

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 THE CENTER FOR ACCESSIBLE TECHNOLOGY

Dated November 5, 2015, at San Francisco, California.

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Stephen C. Roscow
Administrative Law Judge

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Subject: A.15-09-001: e-Mail Ruling Granting Party Status to the Center for Accessible Technology

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

This E-Mail Ruling grants Party status to the Center for Accessible Technology.

On October 26, 2015, the Center for Accessible Technology (CforAT) 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), CforAT states that it seeks party status in order to represent the interests of PG&E customers with disabilities. CforAT notes that it regularly represents the interests of customers with disabilities before the Commission, including efforts to ensure that regulated utilities provide services in a manner that is accessible to such customers.

With respect to Rule 1.4(b)(2), CforAT states that in this proceeding, as in previous General Rate Cases, CforAT has entered into separate discussions with PG&E, which resulted in a signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on access issues. This MOU was incorporated into PG&E's GRC Application and testimony. CforAT states that it intends to participate in a limited manner in the active litigation of this proceeding, primarily to support adoption of the MOU.

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

THE DOCKET OFFICE SHALL FORMALLY FILE THIS RULING.

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