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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Investigation and Ordering Pacific Gas and Electric Company to Appear and Show Cause Why It Should not be Sanctioned for Violations of Article 8 and Rule 1.1 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure and Public Utilities Code Sections 1701.2 and 1701.3.

Investigation 15-11-015

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING REQUIRING PARTIES TO MEET AND CONFER AND TO FILE A JOINT STATUS REPORT

Decision 18-04-014, Ordering Paragraph 3, stated: "The Commission orders a second phase in this proceeding in order to determine if the e-mails that Pacific Gas and Electric Company [PG&E] disclosed on September 21, 2017 violate the *ex parte* rules set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure." In accordance with the Commission's directive, I am ordering that the parties meet and confer (either in person, phone, or electronically) and determine if agreement can be reached on the following:

1. How many, if any, of the e mails that PG&E disclosed on September 21, 2017 violate the Commission's *ex parte* rules? If the parties can reach an agreement regarding the number of violations, is it possible for a settlement agreement to be reached? If so, how much time will be needed to complete settlement discussions and to file a joint motion?
2. If the parties cannot reach an agreement as to how many, if any, of the e mails that PG&E disclosed on September 21, 2017 violate the Commission's *ex parte* rules, how do the parties propose that the dispute be addressed

(*e.g.* written briefs, evidentiary hearings, oral argument, or a combination thereof) and what is your proposed time schedule?

The parties shall file a joint status report on June 15, 2018.

IT IS RULED that:

1. The parties shall meet and confer as ordered above.
2. The parties shall file a joint status report on June 15, 2018.

Dated May 22, 2018, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ ROBERT M. MASON III

Robert M. Mason III
Administrative Law Judge