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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Investigation on the  
Commission's Own Motion to Determine  
Whether Pacific Gas and Electric Company and  
PG&E Corporation's Organizational Culture and  
Governance Prioritize Safety.

Investigation 15-08-019

**PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY  
NOTICE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATION**

Pursuant to Rule 8.4 of the California Public Utilities Commission ("Commission" or "CPUC") Rules of Practice and Procedure, Pacific Gas and Electric Company ("PG&E") hereby gives notice of the following oral *ex parte* communication in the above captioned proceeding.

On Friday, April 26, 2019, at approximately 1:00 PM, Jeffrey Bleich, Chair of the Board of PG&E Co. and Robert Kenney, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, met with Commission President Michael Picker. Also attending the meeting on behalf of the CPUC were James Ralph, President Picker's Chief of Staff for Policy and Legal, and Arocles Aguilar, General Counsel. The oral communication took place at the CPUC offices in San Francisco, California and lasted for approximately 55 minutes.

Mr. Bleich introduced himself and described his professional background. He is a long-time California resident and served as U.S. Ambassador to Australia from 2009 to 2013 at a time when Australia faced extreme weather conditions and

catastrophic bushfires. Prior to that, Mr. Bleich was a partner at the California law firm Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP, where he represented a diverse array of clients including investor-owned utilities, environmental and conservation organizations. He also has expertise in cyber-security, complex litigation, and energy security. He previously served as Chair of the California State University Board of Trustees, President of the California State Bar, a member of the Governor's International Trade and Investment Council and President of the Bar Association of San Francisco. In these and other roles, he gained professional experience dealing with organizational transitions and governance issues.

Mr. Bleich stated that he looked forward to the opportunity to work with the Board and the Commission to meet their shared goal of delivering safe, reliable, sustainable, and affordable energy to the entire PG&E service area. He and other members of the newly appointed Board were still being briefed on the challenges PG&E faced, but he was impressed with the commitment of the new Board to achieve that objective. He felt that he and the other newly appointed Board members approached this task with humility and an appreciation of the importance of strengthening its relationship with critical partners like the CPUC. He has confidence in the newly selected PG&E Corporation CEO, Bill Johnson, and the PG&E Corporation Board Chair, Nora Brownell, to provide leadership and expertise. He noted that while the Board of Directors were still getting to know one another, he'd been heartened by their diversity of backgrounds and skillsets, and by their approach. He expects the Board to work well together as a team and to

provide strong oversight of the Company. Mr. Bleich expressed that this Board was open to suggestions for improving PG&E's safety performance, and to new models and methods for delivering power efficiently and sustainably. While he could not prejudge which approaches PG&E would pursue to accomplish these goals, he was committed to finding ways to reform PG&E's safety culture, apply new more efficient and effective technologies to the business, and meet the needs of PG&E's millions of customers. He looked forward to an open, positive, and collaborative relationship with the CPUC and PG&E's other stakeholders in accomplishing this mission.

Respectfully submitted,

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