



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 Monday, June 17, 2019, at approximately 3:00 PM, Nora Mead Brownell, Chair of the Board of PG&E Corporation and Robert Kenney, Vice President, State and 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 70 minutes. Also participating in the meeting on behalf of the CPUC was James Ralph, President Picker's Chief of Staff for Policy and Legal.

Ms. Brownell introduced herself and described her professional background. She served as a Commissioner of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), a member of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission and President of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners.

She has worked extensively with California stakeholders to resolve market and infrastructure issues dating back to her time as a FERC Commissioner. She also shared her experience with other utility boards, board governance and safety training. Ms. Brownell said she was drawn to this opportunity because of her desire to help lead the Company out of Chapter 11 and deal effectively with wildfire issues. She encouraged engagement of the CPUC with other board members and the Safety and Nuclear Operations committee.

Ms. Brownell is focused on building a strong safety culture at PG&E. She intends to examine key safety metrics and hold management accountable for achieving those metrics. She plans to get into the field to listen and observe employees doing their work. Other Board members have begun field visits and they are committed to continue to participate in safety related field visits. CEO Bill Johnson is also committed to improving safety performance and achieving operational excellence at PG&E.

Diversity on the Board of Directors is important. The PG&E Corporation Board of Directors has safety, operational expertise and other professional experiences that are necessary for the Board to be effective. She has offered to submit board criteria by institutions such as the New York Stock Exchange, Institutional Shareholder Services, Vanguard, CalPERS, among others.

Ms. Brownell noted that the composition of the PG&E Corporation and Utility (PG&E Company) Boards are essentially the same. The Corporation and the Utility are directionally and strategically aligned. There are no disconnects

between the Board of PG&E Corporation and the Board of the Utility.

Ms. Brownell said she looks forward to having ongoing dialogue with the Commission on these and other issues in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

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