

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company for Authority, Among Other Things, to Increase Rates and Charges for Electric and Gas Service Effective on January 1, 2017. (U39M)

Application 15-09-001 (Filed September 1, 2015)

E-MAIL RULING GRANTING PARTY STATUS TO CONSUMER FEDERATION OF CALIFORNIA

Dated December 30, 2015, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ STEPHEN C. ROSCOW
Stephen C. Roscow
Administrative Law Judge

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Subject: A.15-09-001: E-Mail Ruling Granting Party Status to Consumer Federation of California

To the service list in A.15-09-001:

This E-Mail Ruling grants Party status to Consumer Federation of California.

On October 16, 2015, the Consumer Federation of California (CFC) filed a Motion for Party Status in this proceeding.

Rule 1.4 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure addresses participation in Commission proceedings. Pursuant to Rule 1.4 (b), a person seeking party status by motion shall:

- (1) fully disclose the persons or entities in whose behalf the filing, appearance or motion is made, and the interest of such persons or entities in the proceeding; and
- (2) state the factual and legal contentions that the person intends to make and show that the contentions will be reasonably pertinent to the issues already presented.

Rule 1.4 (c) states that the assigned Administrative Law Judge may, where circumstances warrant, deny party status or limit the degree to which a party may participate in the proceeding.

With respect to Rule 1.4(b)(1), CFC states that it is a non-profit federation of several organizations, as well as individual members. Organizational members include consumer groups, senior citizen groups, labor organizations and other organizations which are composed of consumers who are residential customers of utilities like PG&E. CFC states that it takes a broad view of consumer issues, considering the impact of public policy on the quality and cost of goods and services as well as its effects on working people.

With respect to Rule 1.4(b)(2), CFC states that it intends to address the methodologies and expenses provided by PG&E to the Commission justifying its proposed rate increases. CFC provides a long list of GRC subject areas that it intends to examine.

CFC's motion meets the requirements of Rule 1.4 (b), and is therefore granted.

THE DOCKET OFFICE SHALL FORMALLY FILE THIS RULING.

Stephen C. Roscow Administrative Law Judge California Public Utilities Commission 415-703-1053