

**VIA CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

August 17, 2009

Mr. Peter A. Darbee, Chairman, CEO & President  
PG&E Corporation  
(address withheld)  
San Francisco, CA 94105-1126

**Re: EB-09-GB-0018**

Dear Mr. Darbee:

On March 18, 2009, the Federal Communications Commission notified PG & E that it had received complaints from (name withheld) that equipment operated by your utility might be causing harmful radio interference to his amateur radio equipment. (Name withheld's) contact information is as follows:

(name withheld)  
(address withheld)  
Magalia, CA 95954-1330  
Tel: (number withheld)

The March 18, 2009, letter advised PG & E that the interference, if unresolved, could be a violation of Commission rules. For this reason, we encouraged PG & E to voluntarily resolve the matter without Commission intervention. The letter specifically stated, however, that if it became necessary for the Commission to facilitate a resolution, the Commission might investigate possible rule violations and address appropriate remedies, including monetary forfeitures.<sup>1</sup> In May, PG & E contacted (name withheld). During the course of that communication, the local maintenance supervisor informed (name withheld) that work on the most recently identified noise source would be completed before the end of that month. PG & E did not report back to either the Commission or the licensee as to the status of the interference matter at the end of May. Moreover, (name withheld) reports that there has been no reduction in the radio frequency interference.

In order to avoid enforcement action on this matter, you have thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of this letter to respond to this office at the following address: 1270 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325. The response must contain a statement of the specific action(s)

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<sup>1</sup> Fines normally range from \$7,500 to \$10,000.

taken to identify and eliminate the source(s) of (name withheld)'s radio interference. If you have any questions about this matter, please contact me at 717-338-2577.

Sincerely,

Laura L. Smith, Esq.  
Special Counsel  
Enforcement Bureau

cc: Los Angeles Field Office  
Western Regional Director