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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company (U39E) for Approval of Demand Response Programs, Pilots and Budgets for Program Years 2018-2022.	Application 17-01-012
And Related Matters.	Application 17-01-018 Application 17-01-019

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING NOTICING  
MARCH 22, 2019 WORKSHOP ON BASELINES**

One of the remaining issues in Application 17-01-012 *et al.* is to consider new and/or alternative retail baselines for the demand response programs. Decision (D.) 17-12-003 determined that the Commission would address the issue of retail baselines once the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) approved the wholesale baselines for the California Independent System Operator (CAISO). D.17-12-003 explained that alternative wholesale baselines had been developed through the CAISO Energy Storage Distributed Energy Resource Phase II process. The CAISO Board of Governors approved new baseline methods to be used to develop new tariff language, which was then filed with the FERC. Pursuant to D.17-12-003, on November 8, 2018, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E), and Southern California Edison Company (SCE) (jointly, the Utilities) filed a copy of the approved FERC Tariff Amendment to Implement Energy Storage and Distributed Energy Resource Requirements, *i.e.*, baseline methods.

On January 10, 2019, a prehearing conference was held in this proceeding to discuss the next steps for determining whether the Commission should revise the current retail baseline for demand response and what the revised baseline or baselines should be.

During the prehearing conference, parties discussed the need for a workshop because, as highlighted by CPower, Enel X North America, PG&E, the Public Advocates Office of the Public Utilities Commission, and SCE, the baseline issues are numerous and complex, and a workshop is a good first step. SDG&E also supported holding a workshop because it could inform setting the right process to get things decided.

Accordingly, a technical workshop will be held on March 22, 2019, to address baselines to be used in the demand response programs. The workshop will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will be held at the Commission's Headquarters at 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102 in the Golden Gate Room. Parties are encouraged to attend in person. For those unable to be physically present, the following conference line is available: **(877) 715-0719**. When prompted, enter the code, **9170517**, followed by the # sign. The assigned Administrative Law Judge will facilitate the workshop discussion.

The Utilities shall prepare and serve presentations for discussion, as indicated in the agenda below. The presentations shall be served no later than March 20, 2019. The Utilities and the other parties may contact the following staff member of the Commission's Energy Division with questions regarding the workshop: Garima Vashishtha at [garima.vashishtha@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:garima.vashishtha@cpuc.ca.gov).

The agenda for the workshop is as follows:

### **Workshop Agenda**

- 10:00 a.m. Welcome and Introductions.
- 10:15 a.m. Review and discuss the current Commission-approved retail baselines, presented by the Utilities.
- 10:45 a.m. Review and discuss the CAISO wholesale baselines, presented by the Utilities.
- 11:15 a.m. Review and discuss the similarities and differences between current wholesale and retail baselines, presented by the Utilities. The presentation shall include discussion of the following aspects:
1. differences between resource-level and individual settlement; and
  2. performance and penalty differences.
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch
- 1:30 p.m. Review and discuss the interaction between wholesale and retail baselines, presented by the Utilities.
- 2:15 p.m. Review and discuss the costs for expanding baseline options and funding options as presented by the Utilities.
- 3:00 p.m. Wrap Up and Next Steps.
- 3:30 p.m. Adjourn.

#### **IT IS RULED that:**

1. A technical workshop to address baselines to be used in the demand response programs will be held on March 22, 2019 at the Commission Headquarters, located at 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA, 94102. The workshop will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the Golden Gate Room.

2. Pacific Gas and Electric Company, San Diego Gas & Electric Company, and Southern California Edison Company shall prepare presentations for the items designated above in the Workshop Agenda.

3. No later than March 20, 2019, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, San Diego Gas & Electric Company, and Southern California Edison Company shall serve copies of the presentations for the items designated above in the Workshop Agenda.

Dated March 11, 2019, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ KELLY A. HYMES  
Kelly A. Hymes  
Administrative Law Judge