



BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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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

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

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO CLAIM INTERVENOR COMPENSATION
AND, IF REQUESTED (and []¹ checked), ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S
RULING ON THE CENTER FOR ACCESSIBLE TECHNOLOGY'S SHOWING OF
SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL HARDSHIP**

NOTE: After electronically filing a PDF copy of this Notice of Intent (NOI), please email the document in an MS WORD format to the Intervenor Compensation Program Coordinator at Icompcoordinator@cpuc.ca.gov.

Customer (party intending to claim intervenor compensation):		
Assigned Commissioner: Michael Picker		Administrative Law Judge: Stephen Roscow
I hereby certify that the information I have set forth in Parts I, II, III and IV of this Notice of Intent (NOI) is true to my best knowledge, information and belief.		
Signature:		/S/Melissa W. Kasnitz
Date: 11/23/15	Printed Name:	Melissa W. Kasnitz

PART I: PROCEDURAL ISSUES
(To be completed by the party ("customer") intending to claim intervenor compensation)

A. Status as "customer" (see Pub. Util. Code § 1802(b)): The party claims "customer" status because the party is (check one):	Applies (check)
1. A Category 1 customer is an actual customer whose self-interest in the proceeding arises primarily from his/her role as a customer of the utility and, at the same time, the customer must represent the broader interests of at least some	<input type="checkbox"/>

¹ DO NOT CHECK THIS BOX if a finding of significant financial hardship is not needed (in cases where there is a valid rebuttable presumption of eligibility (Part III(A)(3)) or significant financial hardship showing has been deferred to the intervenor compensation claim).

<p>other customers.</p> <p>In addition to describing your own interest in the proceeding you must show how your participation goes beyond just your own self-interest and will benefit other customers.</p>	
<p>2. A Category 2 customer is a representative who has been authorized by actual customers to represent them. Category 2 involves a more formal arrangement where a customer or a group of customers selects a more skilled person to represent the customer's views in a proceeding. A customer or group of customers may also form or authorize a group to represent them, and the group, in turn, may authorize a representative such as an attorney to represent the group.</p> <p>A representative authorized by a customer must identify the residential customer(s) being represented and provide authorization from at least one customer. <i>See D.98-04-059 at 30.</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>3. A Category 3 customer is a formally organized group authorized, by its articles of incorporation or bylaws to represent the interests of residential customers or small commercial customers receiving bundled electric service from an electrical corporation.² Certain environmental groups that represent residential customers with concerns for the environment may also qualify as Category 3 customers, even if the above requirement is not specifically met in the articles or bylaws. <i>See D.98-04-059, footnote at 3.</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p>The party's explanation of its customer status must include the percentage of the intervenors members who are residential ratepayers or the percentage of the intervenors members who are customers receiving bundled electric service from an electrical corporation, and must include supporting documentation: (i.e., articles of incorporation or bylaws).</p> <p>The Center for Accessible Technology (CforAT) is an organization that is authorized by its bylaws to represent the interests of residential customers with disabilities before the Commission; specifically, its bylaws state at Article 2.1(d) that CforAT is "involved in advocacy initiatives to enhance the lives of the disability community, including ways to improve access to technology and increase the ability of people with disabilities to live independently. In particular, CforAT is authorized and urged to actively participate and intervene before government entities, including but not limited to the California Public Utilities Commission, on all matters that it deems appropriate that will affect directly or indirectly the interests of residential customers with disabilities, ratepayers with disabilities, small businesses owned by people with disabilities, including customers who receive bundled electric service from an electrical corporation." CforAT is not a membership organization.</p>	

² Intervenors representing either a group of residential customers or small commercial customers who receive bundled electric service from an electrical corporation, must indicate in Part I, Section A, Item #4 of this form, the percentage of their members who are residential customers or the percentage of their members who receive bundled electric service from an electrical corporation. The NOI may be rejected if this information is omitted.

A copy of CforAT's bylaws were submitted with its NOI in A.10-03-014, which was filed on August 29, 2011. There has been no change to the bylaws since that time. An additional copy can be provided upon request.	
Identify all attached documents in Part IV.	
Do you have any direct economic interest in outcomes of the proceeding? ³	
Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
If "Yes", explain:	

B. Conflict of Interest (§ 1802.3)	Check
1. Is the customer a representative of a group representing the interests of small commercial customers who receive bundled electric service from an electrical corporation? Among other interests, CforAT represents small businesses owned by people with disabilities.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
2. If the answer to the above question is "Yes", does the customer have a conflict arising from prior representation before the Commission?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

C. Timely Filing of Notice of Intent (NOI) (§ 1804(a)(1)):	Check
1. Is the party's NOI filed within 30 days after a Prehearing Conference? Date of Prehearing Conference: 10/29/2015	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
2. Is the party's NOI filed at another time (for example, because no Prehearing Conference was held, the proceeding will take less than 30 days, the schedule did not reasonably allow parties to identify issues within the timeframe normally permitted, or new issues have emerged)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
2a. The party's description of the reasons for filing its NOI at this other time: N/A	
2b. The party's information on the proceeding number, date, and decision number for any Commission decision, Commissioner ruling, Administrative Law Judge's ruling, or other document authorizing the filing of NOI at that other time:	

PART II: SCOPE OF ANTICIPATED PARTICIPATION
(To be completed by the party ("customer") intending to claim intervenor compensation)

A. Planned Participation (§ 1804(a)(2)(A)(i)):
The party's statement of the issues on which it plans to participate:

³ See Rule 17.1(e).

As previously noted in our Motion for Party Status, CforAT reached a separate agreement 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 as Attachment A to Chapter 5 of PG&E's Testimony (Exhibit PG&E-6). CforAT intends to participate in a limited manner in this proceeding, primarily to support adoption of the MOU. To the extent that the contents of the MOU are challenged by any other party, CforAT will respond as appropriate. If the MOU is not challenged, CforAT does not anticipate active participation, but will monitor the proceeding in a general manner. CforAT also anticipates ongoing efforts to oversee implementation of the comparable agreement that was adopted as part of PG&E's 2014 GRC and remains in effect.

The party's explanation of how it plans to avoid duplication of effort with other parties:

CforAT does not anticipate that any other party will address issues of disability access in this proceeding.

The party's description of the nature and extent of the party's planned participation in this proceeding (to the extent that it is possible to describe on the date this NOI is filed).

CforAT's anticipated participation is described above.

B. The party's itemized estimate of the compensation that the party expects to request, based on the anticipated duration of the proceeding (§ 1804(a)(2)(A)(ii)):

Item	Hours	Rate \$	Total \$	#
ATTORNEY, EXPERT, AND ADVOCATE FEES				
Melissa W. Kasnitz	50	\$450	\$22,500	
<i>Subtotal: \$22,500</i>				
OTHER FEES				
[Person 1]				
[Person 2]				
<i>Subtotal: \$</i>				
COSTS				
[Item 1]				
[Item 2]				
<i>Subtotal: \$22,500</i>				
TOTAL ESTIMATE: \$22,500				
Estimated Budget by Issues:				
CforAT estimates the following allocation by issue:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approximately 10 hours for negotiation of agreement (already incurred) 				

- Approximately 20 hours for overseeing implementation (some of which has already been incurred)
- Approximately 20 hours to monitor relevant activity in the proceeding

These estimates assume that no other party to the proceeding will challenge the contents of the agreement between CforAT and PG&E. If any other party does challenge the terms of the MOU, CforAT will expend additional hours defending the agreement.

When entering items, type over bracketed text; add additional rows to table as necessary. Estimate may (but does not need to) include estimated Claim preparation time. Claim preparation time is typically compensated at ½ professional hourly rate.

**PART III: SHOWING OF SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL HARDSHIP
(To be completed by party (“customer”) intending to claim intervenor
compensation; see Instructions for options for providing this
information)**

A. The party claims “significant financial hardship” for its Intervenor Compensation Claim in this proceeding on the following basis:	Applies (check)
1. “[T]he customer cannot afford, without undue hardship, to pay the costs of effective participation, including advocate’s fees, expert witness fees, and other reasonable costs of participation” (§ 1802(g)); or	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. “[I]n the case of a group or organization, the economic interest of the Individual members of the group or organization is small in comparison to the costs of effective participation in the proceeding” (§ 1802(g)).	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. A § 1802(g) finding of significant financial hardship in another proceeding, made within one year prior to the commencement of this proceeding, created a rebuttable presumption in this proceeding (§ 1804(b)(1)). Commission’s finding of significant financial hardship made in proceeding number: A.15-07-009 Date of Administrative Law Judge’s Ruling (or CPUC Decision) in which the finding of significant financial hardship was made: 11/20/15	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

B. The party’s explanation of the factual basis for its claim of “significant financial hardship” (§ 1802(g)) (necessary documentation, if warranted, is attached to the NOI:

**PART IV: ATTACHMENTS DOCUMENTING SPECIFIC
ASSERTIONS MADE IN THIS NOTICE**

(The party (“customer”) intending to claim intervenor compensation identifies and attaches documents; add rows as necessary)

Attachment No.	Description
1	Certificate of Service

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE RULING⁴
(Administrative Law Judge completes)

	Check all that apply
1. The Notice of Intent (NOI) is rejected for the following reasons:	<input type="checkbox"/>
a. The NOI has not demonstrated the party’s status as a “customer” for the following reason(s):	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The NOI has not demonstrated that the NOI was timely filed (Part I(B)) for the following reason(s):	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The NOI has not adequately described the scope of anticipated participation (Part II, above) for the following reason(s):	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. The NOI has demonstrated significant financial hardship for the reasons set forth in Part III of the NOI (above).	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. The NOI has not demonstrated significant financial hardship for the following reason(s):	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. The Administrative Law Judge provides the following additional guidance (see § 1804(b)(2)):	<input type="checkbox"/>

IT IS RULED that:

1. The Notice of Intent is rejected.	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. The customer has satisfied the eligibility requirements of Pub. Util. Code § 1804(a).	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. The customer has shown significant financial hardship.	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. The customer is preliminarily determined to be eligible for intervenor compensation in this proceeding. However, a finding of significant financial	<input type="checkbox"/>

⁴ A Ruling needs not be issued unless: (a) the NOI is deficient; (b) the Administrative Law Judge desires to address specific issues raised by the NOI (to point out similar positions, areas of potential duplication in showings, unrealistic expectations for compensation, or other matters that may affect the customer’s Intervenor Compensation Claim); or (c) the NOI has included a claim of “significant financial hardship” that requires a finding under § 1802(g).

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hardship in no way ensures compensation.	
5. Additional guidance is provided to the customer as set forth above.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Dated _____, at San Francisco, California.

Administrative Law Judge