

FORM B1

United States Bankruptcy Court
Northern District of California

Voluntary Petition

Name of Debtor (if individual, enter Last, First, Middle): Pacific Gas and Electric Company	Name of Joint Debtor (Spouse)(Last, First, Middle):
All Other Names used by the Debtor in the last 6 years (include married, maiden, and trade names):	All Other Names used by the Joint Debtor in the last 6 years (include married, maiden, and trade names):
Soc. Sec./Tax I.D. No. (if more than one, state all): 94-0742640	Soc. Sec./Tax I.D. No. (if more than one, state all):
Street Address of Debtor (No. & Street, City, State & Zip Code): 77 Beale Street San Francisco, CA 94120	Street Address of Joint Debtor (No. & Street, City, State & Zip Code):
County of Residence or of the Principal Place of Business: San Francisco	County of Residence or of the Principal Place of Business:
Mailing Address of Debtor (if different from street address): P.O. Box 7442 San Francisco, CA 94120	Mailing Address of Joint Debtor (if different from street address):
Location of Principal Assets of Business Debtor (if different from street address above):	

Information Regarding the Debtor (Check the Applicable Boxes)

Venue (Check any applicable box)

Debtor has been domiciled or has had a residence, principal place of business, or principal assets in this District for 180 days immediately preceding the date of this petition or for a longer part of such 180 days than in any other District.

There is a bankruptcy case concerning debtor's affiliate, general partner, or partnership pending in this District.

Type of Debtor (Check all boxes that apply)	Chapter or Section of Bankruptcy Code Under Which the Petition is Filed (Check one box)
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual(s) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 9 <input type="checkbox"/> Sec. 304 - Case ancillary to foreign proceeding
<input type="checkbox"/> Railroad <input type="checkbox"/> Stockbroker <input type="checkbox"/> Commodity Broker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chapter 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 13
Nature of Debts (Check one box)	Filing Fee (Check one box)
<input type="checkbox"/> Consumer/Non-Business <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Business	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full Filing Fee Attached <input type="checkbox"/> Filing Fee to be paid in installments (Applicable to individuals only) Must attach signed application for the court's consideration certifying that the debtor is unable to pay fee except in installments. Rule 1006(b). See Official Form No. 3.
Chapter 11 Small Business (Check all boxes that apply)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Debtor is a small business as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101 <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor is and elects to be considered a small business under 11 U.S.C. § 1121(e) (Optional)	

Statistical/Administrative Information (Estimates only) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debtor estimates that funds will be available for distribution to unsecured creditors. <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor estimates that, after any exempt property is excluded and administrative expenses paid, there will be no funds available for distribution to unsecured creditors.	THIS SPACE IS FOR COURT USE ONLY															
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UNITED STATES
NORTHERN DISTRICT

Case # 01-38923 SFM11 Chapter
Filed: 09:04 AM, 04/06/01 San Francisco

Judge: Dennis Montali
Trustee:

Debtor(s):
Pacific Gas and Electric Co.

Voluntary Petition

(This page must be completed and filed in every case)

Name of Debtor(s):
Pacific Gas and Electric Company

Prior Bankruptcy Case Filed Within Last 6 Years (If more than one, attach additional sheet)

Location Where Filed: NONE	Case Number:	Date Filed:
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Pending Bankruptcy Case Filed by any Spouse, Partner or Affiliate of this Debtor (If more than one, attach additional sheet)

Name of Debtor: NONE	Case Number:	Date Filed:
District:	Relationship:	Judge:

Signatures

Signature(s) of Debtor(s) (Individual/Join)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct. (If petitioner is an individual whose debts are primarily consumer debts and has chosen to file under chapter 7) I am aware that I may proceed under chapter 7, 11, 12 or 13 of title 11, United States Code, understand the relief available under each such chapter, and choose to proceed under chapter 7. I request relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition.

Not Applicable
Signature of Debtor

Not Applicable
Signature of Joint Debtor

Telephone Number (If not represented by attorney)

Date

Signature of Debtor (Corporation/Partnership)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct, and that I have been authorized to file this petition on behalf of the debtor.

The debtor requests relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition.

[Signature]
Signature of Authorized Individual

ROBERT D. GLYNN, JR
Printed Name of Authorized Individual

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
Title of Authorized Individual

APRIL 6, 2001
Date

Signature of Attorney

[Signature]
Signature of Attorney for Debtor(s)

JAMES L. LOPES 63678
Printed Name of Attorney for Debtor(s) / Bar No.

Howard, Rice, Nemerovski et al.
Firm Name

3 Embarcadero Center, 7th Floor
Address

San Francisco, CA 94111

415-434-1600
Telephone Number

Date

Signature of Non-Attorney Petition Preparer

I certify that I am a bankruptcy petition preparer as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 110, that I prepared this document for compensation, and that I have provided the debtor with a copy of this document.

Not Applicable
Printed Name of Bankruptcy Petition Preparer

Social Security Number

Address

Names and Social Security numbers of all other individuals who prepared or assisted in preparing this document:

Exhibit A

(To be completed if debtor is required to file periodic reports (e.g., forms 10K and 10Q) with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is requesting relief under chapter 11)

Exhibit A is attached and made a part of this petition.

Exhibit B

(To be completed if debtor is an individual whose debts are primarily consumer debts)

I, the attorney for the petitioner named in the foregoing petition, declare that I have informed the petitioner that (he or she) may proceed under chapter 7, 11, 12, or 13 of title 11, United States Code, and have explained the relief available under each such chapter.

Signature of Attorney for Debtor(s) _____ Date _____

If more than one person prepared this document, attach additional sheets conforming to the appropriate official form for each person.

Not Applicable
Signature of Bankruptcy Petition Preparer _____

Date _____

A bankruptcy petition preparer's failure to comply with the provisions of title 11 and the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure may result in fines or imprisonment or both. 11 U.S.C. § 110; 18 U.S.C. § 156.

Name of Debtors: **Pacific Gas and Electric Company**

Case Number:

NAME(S) OF ATTORNEY(S) DESIGNATED TO REPRESENT DEBTOR

JAMES L. LOPES	63678
JEFFREY L. SCHAFFER	91404
JANET A. NEXON	104747
WILLIAM J. LAFFERTY	120814

[If debtor is required to file periodic reports (e.g., forms 10K and 10Q) with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is requesting relief under chapter 11 of the Code, this Exhibit "A" shall be completed and attached to the petition.]

UNITED STATE BANKRUPTCY COURT

Northern District of California

In re Pacific Gas and Electric Company
Debtor

Case No. _____
Chapter Eleven

Exhibit "A" to Voluntary Petition

1. If any of the debtor's securities are registered under Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the SEC file number is 1-2348.

2. The following financial data is the latest available information and refers to the debtor's condition on September 30, 2000¹

a	Total assets	\$24,183,000,000	
a	Total debts	\$18,400,000,000	
			Approximate number of holders
c.	Debt securities held by more than 500 holders.		
	<u>secured</u> / / <u>unsecured</u> / / <u>subordinated</u> / /	\$ 3,032,501,000	<u>unavailable</u>
	<u>secured</u> / / <u>unsecured</u> / / <u>subordinated</u> / /	\$ 5,951,603,900 ²	<u>unavailable</u>
	<u>secured</u> / / <u>unsecured</u> / / <u>subordinated</u> / /	\$ _____	_____
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d.	Number of shares of preferred stock	17,258,280	<u>unavailable</u>
e.	Number of shares of common stock	326,926,667	<u>2</u>
	comments, if any:	_____	

3. Brief description of debtor's business: Electric and gas utility providing electric and gas services to Northern and Central California.

4. List the names of any person who directly or indirectly owns, controls, or holds, with power to vote, 5% or more of the voting securities of debtor. PG&E Corporation

¹Based on most recent publicly filed financial statements. Will be amended upon issuance of updated financial statements. Does not include debts incurred since September 30, 2000.
²Amounts as of January 22, 2001.