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I.

INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to Rule 2.6 of the California Public Utilities Commission's (Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedure, Southern California Edison Company (SCE) files this response to the application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) for a 2017 General Rate Case (GRC).

II.

DISCUSSION

Rule 1.4 states that a person may become a party to a proceeding by, inter alia, filing a protest or response to an application. Via this response to PG&E's application for a 2017 GRC, SCE asks for party status in that proceeding.

Responses to applications are governed by Rule 2.6. Rule 2.6(a) states:

Unless otherwise provided by rule, decision, or General Order, a protest or response must be filed within 30 days of the date the notice of the filing of the application first appears in the Daily Calendar.

Notice of the filing of this application first appeared on the Commission's Daily Calendar on September 3, 2015. Because the 30th day after that date falls on a Saturday, pursuant to Rule 1.15, protests or responses to the application are due the next working day, October 5, 2015. So this response is timely filed.

Rule 2.6(b) states:

A protest objecting to the granting, in whole or in part, of the authority sought in an application must state the facts or law constituting the grounds for the protest, the effect of the application on the protestant, and the reasons the protestant believes the application, or a part of it, is not justified. If the protest requests an evidentiary hearing, the protest must state the facts the protestant would present at an evidentiary hearing to support its request for whole or partial denial of the application.

SCE does not object to the authority sought in PG&E's application and does not request an evidentiary hearing.

Rule 2.6(c) states:

Any person may file a response that does not object to the authority sought in an application, but nevertheless presents information that the person tendering the response believes would be useful to the Commission in acting on the application.

SCE has actively participated in numerous prior PG&E GRCs through rebuttal testimony, briefs, and comments on proposed decisions. In prior PG&E GRCs to which SCE was a party, the legal and factual contentions SCE made were based on the positions taken by other intervenors. PG&E has served its 2017 GRC on SCE. However, SCE has not at this time identified any issues with that application. Based on its experience with prior PG&E GRCs, SCE expects to submit rebuttal testimony or briefs on issues raised by other intervenors. Thus SCE believes its will be able to present information that would be useful to the Commission in acting on the application.

Rule 2.6(d) states:

Any person protesting or responding to an application shall state in the protest or response any comments or objections regarding the applicant's statement on the proposed category, need for hearing, issues to be considered, and proposed schedule. Any

alternative proposed schedule shall be consistent with the proposed category, including a deadline for resolving the proceeding within 12 months or less (adjudicatory proceeding) or 18 months or less (ratesetting or quasi-legislative proceeding).

SCE has no comments or objections regarding PG&E's proposed category, need for hearings, issues to be considered, or proposed schedule, and is not proposing any alternative schedule.

III.

CONCLUSION

By virtue of this response, pursuant to Rule 1.4, SCE asks to become a party in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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