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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.

I. 15-08-019

DECISIONMAKER NOTICE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATION

DATE and TIME: March 11, 2019, 8:00 AM.

LOCATION: N/A.

COMMUNICATION MEDIUM: Telephonic.

WHO INITIATED COMMUNICATION: Michael Picker, President of the CPUC.

PERSONS PRESENT ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION: CPUC President Michael Picker.

PERSONS PRESENT ON BEHALF OF INTERESTED PERSON: John Simon, Acting CEO, Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E); Robert Kenney, PG&E.

DESCRIPTION OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATION:

In early 2019, PG&E announced that it intends to "refresh" its Board of Directors by nominating new members for a May 2019 vote. The CPUC is currently deliberating a wide range of remedial actions in this proceeding related to corporate governance, and is closely monitoring the selection of Board members.

CPUC President Michael Picker initiated this phone call to emphasize the critical importance that PG&E be led by Board members with the necessary experience and knowledge to ensure PG&E is operated safely and can manage the dynamic risks posed by climate change.

The nomination of Board members without the ability to direct PG&E management to operate the utility safely is simply unacceptable to CPUC President Picker and the PG&E ratepayers. Business as usual will not be tolerated. Prospective Board members should only consider the role if they personally believe they can lead and manage PG&E's enterprise risk: the lack of a culture of safety, increased and dynamic risk posed by climate change, and the expanding footprint of building development into fire-prone areas within the PG&E service territory. During the pendency of the PG&E's Chapter 11 bankruptcy, CPUC President Michael Picker expects that individual Board member performance will be a matter of public record and concern, and expects that PG&E will be required to report on Board member performance.

PG&E will be expected to explain to the CPUC and the public why specific Board members were selected and why PG&E believes those individuals are capable of leading PG&E and ensuring public safety.

/s/ Michael Picker

Michael Picker, President, California Public Utilities Commission

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