CONSTRUCTION AND COORDINATION AGREEMENT FOR PATH 15 UPGRADE

AMONG

TRANS-ELECT, INC.,

WESTERN AREA POWER ADMINISTRATION,

AND

PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY

EXECUTED

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("PG&E").

- 2.1 Congress authorized the construction of the California Oregon Transmission Project, including the Los Banos-Gates Transmission Line, in the 1985 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act (98 Stat. 403, 416 (1984), see, also, Supplemental Appropriations for Fiscal Year 1985, (99 Stat. 293,321 (1985)).
 - 2.2 Section 302 of the Department of Energy Organic Act (42 U.S.C. § 7152) authorizes Western's Administrator to carry out the power marketing duties under the Reclamation Laws, which includes the authority to execute contracts.
 - 2.3 Western Order O 110.2 delegates to Western's Regional Managers the authority to execute contracts on behalf of Western's Administrator.

PATH 15 UPGRADE

CONSTRUCTION AND COORDINATION AGREEMENT

PARTIES: This Path 15 Upgrade Construction and Coordination

pursuant to the Acts of Congress approved June 17, 1902 (32

Stat. 388), March 4, 1921 (41 Stat. 1404); January 12, 1927

(44 Stat. 957), August 4, 1977 (91 Stat. 565), July 16, 1984

(98 Stat. 403, 416), August 15, 1985 (99 Stat. 293, 321), as

Administration ("Western" and, collectively with Trans-Elect,

amended or supplemented. This CCA is among the following

entities (each a "Party" and collectively the "Parties"):

Trans-Elect, Inc. ("Trans-Elect"), Western Area Power

the "Line Parties") and Pacific Gas & Electric Company

Agreement (CCA) is entered into as of December 30, 2002

2.4 The Parties signed that certain Memorandum of Understanding for Path 15 Project ("MOU") dated October 16, 2001 and the Secretary of Energy approved the Project, as defined in the MOU, on October 16, 2001.

- 2.5 The Parties entered into that certain Path 15 Upgrade Project Letter Agreement ("LA") on April 25, 2002, with respect to the Project and their commitment to negotiate and execute additional contractual documents setting forth each Party's responsibilities and operational details of the Project.
- 2.6 The LA contemplates the execution of a Participation Agreement to provide additional and supplemental terms for construction and coordination of Project Work. This CCA replaces the Participation Agreement contemplated in the LA.
- 2.7 The Path 15 Upgrade Project will promote reliability, enhance power transfer capability between northern and southern California, and promote a more competitive electrical market in the West.
- 2.8 The Parties desire to coordinate the Transmission Line Work by Line Parties and PG&E Modifications (collectively the "Project Work") to mitigate the risks to each Party and to assure timely and efficient completion of the Project Work
- 2.9 This CCA provides terms and conditions for the activities and their coordination to complete the construction of the Los Banos-Gates 500-kV transmission line, substation and associated facilities, including design work, material acquisition, substation work, additional environmental work, land acquisition, construction activities and post construction activities.
- 3 <u>TERM AND TERMINATION</u>: This CCA shall become effective on December 30, 2002 (the "Effective Date"). This CCA shall terminate only by a unanimous written decision by the Parties

unless terminated earlier in accordance herewith or in a subsequent written agreement among the Parties.

4 <u>DEFINITIONS</u>: Whenever used in this CCA, the following terms when initially capitalized shall have the below meaning. The singular of any definition shall include the plural and the plural shall include the singular. Any reference to a single Party shall, following a valid Assignment by such Party, be deemed a reference to the applicable assignee.

4.1 <u>Assignment</u>: Any transfer of rights, title, interests, and obligations under this CCA, the MOU and/or the LA of all or any portion of a Party's share of the Project.

4.2 <u>CAISO</u>: The California Independent System Operator or its successor.

- 4.3 CCA: This Construction and Coordination Agreement.
- 4.4 COIA or Coordinated Operation and Interconnection Agreement:

 An agreement to be negotiated and executed among the Parties (or their permitted successors) setting forth the terms and conditions for the coordination, operation and the interconnection of the Project with PG&E's electric system at PG&E's Los Banos and Gates Substations.
- 4.5 <u>Communication Facilities</u>: The Land, equipment, and facilities included in the Project that are necessary and useful for communication to monitor the status and to maintain control of the Project's operations.
- 4.6 <u>Confidential Information</u>: Confidential information as more fully described in Section 36.
- 4.7 <u>Construction Work</u>: Project Work including but not limited to design work, material acquisition, substation modification work, additional environmental work, land acquisition, construction and any other work necessary for the

construction of the Transmission Line and PG&E Modifications.

- 4.8 <u>Coordination Committee</u>: The Coordination Committee established by the Parties and operated in accordance with Section 6 of this CCA. The Coordination Committee replaces the Management Committee described in Section 8 of the LA.
- 4.9 Coordination Contact: See Section 7 of this CCA.
- 4.10 <u>CPUC</u>: The California Public Utilities Commission or any successor agency thereto.
- 4.11 Default: See Section 10 of this CCA.

- 4.12 Effective Date: See Section 3 of this CCA.
 - 4.13 Entitlement: A Party's allocation of a portion of
 Transmission System Rights associated with the Rated Path 15
 Upgrade Transfer Capability expressed as a percentage (%).
 - 4.14 EPC Contract: A contract for the engineering, procurement and construction of a portion of the Project which places the risk of delay in completion of the Project on the contractor and provides for the payment of liquidated damages by the contractor in the event of a delay in the completion of the Project.
 - 4.15 <u>FERC</u> or <u>Commission</u>: The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission or its successor.
 - 4.16 <u>Financing Closing Date</u>: A date upon which Trans-Elect has entered into a financing agreement with one or more lenders for the financing or refinancing of its payment obligations pursuant to Section 9.
 - 4.17 <u>Financing Default</u>: An acceleration of the indebtedness owing by Trans-Elect to the T-E Lenders due to a default under the Financing Documents.
 - 4.18 <u>Financing Documents</u>: The loan agreement and other financing documentation, as amended from time to time, entered into between Trans-Elect and the T-E Lenders on a Financing

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- 4.19 Force Majeure: Any cause beyond the reasonable control of a Party which renders it unable to perform such a given obligation hereunder, including but not limited to failure of or imminent threat of failure of facilities due to flood, earthquake, volcanic activity, tsunami, tornado, storm, fire, pestilence, lightning, and other natural catastrophe, epidemic, war, riot, civil disturbance or disobedience, vandalism, strike, labor dispute, labor or material shortage, sabotage, terrorism, government priorities, restraint by court order or public authority, and action or non-action by, or inability to obtain the necessary authorizations or approvals from, any governmental agency (not meant to include Western) or authority, which by exercise of due diligence such Party could not reasonably have expected or foreseen and which by the exercise of due diligence by the claiming Party cannot be overcome.
- 4.20 <u>Gates Substation Modifications</u>: Those modifications as determined necessary by the comprehensive plan of service to interconnect the Transmission Line into PG&E's transmission system at PG&E's Gates Substation as further described in Appendix C of this CCA.
- 4.21 Initial Work: Transmission Line Work performed by the Line Parties that is accomplished using the Initial Funding provided under Section 6.4 of the LA. "Initial Work" includes but is not limited to design work, material acquisition, additional environmental work, and land acquisition necessary for the construction of the Transmission Line.
- 4.22 <u>LA</u>: The Path 15 Project Participants Letter Agreement dated April 25, 2002 executed by Trans-Elect, Western and PG&E.
- 4.23 Land: The land upon which the Transmission Line will be

constructed, regardless of whether the interest in such land is held in fee, by ground lease, by easement, or by license.

- 4.24 <u>Lenders' Consent Agreement</u>: That agreement more specifically defined in Section 9.5 between the T-E Lenders and the Parties specifying the T-E Lenders' rights and remedies in the event of a continuing Financing Default.
- 4.25 Line Parties: Collectively, Trans-Elect and Western.

- 4.26 <u>Line Parties' Treasurer</u>: The entity responsible for invoicing, billing for Transmission Line Work, accounting and managing the Trust Account, and drawing, if necessary, amounts payable under the TE Security. Initially the Line Parties' Treasurer shall be Western.
- 4.27 Los Banos Substation Modifications: Those modifications as determined necessary by the comprehensive plan of service to interconnect the Transmission Line into PG&E's transmission system at PG&E's Los Banos Substation, as further described in Appendix C of this CCA.
- 4.28 $\underline{\text{MOU}}$: The Memorandum of Understanding as defined in Section 2.1 of this CCA.
- 4.29 <u>NERC</u>: North American Electric Reliability Council or its successor.
- 4.30 <u>Party</u>: Each of Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Trans-Elect, Inc. and Western Area Power Administration, together with their permitted successors and assigns.
- 4.31 <u>PG&E Modifications</u>: Those modifications necessary to interconnect the completed and functioning Transmission Line with the PG&E electric system, including the Substation Modifications and modifications to the electric system, if any, and RAS Modifications required to obtain the transfer capability determined from the Project Design Studies.
- 4.32 <u>Project</u>: The Path 15 Upgrade Project consisting of the Transmission Line and the PG&E Modifications designed to

- achieve the increase in transfer capability of the existing Path 15 transfer capability as demonstrated in the Project Design Studies.
- 4.33 <u>Project Budget</u>: The complete budget of proposed expenditures required to complete the Project.

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- 4.34 Project Costs: All costs of the Project Work and the tasks necessary to accomplish the Project Work, including, but not limited to, additional financing costs, interest, or penalties incurred by any Party as a result of construction delays which result in an obligation on the part of a contractor to pay liquidated damages under an EPC contract or other construction contract, or under applicable insurance policies, whether related to the Transmission Line Work or PG&E Modifications, such additional costs being limited to the amount of liquidated damages specified and paid under the EPC contract, other construction contract or under applicable insurance policies for such delay. Parties shall be entitled to use the same expense categories in compiling their portion of the Project Costs so that the Parties' final accounting are consistent and encompass comparable expenses.
- 4.35 <u>Project Design Studies</u>: Those studies conducted and relied upon to satisfy the WECC requirements for obtaining an accepted transfer capability rating for the upgraded electrical system, specified separately in each direction.
- 4.36 <u>Project Manager</u>: The entity responsible for managing the activities of the Project. The initial Project Manager shall be Western, as provided in Section 13.
- 4.37 <u>Project Schedule</u>: The unanimously agreed schedule of Project Work substantially in the form attached hereto as Appendix B, which provides dates for completion and progress milestones to provide a benchmark for the monitoring of the

coordinated Project Work progress.

- 4.38 <u>Project Transfer Trigger Event</u>: An event that allows
 Assignment to the T-E lenders as more fully described in
 Section 9.6 of this CCA.
- 4.39 <u>Project Work</u>: The Transmission Line Work and the PG&E Modifications, collectively.
- 4.40 <u>Prudent Utility Practice</u>: Any of the practices, methods, and acts engaged in or approved by a significant portion of the electric utility industry during the relevant time period, or any of the practices, methods, and acts which, in the exercise of reasonable judgment in light of the facts known at the time the decision was made, could have been expected to accomplish the desired result at a reasonable cost consistent with good business practices, reliability, safety, and expedition. "Prudent Utility Practice" is not intended to be any one of a number of the optimum practices, methods, or acts to the exclusion of all others, but rather to be such practices, methods or acts generally accepted in the region.
- 4.41 Rated Path 15 Upgrade Transfer Capability: The amount of transfer capability allocated to the Project as determined in the Coordinated Operation and Interconnection Agreement.
- 4.42 RAS Modifications: Those modifications to the existing Path 15 Remedial Action Scheme that are required to support the accepted transfer capability rating achieved with Transmission Line and PG&E Modifications in the Project Design Studies.
- 4.43 <u>Remedial Action Scheme</u>: The facilities and procedures that are required to meet applicable reliability criteria for the performance of the electric system after an electrical system disturbance.
- 4.44 Secretary or Secretary of Energy: The Secretary of the

United States Department of Energy or his authorized representative or successor.

- 4.45 <u>Special Facility Agreement</u>: The agreement to be negotiated and agreed by the Parties within 90 days of the execution of this CCA, and then attached hereto as Appendix D, to address the construction of the PG&E Modifications in the event of a PG&E withdrawal, suspension following an Adverse Agency Action, removal by Western or PG&E Default.
- 4.46 <u>Special Purpose Entity</u>: An entity, including, but not limited to a corporation, partnership or limited liability company created by Trans-Elect for the purpose of obtaining financing for the Project and assuming Trans-Elect's commitments and responsibilities with respect to the Project.
- 4.47 <u>Submission Date</u>: The date on which the last of the Parties' final accountings of Project Costs is provided, as more fully set forth in Section 15.4.
- 4.48 <u>Substation Modifications</u>: All work, including but not limited to design work, engineering, material acquisition, construction, and other work necessary for PG&E to interconnect with the Transmission Line as contemplated in the Project Design Studies. The "Substation Modifications" consist of the Gates Substation Modifications and the Los Banos Substation Modifications, collectively.
- 4.49 <u>T-E Lenders</u>: The lenders from time to time party to the construction loan or similar financing entered into by Trans-Elect or its Special Purpose Entity on a Financing Closing Date for the purpose of financing or refinancing all or a portion of the costs of development and construction of the Transmission Line.
- 4.50 $\underline{\text{T-E Security}}$: A financing arrangement acceptable to the $\underline{\text{T-E}}$ Lenders provided on behalf of Trans-Elect for the purpose of

securing the payment of its Transmission Line Work expenses from the proceeds of the financing to be obtained by Trans-Elect from the T-E Lenders, or such other security as may be reasonably satisfactory to Western as Project Manager in its sole discretion. In the event of a Financial Default by Trans-Elect, Trans-Elect shall enable the Project Manager to access the proceeds of the construction loan facility in the manner provided in Section 9.3.3.

- 4.51 <u>Transmission Line</u>: The physical 84 mile 500-kV Los Banos-Gates transmission line including associated structures to be constructed pursuant to this CCA, but not including any part of the PG&E Modifications.
- 4.52 <u>Transmission Line Assets</u>: All tangible and intangible property necessary for the construction of the Transmission Line, including, but not limited to, land and land rights, easements, construction materials, permits, certificates, or other governmental authorizations, design and construction plans and documents, fully or partially constructed portions of the Transmission Line and all EPC contracts or other contracts being used for the construction of the Transmission Line.
- 4.53 <u>TLCC</u> or <u>Transmission Line Coordination Committee</u>: The Transmission Line Coordination Committee established and described in Article 9 of this CCA, which replaces the Transmission Line Construction Committee contemplated in the LA.
- 4.54 <u>Transmission Line Work</u>: All work, including but not limited to design work, engineering, material acquisition, development, financing, underwriting, contracting, environmental work, land acquisition, construction and any other work necessary for the construction of the Transmission Line as contemplated in the Project Design

Studies as further described in Appendix C.

- 4.55 TSRs or Transmission System Rights: TSRs are an exclusive transmission entitlement on the Project Upgrade portion of the Path 15 (Los Banos to Gates) transmission path in an amount equal to the incremental increase in the Path 15 (Los Banos to Gates) transmission capability resulting from the Project. The holder of TSRs is entitled to all associated rights, including "firm transmission rights" (and the revenue derived therefrom) as such term is used by the CAISO Tariff and Protocols. The use of this definition does not limit the Parties in seeking any additional revenues or rights that are authorized by FERC due to a beneficial increase in the CAISO controlled grid capacity resulting from the Path 15 Upgrades.
- 4.56 <u>Trust Account</u>: A non-interest bearing account established in the United States Treasury by Western, containing funds that are immediately available for Transmission Line Work performed by Western, as provided under this CCA.
- 4.57 <u>WECC</u>: The Western Electric Coordinating Council or its successor.
- 5 PROJECT SCOPE: This CCA further specifies the responsibilities for each Party's performance of the Project Work in order to complete and implement the Project.
- 5.1 <u>Tasks</u>. The Parties agree that the tasks necessary to accomplish the Project Work, to be performed by one or more Parties to this CCA as designated in Appendix B, include but are not limited to:
 - (a) Design work,
 - (b) Project design studies,
 - (c) Financing, development, underwriting and contracting,

- (d) Material and equipment acquisition,
- (e) Additional environmental work,
- (f) Land acquisition,
- (g) Construction of the Transmission Line,
 Construction of the PG&E Modifications
- (h) Post construction activities necessary to achieve commercial operation of the Transmission Line,
- (i) Additional Communication Facilities, and
- (j) RAS Modifications.

5.2 Project Schedule:

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(a) The Project Work shall be performed in a diligent manner by the Party or Parties responsible therefor, consistent with the Project milestones described in Section 8.3 and the subsequent Project Schedule substantially in the form attached hereto as Appendix B, and as it may be amended by unanimous action of the Coordination Committee as set forth in this CCA. Project Schedule shall be finalized and approved within 90 days after execution of this Agreement. Party may, by written notice to the other Parties' Coordination Contacts and to each Coordination Committee representative (if different), request an amendment to the performance dates of one or more of the milestones for the Project Work under such Party's control. Each other Party shall review the proposed Project Schedule amendment and shall, in each Party's sole discretion, approve or disapprove the proposed amendment within fifteen (15) business days of receipt of the request; if both other Parties approve the proposed amendment, then the Coordination Committee will so amend and restate the Project Schedule and milestones. If either other Party has not approved

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the proposed amendment within such fifteen (15) business day period, the proposed amendment shall be referred to the Coordination Committee for its review and determination in accordance with Section 6 of this CCA.

- (b) Any unapproved deviations by a Party from the Project Schedule (as the same may have been amended and restated from time to time, and as each milestone may be adjusted for a properly claimed Force Majeure and for delays resulting from the negligence, misconduct or financial inability to perform of another Party) will only be deemed to amend the Project Schedule and this CCA if the other Parties not responsible for the non-conforming tasks or milestones agree to the deviation in accordance with the preceding clause (a), or the deviation is approved by the Coordination Committee pursuant to Section 6. (c) Changes to the Project Schedule required due to legal actions with respect to environmental matters or Project land acquisitions will be made at Western's sole discretion and shall not be subject to approval by the Coordination Committee or otherwise subject to this section, provided, that Western will consult with the Coordination Committee prior to making Project Schedule changes pursuant to this Section, and that, if changes are made per this Section 5.2(c), affected Project Schedule milestones will be comparably adjusted as appropriate.
- 5.3 Rescheduling upon Failure to Perform: Any unapproved deviations from the Project Schedule (as the same may have been amended and restated from time to time under Section 5.2) continuing for thirty (30) days past the due date for

such milestone (as such milestone may be adjusted for a properly claimed Force Majeure and for delays resulting from the negligence, misconduct or financial inability to perform of another Party) shall be a Default hereunder, subject to the Notice and Cure Period provisions of Section 11.1 of this CCA, provided that instead of declaring a Default hereunder, the other Parties may by mutual agreement reschedule the completion of any or all other portions of the Project Work under such Parties' control, on a day-forday basis, based upon the revised or implied date on which such milestone will actually be completed. If both other Parties so reschedule their milestones, then (a) such rescheduled milestones shall be deemed accepted by the defaulting Party as an amendment to the Project Schedule under Section 5.2 of this CCA and (b) the Default created by the failure under this Section 5.3 shall be deemed cured to the degree, but only to the degree, that the failing Party's performance is in accord with the modified Project Schedule.

5.4 For purposes of clarity, nothing in this Section 5 shall limit a Party's right to terminate this CCA pursuant to Section 11.3.

6 COORDINATION COMMITTEE AND COORDINATION OF WORK:

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6.1 Establishment of Coordination Committee. Two committees shall be established for the duration of the Project: a Coordination Committee (as described in this Section 6) and a Transmission Line Coordination Committee (TLCC) (as described in Section 9). There is hereby established a Coordination Committee, which shall be responsible for securing effective managerial and policy direction for the construction and operation of the Project, cooperation and interchange of information for the PG&E Modifications and

Transmission Line Work, and for providing consultation on a prompt and orderly basis among the Parties in connection with the various matters which may arise from time to time with respect to the Project. The Coordination Committee shall continue as represented in this Section 6 until it is replaced by a new management structure. The Parties may replace the Coordination Committee with a new management structure on the later to occur of Project's final cost accounting provided in Section 15 or sixty (60) days after commencement of commercial operation, or as the Parties may otherwise provide by an amendment to this CCA. The new management structure and duties shall be recorded and approved by the existing Coordination Committee.

6.2 Coordination Committee Representation. Each Party shall appoint one representative to the Coordination Committee. Except as provided in this CCA with respect to Default, schedules, remedies, budgets, suspension, withdrawal and termination the PG&E representative's role is limited to decisions that affect the PG&E Modifications, and PG&E will have no role in decisions relating solely to the Transmission Line. Except as provided in this CCA with respect to Default, schedules, remedies, budgets, suspension, withdrawal and termination, neither representative from Trans-Elect or Western will have a role in decisions relating solely to the PG&E Modifications. representatives of each of Western, Trans-Elect and PG&E shall have a role in all decisions relating to the coordination of the Transmission Line Work and the PG&E Modifications. Each Party shall also identify a second person who shall be an executive officer of such Party and who shall be available to provide a "second opinion" on behalf of such Party if that Party's representative is

unable to reach a consensus with the other two representatives on the Coordination Committee. The manner in which such second opinion shall be solicited and obtained is set forth in Section 6.7.

- 6.3 Coordination Committee Chair. The representative appointed by Western shall be the initial chair of the Coordination Committee, and Western's representative shall continue as Chair as long as Western is the Project Manager. Sixty days after commencement of commercial operation, Western will vacate its Project Management role, and at that time, the Coordination Committee or its successor will elect a new chair.
- 6.4 Alternate: Each Party shall designate an alternate representative. In the event that the Party's Coordination Committee representative is absent, the alternate will make decisions and vote on behalf of that Party's absent representative. In the event a Party is aware that both the Coordination Committee representative and the designated alternative will be absent, that Party may designate a temporary alternative by providing written or electronic notice to all Parties.
- an individual or individuals to serve as ex officio members, secretaries and treasurer for the Coordination Committee, and any other committee created by the Coordination Committee, and such ex officio members and secretaries shall arrange meetings, draft and distribute agendas, monthly reports, milestone tracking reports and other preparatory materials, and draft and distribute minutes of all Coordination Committee meetings. Costs incurred by such designees, committee members and related Project Work shall be Project Costs, allocable to the Party, which incurs such

costs. Any such ex officio members are not entitled to vote on any matter before the Coordination Committee.

- 6.6 Coordination Committee Voting. All actions or decisions by the Coordination Committee shall be by unanimous consensus. Except as provided in this CCA with respect to Default, schedules, remedies, budgets, suspension, withdrawal, or termination, PG&E shall have no vote on issues relating solely to the Transmission Line. Except as provided in this CCA with respect to Default, schedules, remedies, budgets, suspension, withdrawal, or termination, neither representative from Trans-Elect or Western will have a role in decisions relating solely to the PG&E Modifications. The representatives of each of Western, Trans-Elect and PG&E shall have a vote in all decisions relating to the coordination of the Transmission Line Work and the PG&E Modifications.
- 6.7 In the event that consensus cannot be reached, the following procedure shall apply to all decisions except those identified in Section 6.6. The other two Coordination Committee members may jointly request a "second opinion" from the Non-consenting Party. When a "second opinion" is requested, the proposed action or decision shall be submitted to the executive officer identified by the Nonconsenting Party pursuant to Section 6.2, and such executive officer shall promptly deliver a response to the Coordination Committee. If the "second opinion is in favor of the action or decision proposed by the other two Coordination Committee members, a consensus shall be deemed to have been reached. If the "second opinion" supports the position taken by the Non-consenting Party representative, then the executive officer who provided that "second opinion" may request a "second opinion" with respect to the

same proposed change, action or decision from the executive officers identified by the other Parties pursuant to Section 6.2. If the three executive officers are then unable to reach a consensus, the matter shall be considered to be a dispute subject to resolution in accordance with Article 20 of this CCA.

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- 6.8 Notwithstanding the other provisions of Section 6, the following items must be approved by unanimous approval and are not subject to "second opinion" or dispute resolution:
 (1) changes to the scope of the Project including any change to the scope of the PG&E Modifications set forth in Appendix C; and (2) actions that direct or would cause a Party to expend funds in excess of the cost estimates set forth for each item in Exhibit B of the LA.
- 6.9 Coordination Committee Meetings. The Coordination Committee shall meet at least monthly, or at such times and locations as reasonably determined by the Chair with input from the other Parties. With the consent of all Parties, a regular monthly meeting may be cancelled. Regular monthly meetings and additional meetings may be conducted with one or more Coordination Committee members present telephonically, so long as all Parties' representatives can hear each other contemporaneously and are assured as to the other Parties' representatives identity. Special meetings of the Coordination Committee may be held at reasonable and mutually convenient times and places upon the request of any Party. All members of the Coordination Committee must be present in person or telephonically to constitute a quorum of the Coordination Committee. Any action or decision taken by the Coordination Committee may be taken without a meeting by a written consent signed by all Coordination Committee members.

6.10 General Authority of Coordination Committee. The
Coordination Committee shall coordinate all Project Work and
the Project Schedule established by the Parties and monitor
and review and approve the initial Project Budget. The
Coordination Committee shall adopt policies and procedures,
establish and abolish subcommittees, and, consistent with
Section 6.6, take such other action that it deems necessary
to complete the overall Project. The Coordination Committee
shall be responsible for coordinating with PG&E and the TLCC
to ensure that the design, development, and construction of
the PG&E Modifications and the Transmission Line are
effectively, efficiently and economically coordinated within
the overall Project Schedule.

- 6.11 <u>Limitations on Coordination Committee Roles</u>. Trans-Elect's participation in the Coordination Committee is solely for the purpose of protecting its investment in the Project.

 PG&E's participation in the Coordination Committee is solely for the purpose of coordinating the PG&E Modifications with the Transmission Line Work. At no time will Trans-Elect or PG&E have, or be deemed to have, responsibility for management of the transmission facilities included in the Project solely by virtue of participation in the TLCC (by Trans-Elect) or the Coordination Committee (by Trans-Elect or PG&E) for any other purpose whatsoever including, but not limited to, determination whether or not California regulatory jurisdiction exists over Trans-Elect, the Project, the Project Work or any component thereof.
- 7 Coordination Contacts. On or promptly after the Effective Date, the Parties shall each identify one representative to serve as a "Coordination Contact", which shall be the primary point of technical and day-to-day contact; construction

oversight; cooperation and interchange of construction information; providing construction decisions; oversight of any concerns arising during construction that reasonably could be expected to affect the functionality of the Project and Project facility maintenance; and consultation on a prompt and orderly basis among the Parties; and, at each Party's discretion, may also be such Party's representative on the Coordination Committee to coordinate the communication between the Parties in implementing this Agreement, including the completion of Project Work in accordance with the Project Schedule. Each Party shall notify the other Parties in writing of the person that it appoints as its Coordination Contact. Such appointments may be changed at any time by similar notice. Each Coordination Contact may at any time designate a substitute to act for him or her with respect to any matter or matters. Each Coordination Contact or substitute shall be a responsible person familiar with the operations and Project Work of the Party which he or she Each Coordination Contact or substitute shall be represents. available during regular business hours in California. Each Party shall have a procedure to reach the Coordination Contact, substitute or appropriate personnel in case of emergencies. Each Coordination Contact shall be responsible for providing to the Project Manager the monthly reports described in Section 18 of this CCA.

8 PG&E MODIFICATIONS:

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8.1 Responsibility: PG&E shall have sole responsibility for all aspects of the PG&E Modifications, provided that PG&E shall coordinate the completion of the PG&E Modifications with the Project Manager so as to maintain an overall completion of Project Work in accordance with the Project Schedule.

PG&E's responsibility under this CCA is limited to only PG&E's Modifications.

- 8.2 Costs: PG&E shall be solely responsible for and shall pay promptly when due all costs of the PG&E Modifications, provided that nothing in the foregoing shall be deemed to limit or waive PG&E's right to contest or appeal any such cost or charge to any third party, nor waive any claims or rights that PG&E may have with respect to such costs, nor alter the financial terms of any Special Facilities Agreement which may become effective following a withdrawal or suspension of PG&E hereunder. Upon any Line Party's reasonable request, which, unless a Default by PG&E has occurred and is continuing, shall be no more frequently than monthly, PG&E shall advise the Line Parties of its ability to fund its remaining portion of the PG&E Modifications. PG&E shall pay all costs to maintain and replace the facilities it constructed so as to maintain the functionality of the PG&E Modifications in accordance with Prudent Utility Practice.
- 8.3 Order of the Transmission Line Work and PG&E Modifications.
 - (a) Attached to this CCA, as Appendix B, is a form of Project Schedule. Promptly after the execution hereof the Coordination Committee shall diligently and by unanimous action complete such Project Schedule substantially in the form attached hereto or as otherwise determined as necessary to successfully coordinate construction of the Project, by modifying Appendix B to specify the dates and adding or adjusting the tasks described in the Appendix and the parties responsible for completing said tasks. The Project Schedule shall be finalized and approved within 90 days after execution of this Agreement.

- (b) The table set forth in Section 8.3(c) sets forth the Parties' good faith estimates of the dates of completion of certain Transmission Line Work and PG&E Modification milestones. In the event of a conflict between this table and the finalized Project Schedule adopted under Section 8.3(a), the latter shall control and the dates in the table shall be deemed modified to so conform.
- (C) The Parties agree that PG&E need not undertake the tasks set forth in the table set forth below under the heading "PG&E Milestones" until the satisfaction by the Line Parties of the corresponding task on the same numbered line under the heading "T-line Milestones", unless such satisfaction is (i) waived by PG&E in its sole discretion, or (ii) the table or the Project Schedule shall have been unanimously amended or waived by the Coordination Committee. Parties acknowledge that these milestones assume that engineering, procurement and construction work will be completed through EPC contracts for each of the Transmission Line Work and the PG&E Modifications. The Parties reserve the right to structure contracts as each deems appropriate to complete these milestones in an efficient and timely manner, and agree that if an arrangement other than EPC contracting is used for these milestones, such milestones still apply.

Table I: Milestone Table

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T-Line Milestones (approximate date) PG&E Milestones

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1.	Develop Detailed Project schedule	Develop Detailed Project schedule
2.	Solicit EPC Contract (1/03)	Solicit Substation Engineering and Design Contract within 30 Days
3.	Issue Notice To Proceed to EPC Contractor (5/03)	Issue Notice to Proceed to Substation Engineering and Design within 30 Days
4.	Issue Tower Steel Purchase Orders or Equivalent (Fund EPC Steel Bid Item)	Issue Substation Equipment Purchase Orders within 30 Days
5.	50 % of Tower Foundation Work Completed	Begin Substation Construction Work within 30 days
6.	Terminate Conductor at Substations	Commence Commissioning as Appropriate
7.	All Jumpers Installed at Substations, Transmission Line Released to be Energized	Energize within 14 days or Sooner

8.4 <u>Conditions Precedent to PG&E Milestones</u>. In addition to the conditions set forth in the foregoing clause 8.3(c), before PG&E commences the performance of any particular milestone, each of the following conditions shall have been satisfied by the Line Parties:

- (a) (1) No Default by Trans-Elect or Western shall have occurred and be continuing under this CCA; (2) there shall not exist any condition, event or act which upon the passage of time, the giving of notice or both would constitute a Default by Trans-Elect or Western; and (3) no default or event of default by Trans-Elect or Western shall have occurred and be continuing under the MOU, the LA or the COIA (to the degree that each of the foregoing is at such time in force and effect).
- (b) The representations and warranties of Trans-Elect set forth in this CCA shall have been true and correct as of the Effective Date and shall remain true and correct as of the date of the commencement of such portion of the PG&E Modifications.
- 8.4.1. The above conditions may be amended by the

Coordination Committee or waived by PG&E or the Coordination Committee.

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9 TRANSMISSION LINE WORK:

9.1 Transmission Line Coordination Committee ("TLCC"):

- 9.1.1. Establishment: The Line Parties hereby establish a TLCC. Each Line Party will have an equal role in the TLCC. PG&E will have no role in the TLCC. The TLCC's duties will include the development of all Transmission Line bid specifications. The TLCC shall continue until it is replaced by a successor structure. The Line Parties may replace the TLCC with a new structure sixty (60) days after commencement of commercial operation or any time thereafter. The new structure and duties shall be recorded and approved by the existing TLCC. shall ensure the timely completion and initial operation of the Transmission Line and further ensure that all necessary on-going Transmission Line Work is completed in a manner that preserves the functionality of the transmission line in accordance with Prudent Utility Practice. The TLCC shall approve by consensus the portion of the Project Budget related to the Transmission Line Work to be submitted to the Coordinating Committee.
- 9.1.2. Representation: Trans-Elect and Western shall each have one representative on the TLCC. Such representative may be, but need not be, each such Party's Coordination Contact. If invited by Trans-Elect or Western, PG&E (either through its Coordination Contact or another authorized representative) may attend any TLCC meeting, provided that PG&E is under no obligation to do so. Each of Trans-Elect and Western

- shall also designate a second person, having authority to speak for and bind such Line Party, as a "second opinion" point of contact for the "Voting" section below.
- 9.1.3. Chair: Trans-Elect shall be the chair of the TLCC through commencement of commercial operation of the Project. The TLCC or its successor may appoint a new chair after commencement of commercial operation.

- 9.1.4. Alternate: Each Line Party shall designate an alternate. In the event that the Party's TLCC representative is absent, the alternate will make decisions and vote on behalf of that Party's absent representative. In the event a Party is aware that both the TLCC representative and the designated alternative will be absent, that Party may designate a temporary alternative by providing written or electronic notice to all Parties.
- 9.1.5. Voting: All actions or decisions by the TLCC shall be by consensus between the Line Parties. If the members of the TLCC cannot agree on a particular proposed action, then the TLCC representative who is the proponent of the proposed action may request a "second opinion" from the Line Party (the "Non-consenting Line Party") whose representative does not agree with the proposed action or decision. When a "second opinion" is requested hereunder, the proposed action shall be submitted to the executive officer identified by the Non-consenting Line Party under the "Representation" section above, and such executive officer shall promptly deliver a response to the TLCC. If the "second opinion" is in favor of the action or decision proposed by the other TLCC member, a consensus shall be deemed to have

been reached. If the "second opinion" supports the position taken by the TLCC representative appointed by the Non-consenting Line Party, then the executive officer who provided that "second opinion" may request a countervailing opinion with respect to the same proposed action from the executive officer identified by the other TLCC Line Party. If the two executive officers are then unable to reach a consensus, the matter shall be considered to be a dispute subject to resolution in accordance with Section 20 of this CCA.

- 9.1.6. Meetings: The TLCC shall meet at least monthly, at times and locations reasonably determined by the Chair. With the consent of all TLCC members a regular meeting monthly meeting may be cancelled. In addition to assembled meetings, meetings, at the request of either Party, also shall be conducted telephonically, so long as all Parties' representatives can hear each other contemporaneously and are assured as to the other Parties' representatives identity. Special meetings of the TLCC may be held at reasonable and mutually convenient times and places at the request of either of Trans-Elect or Western.
- 9.2 <u>Provision of TE Security</u>: Trans-Elect will provide the TE Security and shall have responsibility for managing the drawing of funds from the TE Security and making such funds available on a timely basis to the Trust Account.

9.3 Funding and Payments:

9.3.1. General: Trans-Elect shall pay Western \$4,277,658, on December 31, 2002. Following the initial payments, Trans-Elect shall make payment in full for any amounts owed in accordance with this CCA within twenty-five (25) calendar days from the date on which an invoice

was received, regardless of any dispute which may exist as to any part of such invoice. Bills shall be considered paid when payment is received by Western. Western will assess a fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for processing a late payment. received will first be applied to the charges for late payment assessed on the principal and then to payment of the principal. In addition to the late payment, interest will be charged to the extent Western uses appropriated funds to cover expense short falls created by bills not paid in full by the due date. Interest shall be charged at three hundredths percent (0.03%) of the principal sum unpaid for each day payment is delinquent, to be added until the amount due is paid in full. Upon PG&E's reasonable request, which, unless a Default by either Line Party has occurred and is continuing shall be no more frequently than monthly, Western as Project Manager shall advise PG&E of the ability of the Line Parties and/or the TLCC (as the case may be) to fund the remaining portion of the Transmission Line Work.

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- 9.3.2. Advance Payments: The Line Parties shall be responsible for paying 60 days in advance into the Trust Account the costs of budgeted Transmission Line Work performed by Western. In the event the cost of the Transmission Line Work exceeds or has not been provided for in the budget, such items shall first be provided to the TLCC for its approval. If the TLCC approves such items, the Line Parties shall be responsible for paying 60 days in advance into the Trust Account for such costs.
- 9.3.3. Billing: Western, as Project Manager, will be

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responsible for all billing of Trans-Elect in accordance with Section 6.1 of the LA. Notwithstanding any other provision of this CCA, Western has no authority or basis to bill PG&E for any cost. In the event that Trans-Elect fails to provide funding to Western, for deposit into the Trust Account, based on the expected funding necessary to construct the Transmission Line and perform the Transmission Line Work, then Western as Project Manager may utilize the TE Security for such funds as permitted under the provisions of Section 9.3.4. Western shall not be required to perform any work pursuant to this CCA until sufficient funds are in the Western controlled Trust Account. All funds remaining upon completion of the Initial Work shall be rolled into Transmission Line Work.

9.3.4. TE Security for Line Parties Funding: Under the direction of the TLCC, the TE Security will be provided to secure the funds to be used by Western so long as Trans-Elect is a participant in the project and has not terminated the CCA or been removed from the project or exercised its rights under Section Trans-Elect will authorize disbursements to Western from the TE Security or assign the right to draw upon the TE Security to Western for the purpose of funding work which Western has already performed or scheduled, exclusive of prior work as defined in Section 14.1, for a period of up to 60 days from the date that Trans-Elect has failed to make an advance payment required under Section 9.3.2. The TE Security shall be reduced, dollar for dollar, by the amount of any funds advanced by Trans-Elect to Western and/or

the Trust Account for work identified in this CCA or approved by the TLCC. In the event that Western utilizes the TE Security or in the event that the TE Lenders exercise their rights under Section 9.5 to complete the Project after a Trans-Elect default, Trans-Elect shall retain all of its rights to receive its proportional share of Transmission Systems Rights as set forth in Section 11.5.2.

- 9.3.5. Trust Account: Funds provided by Trans-Elect or drawn from the TE Security in accordance herewith will be transferred into the Trust Account for Western, within the United States Treasury, where funds will be held prior to commitment, obligation, and expenditure in accordance with this CCA. No interest will be earned on the funds in the Trust Account. Western will administer the Trust Account.
- 9.4 EPC Contract for Transmission Line Work: Western shall enter into an EPC contract for the Transmission Line Work. TLCC shall have a limited role in aspects of the procurement process. Its role is limited to reviewing and providing input on: (a) the solicitation before publication and (b) any amendments that have an adverse effect on the funding or scheduling after publication. In the event a need arises to make such an amendment to the solicitation, Western shall provide the proposed amendment to the TLCC. The TLCC shall review and provide input on the amendment within three business days or request an extension of time. In the event TLCC fails to provide approval or a request an extension of time, the amendment shall be deemed approved. Western will notify Trans-Elect of the contract award at the same time that Western notifies the successful bidder. In the event any member of the TLCC determines that the contract does not

conform in material respects to the solicitation together with any amendments, and that such non-conformation will have an affect on Trans-Elect's ability to raise financing to satisfy Trans-Elect's obligations under Section 9.3, any member of the TLCC may notify Western not to issue the notice to proceed to the EPC contractor. Such notice must be received by Western no later than fourteen days after Western issues the award. In the event Western receives such a notice, Western will work with the TLCC and the contractor to modify the contract to satisfy the financing concerns. The EPC contract shall include a clause that provides in the event of a delay in the completion of the Transmission Line Work that the contractor shall pay liquidated damages to Western. Western shall deposit liquidated damages received pursuant to the EPC contract into the Trust Account. The liquidated damages shall be used to offset Project Costs in the following manner.

- (a) Trans-Elect must inform Western of the increased costs it has incurred because of the delay that obligates the EPC contractor to pay liquidated damages.
- must be based on its actual costs and may not exceed the amount of liquidated damages paid by the EPC contractor. In the event Western receives such notice and after Western receives the liquidated damages from the EPC contractor, Western will reduce Trans-Elect's payment obligation for the next month in an amount equivalent to the additional costs that Trans-Elect has incurred. In the event Trans-Elect's monthly invoice is less than the amount of

additional costs due to the delay, Western shall pay Trans-Elect from the Trust Account. In no event will Western's obligations to reduce Trans-Elect's payment obligation or to pay Trans-Elect under this section, exceed the amount of liquidated damages actually received by Western.

- 9.5 Financing of Transmission Line: Upon a Financing Closing
 Date, if requested by Trans-Elect, the T-E Lenders and the
 Parties shall enter into an agreement (the Lenders Consent
 Agreement) in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to
 the T-E Lenders and the Parties. Such Lenders Consent
 Agreement will include provisions stating:
 - (a) PG&E's and Western's consent to a collateral assignment by Trans-Elect to the T-E Lenders of all of Trans-Elect's rights under the MOU, the LA, this Agreement and the COIA;
 - (b) the right of the T-E Lenders to cure Defaults by Trans-Elect or Western under any of such assigned agreements; including, but not limited to, the right to complete and construct the Project after a Default; and
 - (c) that upon the occurrence of a Project Transfer Trigger Event the T-E Lenders shall have the right to implement an agreement that:
 - (i) conveys a 30 year leasehold interest in the Transmission Line and the Transmission Line Assets (in its existing state as a work in progress) to the T-E Lenders or a designee or assignee of the T-E Lenders (collectively, the "Lenders' Designee"). The conveyance of the leasehold shall be subject to the Project Entitlements as

provided for in Section 3 of the Letter Agreement and such conveyance does not alter any Party's Project Entitlement in the Project;

- (ii) provides that the leasehold interest shall include an easement or other satisfactory grant of access to lands held by Western which are necessary to permit the completion of the construction and the siting of the Transmission Line; and
- (iii) provides the T-E Lenders or the T-E Lenders' Designee with the following rights under each of the conditions defined herein: (A) upon completion of the Transmission Line by or on behalf of the T-E Lenders or the Lenders' Designee, if the rights of the Parties can be fully restored in such a manner to assure the Lenders' Designee that the cash flow from the Entitlements will be sufficient to service the loans outstanding under the Financing Documents with at least the same debt service coverage as was projected as of the most recent Financing Closing Date, the T-E Lenders or the Lender's Designee shall terminate the leasehold and convey, free of charge, the Transmission Line and Transmission Line Assets free of liens back to Western, and the rights of the Parties under the MOU, LA, CCA and COIA shall be fully restored; (B) if, upon completion of the Transmission Line by or

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on behalf of the T-E Lenders or the Lenders' Designee the rights of the Parties under this Agreement cannot be fully restored in such a manner to assure the Lenders' Designee that the cash flow from the Entitlements will be sufficient to service the loans outstanding under the Financing Documents with at least the same debt service coverage as was projected as of the most recent Financing Closing Date, the T-E Lenders or the Lenders' Designee shall retain the long term leasehold interest, and may convey such interest and rights to a third party on such terms as the T-E Lenders or T-E Lenders' Designee and such third party may agree, with Western retaining a first right of offer to purchase the leasehold interest; and (C) if the T-E Lenders or the Lenders' Designee elect not to complete the Transmission Line, Western shall use the exemption from the Administrator of the General Services Administration from otherwise applicable federal regulations regarding the sale of federal property (as referenced in Section 11.5.1 herein) to sell or otherwise dispose of the remaining Transmission Line Assets and other salvageable property of the Project and to pay the proceeds of such sales to the Parties in conformance with Section 11.5.1; and (D) if the T-E Lenders or the

Lenders' Designee elect not to complete
the Transmission Line and if Western has
not obtained an exemption as described in
Section 11.5.1 herein then the T-E Lenders
or the Lender's Designee will retain the
30 year leasehold interest in the
Transmission Line and may dispose of the
leasehold interest, with Western retaining
a first right of offer to purchase the
leasehold interest.

- (iv) Any disposal of the leasehold by the T-E

 Lenders or their Designee under this

 Section 9.5(c) shall be subject to the

 Project Entitlements as provided for in

 Section 3 of the Letter Agreement.
- 9.6 <u>Project Transfer Trigger Event</u>. A Project Transfer Trigger Event shall occur when a continuing Financing Default exists at a time when:

(a) either (i) Western does not provide satisfactory assurance to the T-E Lenders that (a) the Project will be completed on or before the 180th day after the date specified for such completion in the Project Schedule as in effect on the Financing Closing Date, as such date may be adjusted as provided for in this Agreement and that (b) Project Costs will not exceed the amount set forth in the Project Budget by more than 10%, including the contingency amounts provided for therein (except that any contingency amount related to the funding of the Substation Modifications shall only be included if Trans-Elect is actually providing funding for the Substation Modifications pursuant to

Section 11.5.3 as in effect on the Financing Closing Date); or (ii) Western does not provide satisfactory assurance to the T-E Lenders in the event of a Default by PG&E that Western has acted within 90 days to proceed to complete the Project and interconnect the Project in case of such Default or to commence all reasonable steps to cure the Default of PG&E, including, but not limited to, commencing the necessary proceedings to permit interconnection of the Transmission Line to the PG&E system and commencing any condemnation action as provided for in Section 11.3; and,

- (b) Trans-Elect is not in Default under any of its material obligations: For purposes of determining whether Trans-Elect is in Default, neither of the following shall be considered a Default of its material obligations: (i) a failure to provide funding under Section 9 shall not be considered a default for this purpose if any occurrence or circumstance relating to Western, PG&E or the Project has resulted in a failure of a condition precedent to the T-E Lender's obligation to provide funding under the Financing Documents and (ii) the bankruptcy of Trans-Elect shall not be considered a Default for this purpose if the T-E Lenders make funding available to meet Trans-Elect's funding commitments under the CCA.
- (c) Except as may be provided in the Lender's Consent Agreement, nothing in the foregoing modifies the Default provisions contained in Section 11.1 or 11.2.
- 9.7 The Parties acknowledge that Trans-Elect will capitalize and

include all costs and fees incurred by Trans-Elect relating to the development, financing, underwriting and contracting and construction of the Project in Trans-Elect's share of Project Costs for inclusion in the Project's tariffed rates and for allocation of TSRs.

- 9.8 <u>Limited Participation</u>. Trans-Elect's participation in the TLCC is solely for the purpose of protecting its investment in the Project. At no time will Trans-Elect have, or be deemed to have, responsibility for management of the transmission facilities included in the Project solely by virtue of participation in the TLCC for any purpose whatsoever including, but not limited to, determination whether or not California regulatory jurisdiction exists over Trans-Elect, the Project, the Project Work or any component thereof.
- 9.9 Special Purpose Entity: Trans-Elect, at its sole option, may create a Special Purpose Entity for the purpose of obtaining or funding the financing required to fulfill Trans-Elect's commitments with respect to the Project. In order for the Special Purpose Entity to be assigned all of the rights and obligations of Trans-Elect under the CCA related to the financing of the project, thereby releasing Trans-Elect from all such obligations, the Special Purpose Entity must be able to access the proceeds of the financing and the T-E Lenders must consent to the assignment of Trans-Elect's rights to the Special Purpose Entity. To the extent that Trans-Elect (or the Special Purpose Entity) has any funding obligations under Section 9.3, Western shall have the right to examine the Financing Documents and approve or disapprove those terms of the Financing Document which grant access to the financing proceeds to the Special Purpose Entity and those terms or conditions which would result in a Financing

Default, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.

- 10 DEFAULTS: A Party shall be in Default if:
- 10.1 It is a Line Party and it fails to make payments in accordance with this CCA;
- 10.2 It shall fail to perform, comply with or observe or shall otherwise breach any one or more terms, obligations, covenants or agreements contained in this CCA, including but not limited to a failure to perform work in accordance with the Project Schedule;
- 10.3 Any representation or warranty of such Party made in this CCA, the MOU or the LA or any other documents or agreements executed in connection with the transactions contemplated by this CCA shall prove to have been false or misleading in any material respect upon the date when made or when deemed to have been made;
- 10.4 It shall lose, have suspended or have revoked, or fail to renew, any license or permit now held or hereinafter acquired if such loss, suspension, revocation or failure to renew could reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the Project, the Transmission Line Work, or the PG&E Modifications;
- 10.5 With respect to Trans-Elect, if a receiver or liquidator or trustee of Trans-Elect or of any of its property shall be appointed by a court of competent jurisdiction and such receiver, liquidator or trustee shall not have been discharged within thirty (30) days or by decree of a court Trans-Elect shall be adjudicated bankrupt or insolvent or any substantial part of its property shall have been sequestered, and such decree shall have continued undischarged and unstayed for a period of thirty (30) days after the entry thereof, or a petition to file bankruptcy or

to reorganize Trans-Elect pursuant to any of the provisions of the federal bankruptcy Code, as now in effect or as it may hereafter be amended, or pursuant to any other similar state statute as now or hereafter in effect, shall be filed against Trans-Elect and shall not be dismissed within thirty (30) days, or if such petition shall be voluntarily filed by Trans-Elect.

- 10.6 With respect to PG&E, if Bankruptcy Court revokes approval to expend funds to implement the PG&E Modifications.
- 10.7 Western shall not be considered in default if unable to meet schedules due to Trans-Elect's inability to provide funds in a timely and sufficient manner. Nothing in this Section shall affect the rights accorded the T-E Lenders or their Designee in Sections 9.5 and 9.6.

11 REMEDIES:

11.1 At any time following Default hereunder, any non-defaulting Party may provide a Notice of Default to the defaulting Party demanding a cure. The defaulting Party shall have ten (10) days (for any monetary Default) or ninety (90) days (for all other Defaults) (such period the "Cure Period") following the transmission of such Notice of Default in which to cure such Default or, if the Default is nonmonetary and of a nature which cannot be cured in such Cure Period, to commence curing such Default and thereafter diligently prosecute such cure to completion. A failure to so cure (or commence cure and thereafter diligently pursue the same to completion) within such Cure Period shall, without limitation of any other rights or remedies of the non-defaulting Parties hereunder, immediately suspend all rights and privileges (but not duties, liabilities or obligations) of such defaulting Party, provided that, as

between the Line Parties, and unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Line Parties, Western may by notice to the other Parties assume a defaulting Line Party's obligations from that date forward.

11.2 Suspension. All rights and privileges (but not duties, liabilities or obligations) of any defaulting Party which has failed to cure (or commence to cure and thereafter diligently pursue the same to completion) its Default within an applicable Cure Period, as more fully set forth in Section 11.1, shall be suspended until such Default is cured. For purposes of clarification, such suspended rights and privileges shall include the ability to provide a Notice of Default to any other party hereto and to declare a Force Majeure. If a defaulting Party's rights and privileges are so suspended for three consecutive months (subject to the application of the proviso regarding Line Party succession in Section 11.1), the non-defaulting Parties, without liabilities, may remove such Party from the Project as specified in Section 11.3.

11.3 Withdrawal, Removal and Termination.

(a) In the event Western is the defaulting Party, a non-defaulting Party may terminate this CCA with the consent of all the non-defaulting Parties and written concurrence from the Secretary of Energy by providing notice to Western and the other Party after the expiration of the period set forth in Section 11.2. In the event of such Default, a non-defaulting Party may terminate this CCA only upon the later of (i) all non-defaulting parties providing written notice of termination as described in the first sentence of this Section 11.3(a), or (ii) the acceptance of a filing at FERC of a notice of termination for the CCA. After the

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expiration of the period set forth in Section 11.2, the non-defaulting Parties by unanimous vote and with the consent of the Secretary of Energy may remove Western from the Project. Alternatively, Trans-Elect and/or the T-E Lenders may cease further funding of the Project or exercise their rights under the Lender's Consent Agreement and the provisions of Section 9.5 in the event of a Project Transfer Trigger Event.

(b) In all other Defaults, the Project Manager may remove the defaulting Party by providing notice to the defaulting Party and the non-defaulting Party after the expiration of the period set forth in Section 11.2. Subject to the Line Party succession right set forth in Section 11.1, in the event of such Default and removal, the remaining Parties shall then take action in accordance with Section 11.5. In the event of Default by Trans-Elect, the T-E Lenders shall be entitled to exercise their rights under Section 9.5, including the right to attempt to cure any Default then in effect on the part of Trans-Elect. If PG&E Defaults and is removed or terminated from the Project, Western shall enter into the Special Facilities Agreement, the form of which shall be agreed to by the Parties within 90 days of the execution of this document and which will be attached as Appendix D to this CCA. Western may seek to condemn rights to the access necessary to complete the interconnection of the Project to PG&E's system. Nothing in this CCA precludes PG&E's from contesting any condemnation proceeding or seeking compensation therefor. Within 90 days from the execution of this CCA, the Special Facilities Agreement shall be negotiated and attached as Appendix D to this CCA.

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Parties recognize that the costs under the Special Facilities Agreement will differ from those in the Project Budget. Trans-Elect and Western shall modify the Project Budget accordingly. Trans-Elect shall fund such additional costs under the same terms and conditions as it provides funding for the Transmission Line Work.

(c) If an Adverse Agency Action (as defined in Section 11.4) occurs and continues as described in Section 11.4(c) and 11.4(d) then (i) Trans-Elect or PG&E may withdraw from this CCA and the LA without liability to the other Parties upon written notice provided to the other Parties, or (ii) the Project Manager in its sole discretion and without liability may remove the affected Party from the Project. In each case above (A) such withdrawal or removal is subject to Section 11.5 and (B) nothing in this Section 11.3(c) shall constitute or be deemed to be a waiver by either Line Party of its rights to obtain an interconnection agreement with PG&E for the Transmission Line, pursuant to the Federal Power Act and the implementation orders of FERC. In the event an Adverse Agency Action takes place and the Line Parties seek an interconnection pursuant to the Federal Power Act, the Parties shall execute a Special Facilities Agreement, as provided for in Section 11.3(b) above, to govern the construction of the PG&E Modifications in accordance with the Project Schedule, promptly after a withdrawal or removal under this Section 11.3(c). the event that the Parties enter a Special Facilities Agreement and subsequently the Adverse Agency Action is favorably terminated, the Parties may agree to suspend the Special Facilities Agreement and restore the

affected Party to this CCA on a basis mutually agreeable to the Parties.

11.4 Adverse Agency Action.

- (a) An "Adverse Agency Action" shall exist: (i) immediately upon the issuance of a decision, order, or ruling, of the CPUC, a CPUC Commissioner, or a CPUC Administrative Law Judge ordering PG&E not to participate in the Project, or (ii) immediately upon the issuance of a decision, order or ruling of the CPUC, a CPUC Commissioner, or a CPUC Administrative Law Judge ordering any Party to apply for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and/or a Permit to Construct for the Path 15 Project. The issuance of a proposed decision or an alternate decision is not an Adverse Agency Action.
- (b) The Party subject to an Adverse Agency Action under clause (a)(i) shall have the right to stop work under this CCA and the LA immediately upon the occurrence of such Adverse Agency Action, (ii) shall notify the other Parties of its intent to appeal the Adverse Agency Action to the appropriate regulatory or judicial body within 15 days of such Adverse Agency Action and of the steps that the affected Party will take to address the Adverse Agency Action and shall commence and thereafter diligently prosecute the same unless this CCA is earlier terminated or such affected Party is removed from this CCA pursuant to Section 11.3 of this CCA, and (iii) shall have the right in its sole discretion, but not the obligation to pursue further appeals of any order or decision constituting an Adverse Agency Action, provided, that any appeal shall not toll the period of time set forth in Section 11.3(b).

- (c) If Adverse Agency Action has continued for at least fifteen days and if the non-affected Parties'
 Coordination Committee Members reasonably determine that such Adverse Agency Action will delay the date of final Project completion, as set forth in the Project Schedule then the removal and withdrawal provisions in Section 11.3(c) shall immediately become available.
- (d) If the non-adversely affected Parties' Coordination Committee Members determine the Adverse Agency Action will not affect the final completion of the Project, the Adverse Agency Action may continue for up to 120 days before the removal or withdrawal provisions in Section 11.3(c) shall apply. Such adversely affected party shall not have any liability to the other Parties as a result of the Adverse Agency Action.
- 11.5 Consequences of withdrawal or removal. In the event a Party chooses to withdraw or is removed, that Party will have no further role in the Project or on any committee. The remaining Parties will consult to determine whether to terminate this CCA and the Project Work or to continue the Project.
 - 11.5.1. In the event the remaining Parties choose to terminate the Project, to the extent allowed by law, the Parties shall be entitled to obtain compensation for their past contributions from whatever assets of the Project can be refunded, salvaged or liquidated in proportion to their relative contributions. The Line Parties shall only obtain compensation from the Transmission Line Assets. PG&E shall only obtain compensation from the PG&E Modifications. Pursuant to federal property disposal laws, Western shall use its best efforts to obtain from the Administrator of the

General Service Administration, or its successor, an exemption from the federal disposal regulations regarding the disposal of federally-owned Path 15 Upgrade Project property that would permit Western to compensate the Parties from the proceeds of the disposal in the event of a decision by the Parties to terminate the Project as described in this Section. Subject to the requirements and procedures for the disposition of property owned by Western, including the above-referenced exemption, the compensation to other Parties may be in the form of Assignments, rights, or title to property or the proceeds from the disposition of such property. Nothing in this section entitles any Party to obtain compensation if federal property disposal laws or regulations preclude it. In the event the Project sustains any damages due to the withdrawing or removed Party and proceeds to the withdrawing or removed Party are available under this Section 11.5.1, the damages shall first be deducted from the proceeds.

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- 11.5.2. In the event the remaining Parties proceed with the Project and the withdrawing or removed Party is a Line Party, the withdrawing or removed Party shall receive a share of the transmission system rights of the Project, upon commencement of commercial operation, based on its contribution to the overall cost of the Project; provided, however, any costs or damages sustained by the Project as a result of the withdrawal or removal of such Party will be deducted from the withdrawing or removed Party's financial contribution before determining the Party's interests.
- 11.5.3. In the event the remaining Parties proceed with the

Project and the withdrawing or removed Party is PG&E, then the Line Parties may enter into a Special Facilities Agreement with PG&E, as set forth in Section 11.3(b) above and PG&E may include its costs for the PG&E Modifications in the Special Facilities Agreement, provided in the event of dispute, PG&E's costs will be subject to FERC review. Any costs or damages sustained by the Project as a result of the withdrawal or removal will be deducted from the amount that PG&E includes in its costs. In the event PG&E withdraws due to an Adverse Agency Action and the Line Parties enter into a Special Facilities Agreement, the Project may be subject to certain taxes, these taxes will not be deducted from PG&E's share of the Project.

- 11.6 <u>Survival of Rights</u>. Termination of this CCA or withdrawal or removal of a Party shall not relieve any Party of any of its liabilities and obligations arising hereunder prior to the date termination becomes effective, and each Party may take whatever judicial or administrative actions as appear necessary or desirable to enforce its rights hereunder.
- 11.7 Withdrawal by Trans-Elect Prior to Obtaining Financing. The Parties acknowledge that Trans-Elect's participation in the Project is predicated on Trans-Elect's ability to procure equity funding and debt financing for the Transmission Line Work. If Trans-Elect (or its Special Purpose Entity) is unable to or determines in good faith that it is unable to procure such financing on a non-recourse basis on acceptable terms, then Trans-Elect shall have the right to withdraw from the Project upon notice to the other Parties. Trans-Elect must provide such notice within 30 days after the award of the Transmission Line EPC Contract; however, if Trans-Elect holds commitment letters for the full amount of

funding required to meet its obligations under Section 9.3 then Trans-Elect shall be entitled an additional 15 days before its right to withdraw under the terms of this section expire. In the even Trans-Elect requires an additional fifteen days, it shall provide notice that it will require the additional fifteen days and copies of the commitment letters to Western. Further, in the event Trans-Elect requires an additional fifteen days, Western and PG&E shall be entitled to make appropriate changes to the Project Schedule to reflect any modifications to the Project Schedule that results from the additional fifteen days. Provided Trans-Elect provides timely notice to withdraw, neither the absence of such financing nor any such withdrawal by Trans-Elect shall constitute a Default under this Agreement. Upon delivery of a notice of withdrawal neither Trans-Elect nor the Special Purpose Entity shall have any further obligations or liability under this CCA from and after the date of the notice of withdrawal except such liabilities and obligations as may have arisen prior to the date of such notice. The rights of Trans-Elect under Section 11.5.1 and 11.5.2 of this CCA shall be unaffected by any such withdrawal.

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12 REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

- 12.1 <u>Trans-Elect Representations and Warranties</u>. Trans-Elect makes the following representations and warranties:
 - (a) Trans-Elect is duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, is in good standing under its certificate of formation and the laws of the State of Delaware and all other states where the failure to be so qualified could reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect, has the

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requisite power and authority to own its properties, to carry on its business as now being conducted, and to enter into this CCA and the transactions contemplated herein and perform and carry out all covenants and obligations on its part to be performed under and pursuant to this CCA, and is duly authorized to execute and deliver this CCA and consummate the transactions contemplated herein.

- (b) Trans-Elect is not prohibited from entering this CCA or discharging and performing all covenants and obligations on its part to be performed under and pursuant to this CCA. The execution and delivery of this CCA, the consummation of the transactions contemplated herein and the fulfillment of and compliance with the provisions of this CCA will not conflict with or constitute a breach of or a default under, or require any consent, license or approval that has not been obtained pursuant to, any of the terms, conditions or provisions of any applicable laws and regulations of any Governmental Authority, the certificate of Trans-Elect or any other contractual limitation, restriction or outstanding trust indenture, deed of trust, mortgage, loan agreement, lease, other evidence of indebtedness or any other agreement or instrument to which Trans-Elect is a party or by which it or any of its property is bound.
- (c) Trans-Elect has taken all such actions as may be necessary or advisable and proper to authorize this CCA, the execution and delivery hereof, and the consummation of transactions contemplated thereby.
- (d) This CCA is a legal, valid and binding obligation of Trans-Elect enforceable in accordance with its terms,

except as limited by laws of general applicability limiting the enforcement of creditor's rights or by the exercise of judicial discretion in accordance with general principles of equity.

12.2 PG&E Representations and Warranties. PG&E makes the following representations and warranties:

- (a) PG&E is duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the State of California, is in good standing under its certificate of formation and the laws of the State of California and all other states where the failure to be so qualified could reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect, has the requisite power and authority to own its properties, to carry on its business as now being conducted, and to enter into this CCA and the transactions contemplated herein and perform and carry out all covenants and obligations on its part to be performed under and pursuant to this CCA, and is duly authorized to execute and deliver this CCA and consummate the transactions contemplated herein.
- (b) PG&E is not prohibited from entering this CCA or discharging and performing all covenants and obligations on its part to be performed under and pursuant to this CCA. The execution and delivery of this CCA, the consummation of the transactions contemplated herein and the fulfillment of and compliance with the provisions of this CCA will not conflict with or constitute a breach of or a default under, or require any consent, license or approval that has not been obtained pursuant to, any of the terms, conditions or provisions of any applicable laws and regulations of any Governmental Authority, the

certificate of PG&E or any other contractual limitation, restriction or outstanding trust indenture, deed of trust, mortgage, loan agreement, lease, other evidence of indebtedness or any other agreement or instrument to which PG&E is a party or by which it or any of its property is bound.

- (c) PG&E has taken all such actions as may be necessary or advisable and proper to authorize this CCA, the execution and delivery hereof, and the consummation of transactions contemplated thereby.
- (d) This CCA is a legal, valid and binding obligation of PG&E enforceable in accordance with its terms, except as limited by laws of general applicability limiting the enforcement of creditor's rights or by the exercise of judicial discretion in accordance with general principles of equity.
- (e) Without limitation of any of the foregoing, PG&E represents and warrants that PG&E has received approval to enter into this CCA and perform all obligations related thereto, pursuant to Order Granting Debtor's Motion for Order Approving Expenditure of Funds to Upgrade Substations and, if necessary, reconductor a 230 kV Transmission Line to Support the Los Banos-Gates 500 kV Transmission Project (Path 15 Upgrade Project), No. 01-30923 DM (Bankr. N.D.Cal. Feb. 8, 2002).

28 13 PROJECT MANAGEMENT:

- 13.1 <u>Designation</u>: The following supplement the project management duties of the Parties as set forth in Section 4 of the LA:
- 13.2 <u>Designation</u>: During the construction of the Project, Western will act as the Project Manager and provide services for

managing the day-to-day activities of the Transmission Line Work and coordination with the PG&E Modifications and Project budget execution. Western will oversee the Parties' activities to assist meeting the Project Schedule and budgets, and see that the Parties cooperate to move the Project forward. Western will serve in this role until 60 days after commencement of commercial operation, unless Western is earlier removed from or assigns its rights under this CCA in which case the remaining Parties shall nominate the replacement Project Manager. Effective on the 60th day after commencement of commercial operation, management of the Project will be determined and governed by the Coordination Committee or its successor. Western will ensure that the necessary negotiated Project agreements are executed; that the Parties actively participate in the process; that the Parties cooperate to move the Project forward. Western will also perform lead Federal Agency efforts for the National Environmental Policy Act process, will acquire necessary Land rights for the Project, as well as other functions necessary for the completion of the Project.

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- 13.3 PG&E Modifications Management: PG&E will have full responsibility for all aspects of the PG&E Modifications.

 PG&E has the responsibility to coordinate with the Project Manager, via the Coordination Committee, to complete the PG&E Modifications in accordance with the completion of the Transmission Line, Project Schedule and budget.
- 13.4 <u>Transmission Line Project Management</u>: Western, with direction from the TLCC, will have full responsibility for all aspects of the development of the Transmission Line.

 Western has the responsibility to co-ordinate with the Project Manager and with PG&E to complete the Transmission

Line in accordance with the completion of the PG&E ${\tt Modifications.}$

14 PRIOR WORK:

- 14.1 PG&E, Trans-Elect and others have performed certain Project Work in advance of the execution hereof and in so doing have produced work tangible or intangible product in support of the timely completion of the Project. These work products shall be reviewed by the Parties and to the extent agreed as useful and beneficially incurred on behalf of the Project will be credited to the respective entity that provided them. No reimbursement for any such prior work shall be paid from the Initial Funding provided by Trans-Elect pursuant to the LA.
- 14.2 All Transmission Line Work provided by Western in accordance with this Section 14, together with all Transmission Line Work or Initial Work heretofore approved by the TLCC or under the LA or undertaken by Western, shall be reviewed by the TLCC within 120_days of the Effective Date and the TLCC shall within such time approve, authorize, and ratify such work performed as of the Effective Date or shall reasonably request such additional documentation and evidence of expenditures as may be necessary in order for Trans-Elect to conduct due diligence and satisfy itself as to such work. The prior work covered by this Section 14.2 includes but is not limited to:
 - (a) The acquisition of all necessary Land,
 - (b) Project management services as required to satisfy technical and administrative requirements,
 - (c) Design work,
 - (d) Environmental work,
 - (e) Cost estimates and schedule for planning and design,

- (f) Material and equipment acquisition, and
- (g) Construction and post construction work.

15 ALLOCATION OF ENTITLEMENT:

- 15.1 Under the terms of the LA, each Party is entitled to a certain portion of the transmission rights on the Transmission Line ("Entitlement") as set forth in the LA. Section 3.2.2 of the LA provides that the final allocations will be determined based on the ratio of each Parties' contribution to the Project provided that Western's Entitlement shall not be less than 10%. All incremental increases in the Path 15 (Los Banos to Gates) transmission capability resulting from the Project shall be allocated to the Path 15 Project. The determination of the Project's share of such transfer capability shall be more fully described in the Path 15 Upgrade Project COIA, to be negotiated later.
- 15.2 The Parties intend to turn over the operational control of the Parties' Entitlements to the CAISO as set forth in Section 5.7 of the LA.
- 15.3 The Project operation will be interconnected to the PG&E electrical system as set forth in Section 5.5 of the LA subject to Sections 11.3 through 11.5 of this CCA and as superceded by the COIA.
- 15.4 The Project Cost accounting to determine the final allocation of Entitlements in accordance with Section 3.2.2 of the LA shall be determined as follows:
 - (a) Each Party shall provide the Coordination

 Committee and the other Parties with a final accounting

 of their Project Costs within 180 days after the

 commencement of commercial operations (the date the last

 such final accounting is provided being the Submission

Date).

- (b) Any Party may initiate an audit of another Party's final accounting pursuant to Section 19 of this CCA within 30 days after the Submission Date, which audit if initiated shall be completed within 90 days of the Submission Date.
- (c) Within 30 days after the completion of any audits of the Parties' final accountings, or if no such audits are initiated within 60 days of the Submission Date, the Coordination Committee shall meet to determine the final allocation of Entitlements pursuant to this CCA and the LA. The Coordination Committee shall work thereafter in good faith to finalize such Entitlements.
- (d) If the Coordination Committee has not reached consensus on a final allocation of the Entitlements within 60 days of commencing its review under the preceding clause (c), then any Party may initiate the dispute resolution process under Section 20 of this CCA in an effort to reach a final allocation of the Entitlements.
- (e) If a final allocation of the Entitlements has not been achieved within 90 days of the submission to dispute resolution under clause (d) above, then notwithstanding any provision of this CCA, any Party may file a petition with FERC or a court of competent jurisdiction seeking a declaration of the final allocation of the Entitlements. Absent further written agreement to extend the deadline for any such filing, the Parties agree that any such petition or court action shall be commenced no later than 360 days after the Submission Date. Each Party agrees to toll any otherwise applicable statutes of limitation and waive any defenses based on the passage of time to any

such petition(s) or court action(s).

- (f) The Coordination Committee can modify the times provided in this Section 15.4.
- 15.5 Until the final allocation of the Entitlements is determined, the Initial Allocations provided in Section 3.2.1 and in Exhibit A of the LA shall remain in effect.
- 15.6 The final cost accounting is subject to applicable existing laws and regulations (including FERC regulations).
- 16 ASSET OWNERSHIP: The Parties acknowledge and affirm that under Section 3.1.1 of the LA Western will own the Land and the Transmission Line, and that under Section 3.1.2 of the LA PG&E will own the PG&E Modifications.
- 17 OPERATION: The operation of the Project will be set forth in the COIA, to be negotiated.
- 18 WORK REPORTING REQUIREMENTS: A monthly project report shall be prepared by the Project Manager, based on information regularly submitted to it by each Party's Coordination Contact and itself, and promptly provided to each Party. Such report will at a minimum state the current status of each milestone set forth in Appendix B, and shall state for those milestones that are complete the actual costs expended therefor and for those milestones that are then in progress the current status of such progress with specificity, including the percentage completed on a task, any major issues outstanding with respect to such progress, and the expected completion date of each milestone not yet completed.
- 19 <u>AUDITS</u>: Subject to the requirements of confidentiality under Section 35 of this CCA, each Party shall have the right, and

no more frequently than quarterly so long as the Party being audited is not then in Default and during normal business hours and upon prior reasonable notice to the other Parties, to audit the accounts and records of any Party, the TLCC, the Trust Account, or the TE Security, pertaining to the performance and/or satisfaction of obligations arising under this CCA. Such audits shall be performed at the offices where such accounts and records are maintained and shall be limited to those portions of such accounts and records that relate the Project and the Work. Such audits shall be performed at the sole expense of the requesting Party, but the reasonable incurred costs will be Project Costs for the purposes of this CCA and the LA. Any audit of a Party's final Project Costs as submitted to the Coordination Committee under Section 15.4 shall be completed no later than 90 days after the Submission Date. In the event that such audit of a Party's final Project Costs finds that a Party's actual Project Costs differ from its final accounting, then the Coordination Committee shall decide upon the correct figures to be used for the Entitlement allocation, provided that nothing in the foregoing waives any Party's right to challenge such decision in accordance with Sections 15.4 and 20.

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20 <u>RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES</u>: Any dispute arising between the Parties regarding the performance of their obligations under this CCA shall be resolved according to the following procedures.

20.1 <u>Informal Settlement</u>:

PROCEDURE: The Parties shall attempt in good faith to resolve any dispute arising out of or relating to this CCA promptly by negotiations between a vice president of PG&E or

his or her designated representative and an executive of similar authority of each Line Party. Any Party may give the other Parties written notice of any dispute, and within twenty (20) days after delivery of such notice, the executives shall meet at a mutually acceptable time and place (for a total of no less than six meetings), and thereafter as often as they reasonably deem necessary (but at least weekly) to exchange information and to attempt to resolve the dispute. If the matter has not been resolved within forty—two (42) days of the first meeting, any Party may initiate a mediation of the controversy.

CONFIDENTIALITY: In addition to being subject to the Confidential Information provisions of this CCA, all negotiations, settlement conferences, compromise discussions and any mediation conducted pursuant to this clause are confidential and shall be treated as compromise and settlement negotiations

PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION: Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, a Party may seek a preliminary injunction or other provisional judicial remedy if in its judgment such action is necessary to avoid irreparable damage or to preserve the status quo. In the event a Party fails to seek an injunction, nothing in this Section shall affect the Project Schedules, Section 11 or a Party's obligations thereunder.

20.2 Formal Dispute Resolution: In the absence of a voluntary resolution reached in accordance with Section 20.1, any Party may seek to resolve a dispute by seeking judicial relief or regulatory relief at FERC. The Party, with the written consent of all Parties which are Parties to such disputes, in the alternative may submit the dispute to non-binding arbitration which shall be conducted using any

procedures agreed to by such Parties. No litigation or arbitration shall be commenced until not less than twenty (20) days after notice of the initiation of proceedings has been provided to all of the Parties to the dispute, provided further, however, that the preceding requirement shall not preclude a Party from initiating litigation or arbitration to secure any legal right which may otherwise be forfeited due to limitation or requirements imposed by rule or statute.

20.3 Continuation of Project Work: Unless otherwise agreed upon by the Parties or ordered by a court, Project Work shall continue until a judgment or award is issued, provided that any Party performing Project Work shall take all reasonable measures, to the extent available, to avoid aggravating the dispute being settled, arbitrated or litigated, giving due consideration to any scheduled completion date for the Project Work related to the dispute.

21 ASSIGNMENT:

21.1 Assignment: Other than provided in this Section 21, any
Party may make an Assignment of its rights and obligations
under the MOU, the LA, this Agreement and the COIA,
consistent with applicable laws, only after obtaining the
written consent of each of the other Parties, which consent
shall not be unreasonably withheld. Notwithstanding the
above, Congress may assign Western's rights without the
consent of any Party. Any Assignment in whole or in part by
PG&E in accordance with any Plan of Reorganization approved
by the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in re Pacific Gas and Electric
Company, Case No. 01-30923 DM (Bankruptcy Ct., N.D. Cal.)
shall be a permitted Assignment hereunder not subject to
further rights of consent from the other Parties hereto. In

addition, Trans-Elect, without consent of any Party, may enter into an Assignment of its rights under this CCA, the MOU, the LA and the COIA, as applicable, for security purposes in favor of one or more T-E Lenders and such T-E Lenders may make an Assignment of Trans-Elect's rights and obligations under this CCA, the MOU, the LA and the COIA, as applicable, hereunder to a purchaser at foreclosure or at a sale in lieu of foreclosure. If requested by the T-E Lenders, the Parties will enter into a separate consent confirming such security assignment and providing for other customary matters. To the extent directed by Congress, Western may assign any right or interest that it may have without the consent of any Party. A Party's assignee (other than T-E Lenders that are taking an Assignment for security purposes only) shall expressly assume in writing the duties and obligations of such Party under this CCA, the MOU, the LA, and the COIA, as applicable, and shall immediately furnish or cause to be furnished to all other Parties a true and correct copy of the documents evidencing such Assignment and assumption of duties and obligations. The assigning Party shall give notice to and provide the other Parties with a copy of the documents evidencing such proposed Assignment no less than thirty (30) days prior to the proposed effective date of the Assignment. Each Party shall give notice of its consent or denial of consent within such thirty (30) day period in accordance with Section 35 of this CCA. No Assignment shall be made except to an entity that also receives a transfer of the assignor's interest under the MOU, the Letter Agreement and the Coordinated Operation and Interconnection Agreement (if in effect), and the Parties hereby consent to the assignment of such other agreements to an entity to which a valid Assignment is made

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- 21.2 Collateral Assignment: A Party may make a collateral Assignment of or grant a security interest in its Entitlements and/or all or a portion of its interests in this CCA to any lender or investor of such Party, and so long as no Default has occurred and is continuing by the assigning Party, the other Parties hereto agree to provide reasonable and customary consents to such collateral Assignment or grant of security interest.
- 21.3 Entitlement Use: Nothing in this Section 21 or this CCA shall be deemed to alter the requirement of Section 5.7 of the LA that the operational control of the Entitlements shall be turned over to the CAISO, and no consent of the other Parties to the CCA shall be necessary to do so.

16 22 Nonpartitionment:

- 22.1 Each Party hereby waives the right to partition the Project, whether by partitionment in kind or by sale and division of the proceeds thereof.
- 22.2 The Parties shall not resort to any action at law or in equity to partition the Project in any manner described, and each Party waives the benefits of all laws that may now or hereafter authorize such partition.

23 LIABILITY:

23.1 Except for damage or loss resulting from willful action or willful failure to act, gross negligence, or breach of fiduciary obligation in connection with this CCA, and subject to the provisions of Section 23.2 of this CCA, no Party, its members, directors, members of its governing body, officers, or employees shall be liable to any other Party for any such loss or damage in connection with this

- CCA not covered by insurance obtained for that purpose.
- 23.2 Each Party shall be responsible for the consequences of its own willful action or willful failure to act, gross negligence, and breach of fiduciary obligation in connection with this CCA, and in connection with any work undertaken in accordance with this CCA. Nothing in this Section 23 shall require any Party to obtain insurance covering the willful action or willful failure to act, gross negligence, or breach of fiduciary obligation of any Party.
- 23.3 The provisions of this Section 23 shall not be construed to relieve any insurer of its obligation to pay any insurance proceeds in accordance with the terms and conditions of valid and enforceable insurance policies.

24 FORCE MAJEURE:

24.1 In the case of a Force Majeure the claiming Party shall notify the other Parties Coordination Contract and Coordination Committee members (if different) promptly after becoming aware of such Force Majeure (including subsequent notification of additional cause(s) of Force Majeure during an already declared Force Majeure period). Such notice must include, the event, the expected duration of such event, and of the steps that the Party is taking and plans to take to address such event. Such Party may also propose an alteration to the Project Schedule (that is, in addition to the automatic suspension of the running of such Project Schedule which results from a proper Force Majeure declaration) as a result of such event. For purposes of clarity, any such proposed Project Schedule modification will be addressed as set forth in Section 5 of this CCA, and shall not be automatically made in conjunction with such Force Majeure. From time to time thereafter, but no less

frequently than every two weeks, the Party declaring such Force Majeure shall provide written reports to the other Parties' Coordination Contact and Coordination Committee representatives updating the information provided in the initial notice of Force Majeure and setting forth the steps that such Party has completed to date to resolve such Force Majeure. The Coordination Committee, consisting of the Parties not claiming Force Majeure, will be responsible for determining if the Party declaring Force Majeure is acting diligently to clear the Force Majeure.

- 24.2 A Force Majeure claim shall continue only until the earlier to occur of (1) the claiming Party ceases using due diligence to overcome the claimed Force Majeure or (2) the effect of the Force Majeure is ameliorated.
- 24.3 In the absence of an properly declared Force Majeure (including but not limited to a failure in causation, a failure to provide initial notice, or a failure to pursue a cure of such Force Majeure with diligence) a non-performing party may be subject to declarations of default and the remedies therefor under this CCA.
- 24.4 Except for the obligation of a Party to make payments in accordance with this CCA, no Party shall be considered to be in default in the performance of any of its obligations when a failure to perform is due to a properly declared Force Majeure.
- 24.5 Nothing in this Section 24 is meant to avoid any obligation of any Party regarding interconnection of the Project under the Federal Power Act or implementing order or orders of FERC.

25 FEDERAL CONTRACTING REQUIREMENTS:

25.1 Covenant Against Contingent Fees: Each of PG&E and Trans-

Elect warrant that it has not employed or retained any person or selling agency to solicit or secure the contract upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee, excepting bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial or selling agencies maintained by their respective organizations for the purpose of securing business. For breach or violation of this warranty, Western shall have the right to annul or terminate this CCA without liability or in its discretion to deduct from the price or consideration the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee.

- 25.2 Contingent Upon Appropriations: Where activities provided for in this CCA extend beyond the current fiscal year, continued expenditures by the United States are contingent upon Congress making the necessary appropriations required for the continued performance of the United States obligations under the LA. In case such appropriation is not made, PG&E and Trans-Elect hereby release the United States from its obligations and from all liability due to the failure of Congress to make such appropriation.
- 25.3 Contract Project Work Hours and Safety Standards: This CCA, to the extent that it is of a character specified in Section 103 of the Contract Project Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, 40 U.S.C.A. § 329, is subject to the provisions of the Act, 40 U.S.C.A. §§ 327-333, and to regulations promulgated by the Secretary of Labor pursuant to the Act.
- 25.4 Equal Opportunity Employment Practices: Section 202 of Executive Order No. 11246, 30 Fed. Reg. 12319 (1965), as amended by Executive Order No. 12086, 43 Fed. Reg. 46501 (1978), which provides, among other things, that PG&E and Trans-Elect will not discriminate against any employee or

applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin, is incorporated by reference in this CCA.

- 25.5 <u>Use of Convict Labor</u>: PG&E and Trans-Elect agree not to employ any person undergoing sentence of imprisonment in performing this CCA except as provided by 18 U.S.C. 4082 (c) (2) and Executive Order 11755, December 29, 1973.
- 25.6 It is understood by the Parties that, while a Federal agency may, under certain conditions, support legislation, it is prohibited by law from participating in or contributing to any activities influencing legislation or involving lobbying. Participation of Western in this CCA shall be limited to activities that are legal for an agency of the United States.
- 26 SEVERABILITY: In the event that any term, covenant, or condition of this CCA or the application of any such term, covenant, or condition shall be held invalid as to any person, entity, or circumstance by any court or agency having jurisdiction, such term, covenant, or condition shall remain in force and effect to the maximum extent permitted by law, and all other terms, covenants, and conditions of this CCA and their application shall not be affected thereby but shall remain in force and effect unless a court or agency holds that such provisions are not separable from all other provisions of this CCA.
- 27 WAIVER: Any waiver at any time by a Party of its rights with respect to any matter arising in connection with this CCA shall not be deemed a waiver with respect to any subsequent matter or to any subsequent occurrence of the same matter.

28 NO THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES: None of the promises, rights, or obligations contained in this CCA shall inure to the benefit of any person or entity not a Party to this CCA, provided that nothing in this Section 28 shall limit any Party's rights under Section 21 of this CCA.

29 PRESERVATION OF OBLIGATIONS: Upon termination of this CCA, any obligations previously incurred in accordance with this CCA, including any obligation to pay money incurred prior to termination, shall be preserved until satisfied.

30 INTEGRATION:

30.1 This CCA constitutes the complete and final expression of the agreement between the Parties and is a complete and exclusive statement of the terms of their agreement, and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous offers, promises, representations, negotiations, discussions, and communications which may have been made in connection with the subject matter of this CCA with the exception of the MOU, the LA, the Deliverables Agreement, and the COIA, provided, however, that in the event of any conflict between the terms and provisions of this CCA and either or both of the MOU, LA, or the Deliverables Agreement, this CCA shall control as to the coordination and performance of the Project Work only. This CCA is the product of negotiations and neither ambiguities nor uncertainties shall, therefore, be construed in a manner, which is prejudicial to any Party.

30.2 The following Appendices are attached hereto and made a part of this CCA:

Appendix A - Addresses for Notices

Appendix B - Form of Project Schedule

Appendix C - PG&E Modifications and Transmission Line

Work

31 <u>AMENDMENT</u>: This CCA may be amended only by a written instrument duly executed by all Parties hereto.

32 GOVERNING LAW: This CCA is made and entered into in the State of California. Interpretation of this CCA, and performance and enforcement thereof, shall be determined in accordance with applicable law. Western is solely subject to the jurisdiction of the United States Government and Federal law.

33 <u>TITLES</u>: The captions and headings in this CCA are inserted to facilitate reference and shall have no bearing upon the interpretation of any of the terms and provisions of this CCA.

34 RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES: The obligations and liabilities of the Line Parties, together, and of PG&E are intended not to be joint or collective, but individual to the Line Parties or to PG&E, as the case may be. Except as set forth herein, the liabilities of Trans-Elect and Western are intended not to be joint or collective, but individual to Trans-Elect or Western, as the case may be. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to create an association, joint venture, trust or partnership, or to impose a trust or partnership, or to impose a trust or partnership covenant, obligation, or liability on or with regard to any one or more of the Parties. Each Party shall be responsible for its own covenants, obligations, and liabilities as herein provided. No Party or group of Parties shall be under the control of or shall be deemed to control any other Party or the Parties as a group. Except as expressly provided in this CCA, no Party

shall be the agent of or have a right or power to bind any other Party without its express consent.

35 REGULATORY FILINGS:

- 35.1 Right to Petition Any Regulatory Body. Nothing in this CCA shall be construed as affecting in any way the right of any Party to unilaterally make application to, oppose any application to, or appeal any decision, rule or order of any and all governmental authorities (including but not limited to FERC) that may have jurisdiction over this CCA or any agreement or filing related to the Project for any purpose pursuant to applicable statutes and those governmental authorities' rules and regulations.
- 35.2 Notice. Prior to making a filing under this Section 35, the filing Party shall use reasonable efforts to notify the other Parties of its intent to make a filing at least thirty (30) days in advance and representatives of the Parties shall attempt to meet to discuss the intended filing; provided, however, that the failure of the Parties to give notice, meet, or agree on any intended filing shall not limit a Party's right to make such a filing.
- 35.3 <u>Right to Dissent</u>. Each Party reserves the right to challenge each and every filing of any other Party under Section 35.1 before any and all governmental authorities.

36 CONFIDENTIALITY:

- 36.1 Term. During the term of this CCA, and for a period of three (3) years after the expiration or termination of this CCA, except as otherwise provided in this Section 36, each Party shall hold in confidence and shall not disclose to any person any Confidential Information of any other Party.
- 36.2 Scope. Any confidential, proprietary or trade secret

information of a plan, specification, pattern, procedure, design, device, list, concept, policy or compilation relating to the present or planned business of a Party, which is designated in writing as Confidential by the Party supplying the information. Confidential Information may include, without limitation, any information relating to a Party's technology, research and development, business affairs, and pricing, and any such information supplied by any Party to any other Party prior to the execution of this CCA, provided, however, that Confidential Information shall not include any information submitted to FERC, CAISO or the CPUC by the Party claiming confidentiality, unless submitted under a claim of confidentiality by such Party. Information is Confidential Information only if it is clearly designated or marked in writing as confidential on the face of the document. Confidential Information shall not include information that the receiving Party can demonstrate: (1) is generally available to the public other than as a result of a disclosure by the receiving Party; (2) was in the lawful possession of the receiving Party on a non-confidential basis before receiving it from the disclosing Party; (3) was supplied to the receiving Party without restriction by a third party, who, to the knowledge of the receiving Party, after due inquiry, was under no obligation to the other Party to keep such information confidential; (4) was independently developed by the receiving Party without reference to Confidential Information of the disclosing Party; (5) is, or becomes, publicly known, through no wrongful act or omission of the receiving Party or breach of this CCA; or (6) is required, in accordance with this CCA, to be disclosed by any federal or state government or agency or is otherwise required to be disclosed by law, or order,

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or is necessary in any legal proceeding establishing rights and obligations under this CCA. Confidential Information will no longer be deemed confidential to the extent that the Party that designated the information as confidential subsequently notifies the receiving Party that it no longer is confidential.

- 36.3 Release of Confidential Information. No Party shall release or disclose any Confidential Information to any other Party, person, except to its employees or consultants on a need-toknow basis in connection with this CCA, unless such person has first been advised of the confidentiality provisions of this Section 36 and has agreed to comply with such provisions. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Party providing any other Party's Confidential Information to any person shall remain primarily responsible for any release of such other Party's Confidential Information in contravention of this Section 36. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Trans-Elect may disclose confidential information as required to potential lenders or investors and their consultants on a need-to-know basis provided such lenders execute a nondisclosure agreement and be bound by the confidentiality provisions contained herein.
- 36.4 <u>Rights</u>. Each Party retains all rights, title, and interest in the Confidential Information that each Party discloses to any other Party. The disclosure by each Party to any other Party of Confidential Information shall not be deemed a waiver by any Party or any other person or entity of the right to protect the Confidential Information from public disclosure.
- 36.5 <u>No Warranties</u>. By providing Confidential Information, no Party makes any warranties or representations as to its accuracy or completeness. In addition, by supplying

Confidential Information, no Party obligates itself to provide any particular information or Confidential Information to any other Party nor to enter into any further agreements or proceed with any other relationship or joint venture.

- 36.6 Standard of Care. Each Party shall use at least the same standard of care to protect Confidential Information it receives as that it uses to protects its own Confidential Information from unauthorized use, disclosure, publication or dissemination. Each Party may use Confidential Information solely to fulfill its obligations to the other Parties under this CCA.
- 36.7 Order of Disclosure. If a Court or a government agency or entity with the right, power, and apparent authority to do so requests or requires any Party, by subpoena, deposition, interrogatories, requests for production of documents, administrative order, or otherwise, to disclose any Confidential Information of another party, that Party shall provide the other Party with prompt notice of such request(s) or requirement(s) so that the other Party may seek an appropriate protective order or waive compliance with the terms of this CCA. Notwithstanding the absence of a protective order or waiver, the Party may disclose such Confidential Information which, in the opinion of its counsel, the Party is legally compelled to disclose. Party will use reasonable effort to obtain reliable assurance that confidential treatment will be accorded any Confidential Information so furnished.
- 36.8 <u>Termination of Agreement</u>. Upon termination of this CCA for any reason, each Party shall, within ten (10) days of receipt of a written request from another Party, use reasonable efforts to destroy, erase, or delete (with such

destruction, erasure and deletion certified in writing to the other Party) or return to the other Party, without retaining copies thereof, any and all written or electronic Confidential Information received from the other Party. In the event Confidential Information is necessary to reliably operate the Project in a prudent manner then such Confidential Information may be retained. Such information will be identified and agreed to by the Parties.

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- 36.9 Remedies. The Parties agree that monetary damages would be inadequate to compensate a Party for the another Party's breach of its obligations under this Section 36. Each Party accordingly agrees that another Party shall be entitled to equitable relief, by way of injunction or otherwise, if the first Party breaches or threatens to breach its obligations under this Section 36, which equitable relief shall be granted without bond or proof of damages, and the receiving Party shall not plead in defense that there would be an adequate remedy at law. Such remedy shall not be deemed to be an exclusive remedy for the breach of this Section, but shall be in addition to all other remedies available at law or in equity. The Parties further acknowledge and agree that the covenants contained herein are necessary for the protection of legitimate business interests and are reasonable in scope. No Party, however, shall be liable for indirect, incidental or consequential or punitive damages of any nature or kind resulting from or arising in connection with this Section 36.
- 37 <u>NOTICES</u>: Any notice, demand or request in accordance with this CCA shall be in writing and shall be deemed properly served, given, or made if delivered in person or sent by first class United States mail, postage prepaid, by a

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confirmed electronic facsimile, or by prepaid commercial courier service to a Party at the address indicated in Appendix A to this CCA.

- 38 NO PRECEDENTS: Nothing contained in this CCA shall be construed to establish any precedent for any other agreement, or to grant any rights to or impose any obligations on any Party beyond the scope and term of this CCA.
- 39 EXECUTION IN COUNTERPARTS: This CCA may be executed in counterparts and each Party shall deliver its executed counterpart to each other Party.
- 40 SIGNATURE CLAUSE: The signatories to this CCA represent that they have been appropriately authorized to enter into this CCA on behalf of the Party for whom they sign.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have affixed their signatures as of the date(s) set forth below.

Trans-Elect, Inc.

By:

Name:	
	Robert L. Mitchell
Title:	
	Executive Vice President
Date:	
	12/30/2002

Western Area Power Administration

By:

Name:	
	James D. Keselburg
Title:	
	Regional Manager
Date:	
	12/30/2002

Pacific Gas & Electric Company

By:

Name:		
Title:		
Date:		

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APPENDIX A

ADDRESSES FOR NOTICES

To Pacific Gas and Electric Company:

Director, Electric Transmission and Distribution Engineering 123 Mission St., Room 1222 San Francisco, CA 94105

To Trans-Elect, Inc.:

President & COO 1850 Centennial Park Dr., Ste. 480 Reston, VA 20191

To Western Area Power Administration / Project Manager

Path 15 Project Manager Sierra Nevada Region Western Area Power Administration 114 Parkshore Drive Folsom, CA 95630

APPENDIX B

INITIAL FORM OF PROJECT SCHEDULE

The Project shall be developed consistent with the following milestones.

PATH 15 - LOS BANOS - GATES 500		
KV (the "Project")		
Transmission Line - WAPA	L	
PERMITS		
LAND RIGHTS ACQUISITION		
Environmental Work		
Development, Financing,		
Underwriting and TE Security		
EPC Contract		
MATERIAL PROCUREMENT		
ACCESS ROADS & TOWER		
CONSTRUCTION		
LINE CONSTRUCTION		
RELEASE TO OPERATIONS - 500 kV		
Line		
POST EDRO CONSTRUCTION		
PG&E MODIFICATIONS		
SUBSTATION ENGINEERING		
EQUIPMENT & MATERIAL PROCUREMENT		
CONSTRUCTION		
COMMISSIONING-		
RELEASE TO OPERATIONS		
PROJECT CLOSE-OUT		

1 APPENDIX C

PG&E MODIFICATIONS AND

TRANSIMISSION LINE WORK

The PG&E Modifications are as determined in the Comprehensive Plan of Service, which may include, but are not limited to the following:

Los Banos Substation

- Modify the existing Los Banos 500 kV Substation by extending the existing 500 kV bus by one bay and installing two new 500 kV circuit breakers in the new line position.
- Relocate the existing Los Banos Moss Landing 500 kV transmission line to the new bus position and terminate the new Los Banos - Gates 500 kV transmission line at the existing Moss Landing line position.
- Install 250 MVAR of 230 kV shunt capacitors.
- Install miscellaneous electrical equipment, including 500 kV and 230 kV disconnecting switches, reactors, instrument transformers, protective relaying, metering and control equipment, supervisory control and data acquisition equipment, telemetering equipment, auxiliary alternating current and direct current power system, electrical grounding system, and underground conduits or trench systems.

Gates Substation

- Modify the existing Gates 500 kV substation by installing two new 500 kV circuit breakers at existing 500 kV bay position #4.
- Relocate the existing Los Banos-Gates #1 transmission line

to the existing bay #4

- Terminate the new Los Banos Gates #3 500 kV transmission line at the existing Los Banos #1 line position.
- Install two new 500 kV circuit breakers for the existing 500/230 kV Transformer Bank 11.
- Modify the arrangement of the 500 kV bus from a ring bus to a breaker-and-a-half scheme.
- Install 250 MVAR of 230 kV shunt capacitors.
- Install miscellaneous electrical equipment, including 500 kV and 230 kV disconnecting switches, reactors, instrument transformers, protective relaying, metering and control equipment, supervisory control and data acquisition equipment, telemetering equipment, auxiliary alternating current and direct current power system, electrical grounding system, and underground conduits or trench systems.

Gates-Midway 230 kV Reinforcement¹

• There are two options for upgrading this path. Option 1 reconductors the 230 kV transmission from Midway to Arco including the Arco loop. Option 2 reconfigures the Gates-Midway transmission by establishing two circuits between Gates and Midway. PG&E is in the process of evaluating these options.

TRANSMISSION LINE PARTIES 3 TRANSMISSION LINE WORK 4 5 • Land Acquisition • Environmental Work 6 • Material Procurement • Construction Access Roads 8 • Communication Facilities, VHF Radio • Tower Design 10 • Tower Construction 11 12 13 14 15

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3	SPECIAL FACILITIES	AGREEMENT