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)

PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY NOTICE OF *EX PARTE* COMMUNICATION

Pursuant to Rule 8.4 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) hereby gives notice of the following ex-parte communication. On the afternoon of January 11, 2017, Shelly Sharp, PG&E's Senior Director of General Rate Case (GRC) and Regulatory Operations, was participating in a panel discussion at a publicly noticed workshop in Rulemaking 13-11-006. The purpose of the panel was to consider whether general rate cases (GRC) should be on a 3-year or a 4-year cycle. The workshop took place in the Commission's Auditorium at 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, California, 94102. During at least some of the discussion, President Picker's energy advisor David Peck was in the Auditorium. Other Commissioners' advisors or persons meeting the definition of "decisionmaker" under Rule 8.1(b) may have also been in the Auditorium or participating by teleconference.

In response to a question from Energy Division staff, Ms. Sharp expressed PG&E's support for a 4-year GRC cycle for its 2017 GRC, which is one of the contested issues in the settlement that is pending before the Commission in Application (A.) 15-09-

001. Ms. Sharp also stated that the Office of Ratepayer Advocates supported a 4-year cycle for PG&E's 2017 GRC.

Also, in an abundance of caution, PG&E would like to hereby provide notice of remarks made by Ms. Sharp in response to an issue raised by Hayley Goodson, an attorney on the panel representing The Utility Reform Network. Ms. Goodson cited PG&E's recent measures – announced earlier that day -- to reduce spending by approximately $300 million a year as a reason to support a shorter, 3-year cycle because such savings may be delayed in being passed on to ratepayers with a longer GRC cycle. Referencing the pending 2017 GRC settlement in A.15-09-001, Ms. Sharp stated that the reductions related to the fact that the pending settlement would set a revenue requirement significantly less than PG&E's originally requested amount. Ms. Sharp also stated that the reductions were designed to bring PG&E's spending more in line with anticipated funding levels, with total spending still expected to exceed authorized amounts.

Respectfully submitted,

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