



BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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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, May 10, 2019, at approximately 10:30 AM, Bill Johnson, Chief Executive Officer and President of PG&E Corporation and Robert Kenney, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, PG&E, met with Commission President Michael Picker. The oral communication took place at the Commission's offices in Sacramento, California and lasted for approximately 45 minutes. Also participating in the meeting by phone on behalf of the CPUC was James Ralph, President Picker's Chief of Staff for Policy and Legal.

Mr. Johnson introduced himself and described his professional background. He was most recently the CEO and President of the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), the nation's largest publicly owned utility across a seven-state region. During that time, the organization was a top-decile safety performer in the utility industry and achieved the best safety record in its 85-year history. In addition, he led the retirement of more

than half of TVA's coal generation, resulting in a reduction of TVA's carbon emissions by about 50 percent over the last decade. Prior to TVA, Mr. Johnson served as Chairman, President and CEO of Progress Energy. He also has experience as a public school teacher.

Mr. Johnson came to PG&E because he believes his long experience in the industry will be helpful. He is accountable and responsible for driving change at PG&E. Mr. Johnson stated that he is focused on strengthening PG&E's process and industrial safety, identifying and prioritizing risk, and managing cost increases. He is acutely aware of the need to harmonize affordability with the need to provide safe, reliable service.

He stated that he has visited Paradise and will be visiting Santa Rosa and San Bruno in the coming days. The loss of life and property from these devastating wildfires is staggering.

Mr. Johnson said he looks forward to having ongoing dialogue with President Picker and the Commission in the future. He expressed a willingness and desire to meet with the Commission in public forums as appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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