

PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC CO  
 Form 8-K  
 March 16, 2004

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of  
 1934

Date of Report: March 16, 2004

| Commission<br>File<br>Number | Exact Name of<br>Registrant<br>as specified in<br>its charter | State or other<br>Jurisdiction of<br>Incorporation | IRS Employer<br>Identification<br>Number |
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| 1-12609                      | PG&E Corporation  | California   | 94-3234914                               |
| 1-2348                       | Pacific Gas and<br>Electric Company                           | California   | 94-0742640                               |

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| Pacific Gas and Electric Company<br>77 Beale Street, P. O. Box 770000<br>San Francisco, California 94177 | PG&E Corporation<br>One Market, Spear Tower, Suite<br>2400<br>San Francisco,<br>California 94105 |
| (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)  |  |

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| Pacific Gas and Electric Company<br>(415) 973-7000<br>(Registrant's telephone number, including area code) | PG&E Corporation<br>(415) 267-7000 |
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Item 5. Other Events

At its meeting on March 16, 2004, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) announced that it had denied the applications for rehearing of the CPUC's December 18, 2003 decision approving the settlement agreement entered into among Pacific Gas and Electric Company (Utility), PG&E Corporation and the CPUC on December 19, 2003 (Settlement Agreement) to resolve the Utility's Chapter 11 proceeding pending in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of California. The Settlement Agreement is incorporated into the Utility's confirmed plan of reorganization.

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Separate applications for rehearing had been filed by the City of Palo Alto, the City and County of San Francisco (CCSF), and Aglet Consumer Alliance (Aglet). CCSF, Aglet, and the CPUC's Office of Ratepayer Advocates, or ORA (an independent office within the CPUC) also had filed a joint application for rehearing. Within thirty days after the CPUC issues its rehearing decision, one or more of the applicants may seek judicial review of the CPUC's denial of their applications by filing a petition with either a California court of appeal or the California Supreme Court.

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrants have duly caused this report to be signed on their behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

PG&E CORPORATION

LINDA Y.H. CHENG

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Corporate Secretary

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Dated: March 16, 2004