

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA



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Order Instituting Investigation and Order to Show Cause on the Commission's Own Motion into the Operations and Practices of Pacific Gas and Electric Company with Respect to Locate and Mark Practices and Related Matters.

Investigation 18-12-007

MOTION OF THE PUBLIC ADVOCATES OFFICE FOR PARTY STATUS

Pursuant to Rule 1.4(a)(4) of the Public Utilities Commission's (Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Public Advocates Office at the California Public Utilities Commission, formerly the Office of Ratepayer Advocates,¹ submits this motion for party status in the above-referenced proceeding.

The Public Advocates Office has a statutory obligation to represent and advocate on behalf of the interests of public utility customers before the Commission. (Pub. Util. Code section 309.5) The Public Advocates Office's mission is to obtain the lowest possible rate for service consistent with reliable and safe service levels and the state's environmental goals.

The purpose of this Order Instituting Investigation (OII) to determine whether Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E) damage prevention and locate and mark programs and practices for its natural gas system have been unsafe and in violation of any provision or provisions of the California Public Utilities Code, California Government Code, Commission general orders or decisions, and other state or federal laws, applicable rules or requirements.

The Public Advocates Office has an interest in this proceeding in that the scope of this proceeding will have an impact on the utility customers that the Public Advocates Office represents. The Public Advocates Office intends to participate in this proceeding and will evaluate and comment on the OII, the Safety and Enforcement Division's Staff Report, PG&E's

¹ The Office of Ratepayer Advocates was renamed the Public Advocates Office at the California Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Senate Bill No. 854, which was signed by the Governor on June 27, 2018 (Chapter 51, Statutes of 2018).

responses. and other matters as they arise. This is consistent with the Public Advocates Office's mission of advocating for safe and reliable service at the lowest possible rates.

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For the reasons stated above, the Public Advocates Office respectfully requests that the Commission grant its motion for party status.

Respectfully submitted,

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