

**Remarks of Melissa Lavinson,
Director for Federal, Governmental and Regulatory Relations, PG&E Corporation**

**Pew Center on Global Climate Change: “Agenda for Climate Action”
National Press Club
2/8/06, 12:30pm**

- I want to thank the Pew Center for providing me the opportunity to speak here today. Under Eileen's direction, Pew has truly become a leading organization on matters relating to climate change.
- PG&E Corporation is a member of Pew's Business Environmental Leadership Council. We value our membership in the BELC and the resources provided through Pew's many publications and staff commitment.
- I also want to congratulate Pew on the release of this publication today. The Agenda for Climate Action provides a solid framework for addressing the issue of climate change in a thoughtful and holistic way.
- At PG&E, it has been our position that to effectively address the issue of climate change will require sustained and coordinated actions and investments at all levels of government and the economy.
- The recommendations included in the Agenda will result in:
 - The development and deployment of innovative technologies,
 - Increased energy efficiency and use of alternative fuels,
 - Expansion of much needed infrastructure and the addition of energy supplies, and
 - It will begin to prepare us for the potential consequences of climate change.
- In particular, PG&E agrees that:
 - Supporting low and non-emitting generation technologies;
 - Focusing policies and investment dollars on actions and programs that will reduce our overall energy demand; and
 - Expanding the nations' natural gas infrastructure

are fundamental to meeting our future energy needs responsibly and in a way that mitigates greenhouse gas emissions, maintains economic growth, and increases the nation's energy security.

- Equally important to these other initiatives is creating a national greenhouse gas emissions registry that will allow for a full understanding of the key emissions sources in the U.S. --

thereby enabling us to identify where the most cost-effective emission reductions are available. This is an extremely important component of any market-based emissions reduction program.

- In fact, PG&E has pursued many of the recommendations included in the Agenda, which has allowed us to provide our customers with clean energy supplies and options for reducing their energy demand, and also has allowed us to identify ways in which we can reduce our own greenhouse gas emissions profile.
- Some of these actions include:
 - Certifying our greenhouse gas emissions with the California Climate Action Registry;
 - Making significant investments in energy efficiency, which have resulted in more than 52 million tons of CO₂ from being released to the atmosphere;
 - Supporting renewable generation and other clean generation technologies, which has allowed our utility to have among the lowest greenhouse gas emissions rate of any investor-owned utility in the U.S.; and
 - Providing our customers with opportunities to reduce their greenhouse emissions, including through our recently announced Climate Protection Program, our Clean Air Transportation Program, and our Solar Schools Initiative.
- Again, I want to thank Pew for the opportunity to speak here today and for all of their efforts to move the climate change debate forward in a constructive and sensible manner.