. 2-1.

1 **VII. Post-Test Year Ratemaking**

2 This section presents DRA’s analyses and recommendations regarding
3 CalPeco’s Post-Test Year Ratemaking testimony. DRA conducted its analysis by
4 reviewing CalPeco’s testimony, issuing data requests and reviewing CalPeco’s
5 responses.

6 **Background**

7 Prior to 1982, the base revenue requirement was adjusted during GRC
8 proceedings and there were no rate adjustments between rate cases. Utilities
9 received additional revenue between rate cases from customer growth. GRC rate
10 adjustments for Attrition were implemented in the early 1980’s in response to
11 unprecedented higher inflation and lower rates of customer growth and sales in the
12 late 1970’s. However, during the mid-1980’s, inflation declined to more modest
13 historical levels. Between rate cases, utilities were not automatically entitled to
14 Attrition rate increases. Although the Commission has authorized Attrition-type
15 increases for some utilities in the past, there have been times when the Commission
16 has also denied such increases.⁸ Absent an Attrition-type mechanism, some
17 utilities have had revenue balancing account protection from sales fluctuation, e.g.,
18 CalPeco’s resurrected BRRAM proposal. Further, highly volatile utility fuel-related
19 costs, where the utility has limited control, were removed from base rates and are
20 recovered through separate Energy Cost mechanisms with balancing accounts.
21 Regarding Attrition mechanisms, the Commission has stated the following:

22 The attrition mechanism is not an entitlement. Nor is it a method of
23 insulating the company from the economic pressures which all
24 businesses experience...Neither the Constitution nor case law has
25 ever required automatic rate increases between general rate case
26 applications. (CPUC D.93-12-043, 52 CPUC 2d 471, 492).

27
28 Utility rates are set by the Commission for a particular Test Year, in this case
29 2013, through a GRC proceeding after an extensive review and analysis. Attrition

⁸ In CPUC D.02-02-043, the Commission authorized PG&E a 2001 Attrition increase of approximately \$151 million while in D.03-03-034, the Commission denied PG&E’s Attrition request for 2002.

1 year increases are not scrutinized by the Commission to the same degree, typically
2 resulting from an Advice Letter review.

3 IHS Global Insight's current CPI forecast is 1.7% for 2012, 1.3% for 2013,
4 2.3% for 2014 and 2.0% for 2015.⁹ Commission Decision D.12-04-026 approved a
5 2012 PTAM Attrition Factor of 1.15% for CalPeco (CPI forecast of 1.65% minus
6 0.5%).¹⁰

7 **CalPeco Post-Test Year Adjustment Mechanism Request**

8 CalPeco proposes modifications to its current Post-Test Year Adjustment
9 Mechanism (PTAM), which was approved for Sierra Pacific in the Test Year 2009
10 GRC settlement, D.09-10-041, and subsequently applied to CalPeco in D.10-10-017.
11 CalPeco's current PTAM includes the following:

12
13 8.2.1 The attrition rate factor will be based on the September Global
14 Insight U.S. Economic Outlook forecast for CPI, minus 0.5% productivity
15 factor (but will not be less than zero); and

16 8.2.2 For the Major Plant Additions component, Sierra will provide
17 advance notice to DRA and the A-3CC of any plan to make a major plant
18 addition. (D.09-10-041, Attachment A, Settlement Agreement, p. 8.)
19

20 CalPeco's current PTAM also includes a Major Plant Additions Component for
21 capital additions greater than \$20 million, based on Sierra Pacific's total company.¹¹

22 CalPeco's TY 2013 GRC testimony includes the following requests:

- 23 a. Adjust revenues by CPI for all non-labor related revenue requirements,
24 b. Adjust revenues for the labor component including wages, salary,
25 payroll taxes and employee benefits by the wage escalation amount
26 negotiated for in the three-year contract with the International
27 Brotherhood of Electrical workers (IBEW),
28 c. Remove the 0.5% productivity adjustment for the labor component,

⁹ IHS Global Insight, U.S. Economic Outlook, July 2012, p. 8.

¹⁰ CPUC D.12-04-026 at p. 4.

¹¹ D.09-10-041, Attachment A, Settlement Agreement, p. 8, sec. 8.1.

1 d. Reduce the threshold amount for triggering the Major Plant Additions
2 component from \$20 million to 1% of CalPeco's rate base, or \$1.2
3 million.

4 CalPeco Vol. 3, Exh. 5, Ch. 1, pgs. 1-3 to 1-4.

5 In response to a DRA data request, CalPeco clarified that the company does not
6 propose to remove the current 0.5% productivity factor reduction for non-labor
7 related revenue requirements.¹²

8 Regarding its proposal to reduce the threshold amount for triggering the Major
9 Plant Additions component, CalPeco's testimony states "total annual plant additions
10 are \$6 million to \$10 million per year. Most, individual plant additions projects range
11 between \$25,000 and \$500,000."¹³ Essentially, CalPeco's individual plant additions
12 projects are typically very small, since it is primarily a distribution-only company.
13 Indeed, CalPeco filed a separate application at the Commission for the proposed
14 \$46.3 million 625 and 650 Line transmission Upgrade Project (A.10-08-024). The
15 settlement adopted in D.09-10-041 states that "[f]or the Major Plant Additions
16 component, Sierra will provide advance notice to DRA and the A-3CC of any plan to
17 make a major plant addition."¹⁴ In this case, CalPeco has stated "CalPeco was not
18 planning to provide advance notice to the DRA and A-3 CC. However, if DRA and
19 the A-3CC requests advance notice and justified the request, we would consider the
20 request."¹⁵

21 Regarding CalPeco's proposal to remove the 0.5% productivity factor
22 adjustment from its labor costs, it stated that "[t]he removal of the 0.5% productivity
23 factor for labor costs was to more closely align the labor increases negotiated in its

¹² CalPeco response to DRA data request DRA-29, Q.4: "No. As described on pp1-4 lines 5-6, the removal of the attrition factor would only be applicable to the labor component."

¹³ CalPeco Exh. 5, p 1-5, Ins. 11-13. CalPeco supported the statements in its testimony in response to DRA data request DRA-29, Q.2.

¹⁴ D.09-10-041, Settlement Agreement at 8.

¹⁵ CalPeco response to DRA data request DRA-29, Q.3.

1 most recent Collective Bargaining Agreement to the PTAM mechanism.”¹⁶
2 According to CalPeco, the company negotiated a labor escalation percentage of
3 1.5% for 2013 and 2014.¹⁷

4 **DRA Recommendations**

5 DRA recommends that the Commission continue with CalPeco’s current
6 PTAM mechanism based on CPI minus a 0.5% productivity factor for both labor and
7 non-labor components. Given the current low inflation regime, there is no reason to
8 deviate from CPI minus a productivity factor. The Commission recently approved a
9 2012 PTAM Attrition Factor of 1.15% for CalPeco, essentially a CPI forecast of
10 1.65% minus 0.5%.¹⁸ With the transition of ownership from Sierra Pacific to
11 CalPeco in 2011, along with CalPeco’s proposal to add new employees, which
12 should produce productivity gains, CalPeco should have the incentive to achieve a
13 0.5% productivity factor in its Attrition years.

14 DRA opposes CalPeco’s proposal to escalate its labor component based on
15 its agreement with the IBEW – CalPeco should not be permitted to assume that any
16 labor escalation rate negotiated with the union would be used in Attrition years. As
17 discussed in prior Commission decisions, an attrition mechanism is not an
18 entitlement, nor is it a method of insulating the company from the economic
19 pressures which all businesses experience. As discussed in Exhibit DRA-4,
20 CalPeco previously agreed to an average salary increase of 11.85% from Base Year
21 2011 to Test Year 2013, with 14 of 72 (19%) employees receiving an increase of
22 more than 25%. CalPeco did not propose to remove the 0.5% productivity factor
23 from non-labor related revenue requirements.

24 Regarding CalPeco’s proposal to reduce the threshold amount for triggering
25 the Major Plant Additions component from \$20 million to 1% of CalPeco’s rate base,
26 or \$1.2 million; DRA opposes CalPeco’s reduced threshold proposal. DRA’s
27 recommendation is based on CalPeco’s rate base amount of approximately \$121

¹⁶ CalPeco response to DRA data request DRA-29, Q.5.

¹⁷ CalPeco response to DRA data request DRA-29, Q.6.

¹⁸ CPUC D.12-04-026 at p. 4.

1 million and the fact that CalPeco is not adding large amounts to rate base on an
2 annual basis – they are essentially a distribution-only company. Setting the
3 threshold too low at \$1.2 million, as proposed by CalPeco, could permit CalPeco to
4 have significant plant-related Attrition year rate increases that would defeat the
5 purpose of the Attrition mechanism. CalPeco should retain the risk of cost recovery
6 for its capital additions during Attrition years. If the Commission does desire to
7 reduce the threshold trigger, a more reasonable amount would be a \$5 million
8 threshold. Nothing would prevent CalPeco from filing an application for a major
9 plant addition, e.g., CalPeco’s proposed \$46.3 million 625 and 650 Line transmission
10 Upgrade Project (A.10-08-024).

11 **VIII. Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization, and Job**
12 **Creation Act of 2010 Memorandum Account**

13 Commission Resolution L-411A was issued on June 23, 2011. Ordering
14 Paragraph Number 6 of the Resolution states that, “In each Covered Utility’s next
15 General Rate Case (GRC), or at such other time as ordered in that GRC decision,
16 the Commission shall address the disposition of amounts (a) recorded in the
17 memorandum account and (b) forecast for the remainder of the Memo Account
18 Period, and may reflect any revenue requirement decrease in prospective rates.”

19 CalPeco has not complied with the Commission Resolution L-411A and
20 requested that it be exempted. Ordering Paragraph 2 of Resolution L-411A only
21 exempted those utilities addressing the New Tax Law in a 2011 or 2012 Test Year
22 GRC. CalPeco has filed a TY 2013 GRC and is not exempted from the
23 requirements and provisions of Resolution L-411A.

24 The current GRC filing does not address the memorandum accounts
25 described in Resolution L-411A. The current memorandum accounts should
26 continue through the period that a Commission decision adopts the new GRC base
27 revenue in this proceeding. The adopted revenue requirement for 2013 will
28 ultimately include the impacts of bonus depreciation in the adopted GRC revenue
29 requirement starting in 2013. As provided by Resolution L-411A, DRA recommends
30 that the Commission GRC decision in this proceeding order CalPeco to address the

1 disposition of amounts described in Ordering Paragraph 6 of Commission Resolution
2 L-411A within the same filing (e.g. application) addressing recovery of recorded
3 costs in its Vegetation Management Memorandum Account (VMMA) adopted in
4 Resolution E-4464.

5 **IX. Qualifications of Witness**

6 Q.1 Please state your name and business address.

7 A.1 My name is Truman L. Burns. My business address is 505 Van Ness Avenue,
8 San Francisco, California, 94102.

9 Q.2 By whom are you employed and in what capacity?

10 A.2 I am employed by the California Public Utilities Commission as Program and
11 Project Supervisor in the Division of Ratepayer Advocates Energy Cost of
12 Service and Natural Gas Branch.

13 Q.3 Briefly describe your educational background and work experience.

14 A.3 I received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science and English and a
15 Masters of Arts Degree in Political Science, State Politics and Policy
16 Specialization, from the University of California, Davis. I received a Juris
17 Doctor Degree from the University of San Francisco, and am a member of the
18 California Bar. I joined the CPUC's Special Economics Projects Branch in
19 1986. During my employment with the CPUC, I have performed various tasks,
20 and have spent most of my time on electric utility regulation. I have testified
21 before the Commission related to PG&E's Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant
22 (steam generator replacement cost effectiveness, nuclear decommissioning
23 trust funds, target capacity factor, long-term operating costs, utility retained
24 generation capital and operating costs) Humboldt Bay Unit No. 3 nuclear
25 power plant (decommissioning trust funds and decommissioning costs) and
26 Southern California Edison's San Onofre Units 2 & 3 (utility retained
27 generation capital and operating costs) and Unit 1 nuclear power plant
28 (environmental costs and rate base recovery). I have also testified before the
29 Atomic Safety and Licensing Board of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory
30 Commission regarding PG&E's financial qualifications requirements for an

1 independent spent fuel storage installation (ISFSI), and was appointed to the
2 National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners Staff Subcommittee
3 on Nuclear Issues-Waste Disposal in 2004. I am DRA Co-Project
4 Coordinator for the TY 2012 Sempra (SoCalGas and SDG&E) General Rate
5 Case.

6 Q.4 What is the purpose of your testimony?

7 A.4 I am responsible for Exhibit DRA-1, Executive Summary. I am also DRA's
8 Project Coordinator for CalPeco's general rate case.

9 Q.5 Does that complete your prepared testimony?

10 A.5 Yes, it does.

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