

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

**Response to Written Comments**  
**Item No. 5E**

Rescission of Waste Discharge Requirements  
for  
Pacific Gas & Electric Company, Hunters Point Power Plant  
San Francisco, San Francisco County  
and  
Marin Municipal Water District, Desalination Pilot Plant  
San Rafael, Marin County

The Regional Water Board received timely written comments from the following:

- Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), dated May 12, 2006

This Response to Comments begins with the comments (in *italics*) quoted where possible, or paraphrased for brevity. Responses follow each comment.

**Response to PG&E Comments**

**PG&E Comment 1:** *“We would like to confirm that all the transmission projects identified as necessary to ensure Bay Area Electric Reliability and allow Hunters Point Power Plant to close have been completed and are operational. The California Independent System Operator (CAISO) was notified on May 1, 2006 that the conditions necessary for the CAISO to terminate the Plant’s Reliability Must Run (RMR) contract have been achieved and Hunters Point Power Plan will be permanently shut down effective May 15, 2006. The once through cooling water system will be permanently closed on May 15, 2005 as well.”*

**Response:** Findings 5 and 6 of the Tentative Order has been updated to include this final information.

**PG&E Comment 2:** *“We would also like to confirm that any storm water-related discharges from the plant will be covered under existing NPDES permit until June 30, 2006. Effective July 1, 2006 PG&E will obtain coverage for the site under the State’s General Industrial Storm water permit program.”*

**Response:** Findings 6 and 8 of the Tentative Order have been revised to reflect coverage under the industrial storm water permit. Also, the Tentative Order has been revised to add an effective date of June 30, 2006, to allow PG&E sufficient time to do this.

**Additional Changes to the Tentative Order**

Finding 14 of the Tentative Order was updated to indicate that the Marin Municipal Water Agency discontinued operation of its pilot plant on April 28, 2006.