

PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC CO  
Form 8-K  
October 21, 2008

**UNITED STATES  
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:**

**October 21, 2008**

**(Date of earliest event reported)**

**PG&E CORPORATION**

**(Exact Name of Registrant as specified in Charter)**

**California**

**1-12609**

**94-3234914**

(State or other  
jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**One Market, Spear Tower, Suite 2400, San  
Francisco, CA**

**94105**

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip code)

**415-267-7000**

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

**N/A**

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

**PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY**

**(Exact Name of Registrant as specified in Charter)**

**California**

**1-2348**

**94-0742640**

(State or other  
jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**77 Beale Street, P. O. Box 770000, San Francisco,  
California**

**94177**

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip code)

**(415) 973-7000**

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

**N/A**

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

In connection with the Pacific Gas and Electric Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-149361) and the issuance on October 21, 2008 of the Utility's 8.25% Senior Notes due October 15, 2018, the Utility is filing herewith the legal opinion listed in Item 9.01 below and such document is incorporated by reference into such Registration Statement.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

Exhibits.

**Exhibit No.      Description**

5.1                      Opinion of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP regarding the legality of the notes.

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SIGNATURES

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 hereunto duly authorized.

PG&E CORPORATION

By: /s/ Linda Y.H. Cheng

Linda Y.H. Cheng  
Vice President, Corporate Governance and  
Corporate Secretary

Dated: October 21 , 2008

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