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**North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board**

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**ACCEPTANCE OF CONDITIONAL RESOLUTION  
AND WAIVER OF RIGHT TO HEARING**  
**Order No. R1-2012-0095**

Pacific Gas & Electric Company  
Order No. R1-2001-0045  
NPDES No. CA0005622  
WDID No. 1B82085OHUM

By signing below and returning this Acceptance of Conditional Resolution and Waiver of Right to Hearing (Acceptance and Waiver) to the Regional Water Board, the Pacific Gas & Electric Company (Permittee) hereby accepts the "Offer to Participate in Expedited Payment Program" and waives the right to a hearing before the Regional Water Board with jurisdiction over the facility to dispute the allegations of violations described in the Notice of Violation (NOV), which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference.

The Permittee agrees that the NOV shall serve as a complaint pursuant to Article 2.5 of the Water Code and that no separate complaint is required for the Regional Water Board to assert jurisdiction over the alleged violations through its Assistant Executive Officer. The Permittee agrees to pay the penalties authorized by California Water Code section 13385, as indicated on the attached NOV Exhibit "A" under "Expedited Payment Amount" (Expedited Payment Amount), which shall be deemed payment in full of any civil liability pursuant to the Water Code section 13385 that otherwise might be assessed for the violations described in the NOV. The Permittee understands that this Acceptance and Waiver waives the Permittee's right to contest the allegations in the NOV and the amount of civil liability for such violations.

The Permittee understands that this Acceptance and Waiver does not address or resolve liability for any violation that is not specifically identified in the NOV.

Upon execution by the Permittee, the Acceptance and Waiver shall be returned to:

Diana Henrioulle, Senior Water Resources Control Engineer  
California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region  
5550 Skylane Blvd., Suite A  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

The Permittee understands that federal regulations set forth at title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, section 123.27(d)(2)(iii) require the Regional Water Board to publish notice of and provide at least 30 days for public comment on any proposed resolution of an enforcement action. Accordingly, this Acceptance and Waiver, prior to execution by the Executive Officer of the Regional Water Board, will be published as required by law for public comment.

If no comments are received within the notice period, which causes the Executive Officer of the Regional Water Board to reconsider the Expedited Payment Amount, the Executive Officer will execute the Acceptance and Waiver as a stipulated order.

The Permittee understands that if significant comments are received in opposition to the Expedited Payment Amount, the offer on behalf of the Regional Water Board to resolve the violations set forth in the NOV may be withdrawn. In that circumstance, the Permittee will be advised of the withdrawal and an administrative civil liability complaint may be issued and the matter may be set for a hearing before the Regional Water Board. For such a liability hearing, the Permittee understands that this Acceptance and Waiver executed by the Permittee will be treated as a settlement communication and will not be used as evidence in that hearing.

The Permittee understands that once the Acceptance and Waiver is executed by the Executive Officer of the Regional Water Board, the full payment required by the deadline set forth below is a condition of this Acceptance and Waiver. In accordance with California Water Code section 13385(n)(1), funds collected for violations of effluent limitations pursuant to section 13385 shall be deposited in the State Water Pollution Cleanup and Abatement Account. Accordingly, the Permittee shall pay the Expedited Payment Amount by a cashiers or certified check made payable to the "State Water Pollution Cleanup and Abatement Account". The payment must be submitted, in full, to the Regional Water Board by the date specified on the invoice that will accompany the notice to the Permittee of the Executive Officer's execution of the Acceptance and Waiver.

I hereby affirm that I am duly authorized to act on behalf of and to bind the Permittee in the making and giving of this Acceptance and Waiver.

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(Pacific Gas and Electric Company)

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signed Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

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(Printed or typed name)

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(Title)

IT IS SO ORDERED PURSUANT TO WATER CODE SECTION 13385

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Matthias St.John  
Executive Officer

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