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Electric Company for Authority,  
Among Other Things, to Increase  
Rates and Charges for Electric and  
Gas Service Effective on January 1,  
2020. (U39M)

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ADMINISTRATIVE LAW LIRAG: Let's go on the record. The Commission will come to order.

This is the time and place for the prehearing conference or PHC for Application 18-12-009, which is the general rate case or GRC -- General Rate Case Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company or PG&E.

PG&E is requesting authority to increase rates and charges for electric and gas service effective January 1, 2020.

I am Administrative Law Judge or ALJ Rafael Lirag and beside me is ALJ Elaine Lau. We are the assigned ALJs to the proceeding. Commissioner President Picker is the assigned Commissioner, who unfortunately cannot attends today's PHC, but rest-assured we will discuss with him what will be discussed in today's PHC.

So the main purpose of today's PHC is to gather information about the scope, schedule, need for hearings, category and to address other matters. We'll also discuss other things as you can see in the agenda that was distributed.

1           The final determination regarding  
2 these issues will be made by President Picker  
3 at the scoping memo.

4           Judge Lau and I will take turns  
5 leading the discussion on the different  
6 topics listed. And if you have any difficult  
7 questions in mind, feel free to raise them  
8 during Judge Lau's turn. So, just to lighten  
9 the mood.

10           (Laughter.)

11           ALJ LIRAG: Anyway, I will turn it over  
12 to Judge Lau to discuss the service.

13           ALJ LAU: So we're going to go start  
14 with the service list. Everyone who is  
15 currently on the service list will remain on  
16 the service list in their existing category.

17           So before we begin, can we have  
18 parties state their appearances for the  
19 record? And after that, we're going to take  
20 any oral motions for party status.

21           MS. GANDESBERY: Thank you. Good  
22 afternoon, Judge Lau and Judge Lirag. Thank  
23 you. My name is Mary Gandesbery for the  
24 applicant Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

25           ALJ LIRAG: Ms. Goodson.

26           MS. GOODSON: Good morning (sic). I'm  
27 Hayley Goodson on behalf of TURN.

28           MR. CLAY: Good morning (sic). I'm

1 Chris Clay on behalf of the Offices of Safety  
2 Advocate.

3 MS. SOMOGYI: Good afternoon. Megan  
4 Somogyi on behalf of the Counties of Napa and  
5 Sonoma.

6 MS. SHEK: Good morning (sic), your  
7 Honors, Selina Shek for the Public Advocates  
8 Office.

9 MS. PETERS: Good afternoon. Elizabeth  
10 Peters for SDG&E and SoCalGas.

11 MR. LINDL: Good afternoon. Tim Lindl  
12 on behalf of the Joint CTA.

13 MR. GONDAI: Good afternoon. Tad  
14 Gondai National Asian American Coalition and  
15 National Diversity Coalition.

16 MR. REID: Good afternoon. My name is  
17 L. Jan Reid and I'm a party on behalf of  
18 myself as an individual.

19 MR. GEESMAN: Good afternoon. John  
20 Geesman representing the Alliance for Nuclear  
21 Responsibility.

22 MR. VYAS: Good afternoon, your Honors.  
23 Chris Vyas on behalf of Southern California  
24 Edison.

25 ALJ LAU: So in front of me are a  
26 couple of yellow forms.

27 Ms. Somogyi, would you like to make  
28 an oral motion for party status? And also

1 when you do that, please state your name, the  
2 organization you're representing and explain  
3 your interest in the proceeding and how you  
4 intend to participate.

5 MS. SOMOGYI: Thank you, your Honor.  
6 Megan Somogyi.

7 I am also here, in addition to  
8 representing the counties of Napa and Sonoma,  
9 I'm here on behalf of the County of Mendocino  
10 which would like to obtain party status in  
11 this proceeding. Mendocino County, like Napa  
12 and Sonoma was affected by the 2017 wildfires  
13 and has similar interests to the counties of  
14 Napa and Sonoma in terms of PG&E's Community  
15 Wildfire Safety Program, the associated  
16 costs. Mendocino joins in the response to  
17 the application that was filed by Napa and  
18 Sonoma, intends to participate fully as a  
19 coalition with the other two counties.

20 ALJ LAU: Next we have Mr. Daniel  
21 Denebein. Can you also please state your  
22 interest and how you intend to participate in  
23 the proceeding and the organization you're  
24 appearing for?

25 ALJ LIRAG: And please move up a little  
26 bit so the reporter -- she has super hearing,  
27 but it will help a lot.

28 MR. DENEBEIN: Good afternoon, your

1 Honors.

2 Again, Daniel Denebein for the  
3 California Streetlight Association.

4 We have been participating in the  
5 GRCs for 40 plus years now. We are typically  
6 a lot more involved in Phase 2, but we are  
7 getting involved in Phase 1 this year,  
8 following the 2017 decision regarding --  
9 which ordered PG&E to study and propose a  
10 permanent LED streetlight rate. So that is  
11 going to be our main issue and we plan to  
12 submit data requests and testimony as well.  
13 So we respectfully request party status.

14 ALJ LAU: All right. Thank you.

15 Next we have Mr. Douglass on behalf  
16 of Alliance for Retail Energy Markets and  
17 Direct Access Customer Coalition. Can you  
18 also please state your interest and how you  
19 intend to participate in the proceeding?

20 MR. DOUGLASS: Good afternoon, your  
21 Honors.

22 I'm Daniel Douglass. I'm here on  
23 behalf of two clients on whose behalf I would  
24 like to make a motion for party status.

25 The first is the Direct Access  
26 Customer Coalition, which is a regulatory  
27 alliance of educational, governmental,  
28 commercial and industrial customers who

1 utilize direct access for all or part of  
2 their load.

3 The Alliance for Retail Energy  
4 Markets is a group of the state's major  
5 electric service providers who have been  
6 providing direct access service for the 20  
7 plus years direct access has been in  
8 operation.

9 As with the prior speaker, we  
10 traditionally participate more in Phase 2,  
11 but we are interested in Phase 1 for a couple  
12 of reasons, but preliminarily because of a  
13 non-bypassable charge with regard to  
14 hydro-public benefits that has been proposed  
15 by Pacific Gas and Electric and our goal  
16 would be to participate possibly in  
17 testimony, certainly in hearings and  
18 certainly in briefing.

19 ALJ LAU: Thank you. Are there any  
20 objections to these motions?

21 (No response.)

22 ALJ LAU: Hearing none, the party  
23 status for County of Mendocino, California  
24 City/County Streetlight Association, Alliance  
25 for Retail Energy Market and Direct Access  
26 Customer Coalition are granted.

27 (County of Mendocino was granted  
28 Party Status.)



1 (California City/County Streetlight  
2 Association was granted Party  
3 Status.)

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5 (Alliance for Retail Energy Market  
6 and Direct Access Customer Coalition  
7 was granted Party Status.)

8 ALJ LIRAG: Yes, please.

9 MS. PERKINS: Your Honors, Laura  
10 Perkins and Sean M. Neal on behalf of  
11 Transmission Agency of Northern California.

12 ALJ LIRAG: Can you move forward?

13 MS. PERKINS: Our motion for party  
14 status was granted on January 15th.

15 ALJ LAU: Thank you.

16 MR. SANDERS: William Sanders, Deputy  
17 City Attorney for the City and County of San  
18 Francisco.

19 ALJ LIRAG: So, I think if folks missed  
20 a couple of -- we did say that everyone who  
21 is already a party in the proceeding will  
22 remain a party and in that capacity. So if  
23 you're on the service list, then there's a  
24 good chance you're already a party.

25 MR. JIMINEZ: Ivan Jiminez on behalf of  
26 Small Business Utility Advocates, also a  
27 party to this proceeding.

28 ALJ LAU: So, this next category, next

1 item on the agenda is to review the category  
2 and need for hearings.

3 So Resolution ALJ 176-3430  
4 determined that this is a ratesetting  
5 proceeding and that hearings are needed. No  
6 party has objected to these determinations so  
7 far. Do we have any objections today?

8 (No response.)

9 ALJ LAU: Hearing none, we'll confirm  
10 these in the scoping memo.

11 ALJ LIRAG: Is everyone agreed that  
12 this is a ratesetting proceeding and hearings  
13 are needed? I think everyone is in  
14 agreement.

15 All right. Please continue.

16 ALJ LAU: Next category is the scope of  
17 issues. So we have an agenda with a list of  
18 scope of issues. And we're going to first  
19 read these issues. It's just a preliminary  
20 set of issues and we will allow parties to  
21 comment afterwards, but the issues for the  
22 proceeding are as follows --

23 ALJ LIRAG: Just a second. So, we'll  
24 read the preliminary issues into the record.  
25 And then probably it's best to take -- if you  
26 want any rewordings, propose any rewordings,  
27 we'll take those first and then we'll take  
28 any additional issues. And then we'll talk

1 about any deletions. So, anyway, let's  
2 proceed.

3 ALJ LAU: Okay. 1. Whether or not the  
4 proposed revenue requirements, proposed costs  
5 and proposed cost recovery mechanisms for  
6 test-year 2020 are just and reasonable and  
7 whether these should be adopted by the  
8 Commission.

9 2. Whether the balancing and the  
10 memorandum account proposals are just and  
11 reasonable.

12 3. Whether requests and proposals  
13 associated with proposed cost and mechanisms  
14 are just and reasonable. These include:

15 A. The elimination of the Gas  
16 Pipeline Replacement Program progress report.

17 B. The Memorandum of Understanding  
18 between PG&E and the Small Business Utility  
19 Advocates and between PG&E and the Center for  
20 Accessible Technology.

21 C. Whether the allocation of common  
22 costs should be used in non-GRC ratemaking  
23 mechanisms.

24 D. Closure of the 17 identified  
25 customer service offices.

26 E. The impact of proposed rate  
27 increase on disconnections for nonpayment.

28 F. Adequate level and funding of

1 supplier diversity, employment diversity and  
2 outreach to minority communities.

3 G. How prior safety, performance  
4 and lessons learned are incorporated in  
5 safety requests.

6 And finally:

7 4. Whether the proposed post-test  
8 year forecasts, adjustments mechanisms and  
9 regulatory filings for 2021 and 2022 are just  
10 and reasonable.

11 ALJ LIRAG: Let's go off the record  
12 first.

13 (Off the record.)

14 ALJ LIRAG: All right. Back on the  
15 record.

16 ALJ LAU: Do parties have any  
17 suggestions first? We're going to take  
18 rewording suggestions first?

19 Ms. Gandesbery.

20 MS. GANDESBERY: Thank you, your  
21 Honors.

22 PG&E has a correction to make in  
23 issue 3(a) and this was our error.

24 We called -- we inadvertently  
25 referred to a report as the Gas Pipeline  
26 Replacement Program progress report. We  
27 intended to address the Meter Protection  
28 Program annual report.

1 ALJ LAU: Okay. Meter Protection --

2 MS. GANDESBERY: Program annual report.

3 ALJ LAU: Program annual. It's not a  
4 progress report? Annual report?

5 MS. GANDESBERY: It's an annual report.

6 ALJ LAU: So it should be (a)  
7 Elimination of the Meter Protection Program  
8 annual report?

9 MS. GANDESBERY: Yes. We apologize for  
10 the error.

11 ALJ LAU: Any other parties?

12 Mr. Reid?

13 MR. REID: Yes, I have a question about  
14 item 3(g): How prior safety, performance and  
15 lessons learned is incorporated.

16 Does that include a review of past  
17 safety, performance and could that include a  
18 review of how money has been spent or not  
19 spent on safety in the past?

20 ALJ LIRAG: We believe that is covered  
21 by that issue, but if you want to make sure,  
22 and this is for any party, when the scoping  
23 memo comes out, feel free to write a motion  
24 to clarify certain issues in the scope. If  
25 you want to present issues that are more  
26 specific, but you're not sure whether it's  
27 covered by these more or less general issues  
28 that we have identified, feel free to file a

1 motion to clarify regarding the scope.

2 MR. REID: What I'm used to in  
3 Commission proceedings is that there will be  
4 a draft scoping memo and then the parties  
5 will file comments on that draft scoping memo  
6 and then --

7 ALJ LIRA: No.

8 MR. REID: And then there will be some  
9 decision. That won't happen?

10 ALJ LIRAG: So we're going to discuss  
11 -- this is the draft scoping memo which we'll  
12 discuss. The Commissioner -- the assigned  
13 Commissioner will finalize the list of the --  
14 the scope. And so it will come out in the  
15 scoping memo. There is going to be no  
16 comment period for that, but it is subject to  
17 being amended by a motion.

18 MR. REID: Who is the law and motion  
19 judge in the proceeding?

20 ALJ LIRAG: The general law and motion  
21 judge that we have is -- I believe it's  
22 Robert Mason. I'm not a hundred percent  
23 accurate but you can check our website. I  
24 believe it's Robert Mason.

25 MR. REID: So any disputes, present to  
26 him?

27 ALJ LIRAG: If you wish to address any  
28 law and motion issues to him.

1 MR. REID: Right.

2 ALJ LIRAG: But otherwise mostly  
3 because it's scope, the assigned Commissioner  
4 is going to determine this.

5 MR. REID: Right. ]

6 ALJ LIRAG: All right. Anyone else?

7 MR. CLAY: Yes.

8 ALJ LIRAG: Ms. Clay, Mr. Clay, sorry.

9 MR. CLAY: Chris Clay on behalf of the  
10 Office of Safety Advocates.

11 If I might make one minor suggestion  
12 to that same 3(g), perhaps changing, "How  
13 prior safety performance and lessons learned  
14 are incorporated in safety requests" to  
15 incorporate it in requests impacting safety,  
16 since I think that would be more inclusive.

17 ALJ LIRAG: Could you read the entire  
18 thing?

19 MR. CLAY: Yes, thank you. What I  
20 would propose is, "How prior safety  
21 performance and lessons learned are  
22 incorporated in requests impacting safety."

23 ALJ LIRAG: All right. Sounds good.  
24 Anyone else? Mr. Lindl.

25 MR. LINDL: Thank you. Tim Lindl on  
26 behalf of the Joint CCAs.

27 From our prehearing conference  
28 statement, Joint CCAs are interested in not

1 only level of cost proposed, also how those  
2 costs are categorized, functionalized within  
3 the application.

4 So I'm wondering whether the phrase  
5 "proposed recovery mechanisms" includes that  
6 categorization or not; and then if it  
7 doesn't, I propose a change in that language.

8 ALJ LIRAG: Everything related to costs  
9 will be examined under that big umbrella  
10 issue number one, so we believe that is  
11 covered. But again, if you want a specific  
12 determination of a very narrow area, feel  
13 free to file a motion to clarify, or a motion  
14 to amend the scope.

15 MR. LINDL: Thank you.

16 ALJ LIRAG: We believe that is  
17 included.

18 ALJ LAU: That is specifically because  
19 the cost recovery mechanism of whether it  
20 should be in a distribution or generation  
21 revenue requirement that is covered under  
22 Item 1.

23 ALJ LIRAG: Sir.

24 MR. DOUGLASS: Dan Douglass again for  
25 the Alliance for Retail Energy Markets and  
26 the Direct Access Customer Coalition.

27 I simply wanted to confirm that the  
28 issue that I mentioned earlier with regard to



1 hydro public benefits charged, as discussed  
2 on page 1-4 of PG&E-5, would be included  
3 under Item 1.

4 ALJ LAU: Yes.

5 MR. DOUGLASS: Thank you.

6 ALJ LIRAG: Yes, Ms. Goodson.

7 MS. GOODSON: Hayley Goodson for TURN.

8 I have a question about the intent  
9 behind Item 1, which refers to whether or not  
10 the proposed revenue requirements for Test  
11 Year 2020, et cetera. And by revenue  
12 requirements for 2020, are you intending to  
13 include the cost associated with capital  
14 spending in 2018 and 2019 that the utility  
15 seeks to put into rates in 2020?

16 ALJ LAU: Yes, that is part of it.

17 MS. GOODSON: Thank you very much.

18 ALJ LIRAG: Mr. Lindl.

19 MR. LINDL: One more there, the other  
20 question that I had was just under 3, in  
21 general. There is thousands of pages of  
22 testimony here we are still reviewing, et  
23 cetera. I'm wondering if adding, including  
24 comment but not limited to the beginning  
25 of --

26 ALJ LAU: That is fine.

27 MR. LINDL: -- No. 3 is worthwhile as  
28 folks --

1           ALJ LIRAG: We will add something that  
2 says "other related matter." Basically what  
3 we had in mind for No. 3 is proposals that  
4 are not so much related to cost but distinct  
5 proposals.

6           MR. LINDL: I understand. Thank you.

7           ALJ LIRAG: We will put that under  
8 "other related matter." Anyone else?

9           (No response.)

10          ALJ LIRAG: All right. So let's just  
11 summarize the revisions so we have it on the  
12 record.

13          ALJ LAU: The revisions I have so far  
14 is -- I'm going to read the whole thing we  
15 have:

16                 3, Whether requests associated with  
17 proposed costs and mechanisms are just and  
18 reasonable, including, but not limited to:

19                 A, Elimination of the peter -- the  
20 meter protection program annual report;

21                 B, The memorandum of understanding  
22 between PG&E and small business utility  
23 advocates and between PG&E and the Center for  
24 Accessible Technology;

25                 C, Whether the allocation of common  
26 costs should be used in non-GRC ratemaking  
27 mechanisms;

28                 D, Closure of the 17 identified

1 customer service offices;

2 E, The impact of proposed rate  
3 increases on disconnections for nonpayment  
4 adequate level and funding of supplier  
5 diversity, employment diversity and outreach  
6 to the minority communities;

7 G, How prior safety performance and  
8 lessons learned are incorporated in the  
9 request impacting safety.

10 That is all I have.

11 ALJ LIRAG: We will add letter H, "and  
12 other related matters."

13 Ms. Gandesbery.

14 MS. GANDESBERY: Thank you, your Honor.  
15 The -- I understood you were not going to  
16 include the language "including but not  
17 limited to" because that made the list kind  
18 of overbroad. That would make it --

19 ALJ LAU: Okay. We will scratch that  
20 off. We will just have -- No. 3 shall read:  
21 Whether request and proposals associated with  
22 proposed costs and mechanisms are just and  
23 reasonable, including the following.

24 MS. GANDESBERY: Thank you, your Honor.

25 ALJ LIRAG: Any final comments, things  
26 to add regarding issues? Mr. Gondai.

27 MR. GONDAI: NDC is not clear  
28 necessarily to the extent to which bankruptcy

1 proceedings might affect the forecast or the  
2 issues covered here. And our main concern  
3 was just if there is relevant information to  
4 be considered, how that would be brought into  
5 this proceeding.

6 ALJ LIRAG: We will tackle that after  
7 we discuss one other item.

8 MR. GONDAI: Thank you, your Honor.

9 ALJ LIRAG: Anything else regarding  
10 issues?

11 (No response.)

12 ALJ LIRAG: In connection with the  
13 issues, I think -- I believe it was TURN  
14 suggested about a companion OII. I know that  
15 has been done in the past, but I think the  
16 recent trend in which we are inclined to  
17 follow is to not open a separate OII. These  
18 will cover requests by intervenors that PG&E  
19 did not request.

20 So what we are going to do instead  
21 is, as long as these are in scope, we are  
22 going to include it in this GRC proceeding.  
23 So this would account for proposals by  
24 intervenors, which PG&E did not propose  
25 themselves.

26 Any questions regarding that?

27 (No response.)

28 ALJ LIRAG: Again, if you want to

1 propose something but you are not sure that  
2 it is in scope, please feel free to file a  
3 motion clarifying whether or not this is  
4 included in scope just to save trouble, you  
5 know, preparing testimony, and whatnot, and  
6 to have it excluded in the scope. But please  
7 note if these issues are traditionally  
8 reviewed or determined in other proceedings,  
9 then please consider raising these issues in  
10 those proceedings. Also, there are ongoing  
11 proceedings relating to PG&E. Please  
12 consider first whether it would be more  
13 appropriate to raise these issues in these  
14 proceedings.

15 Ms. Somogyi.

16 MS. SOMOGYI: Thank you, your Honor.  
17 Megan Somogyi for County of Napa and County  
18 of Sonoma.

19 I apologize if I'm getting ahead of  
20 myself. I wasn't sure if the preceding  
21 discussion was just focusing on wordsmithing  
22 this and --

23 ALJ LIRAG: We were about to leave the  
24 issues; but if you have additional issues,  
25 let's go being to that. Let's first finish  
26 discussing the additional topics, or  
27 additional proposals that intervenors may  
28 want the raise that PG&E didn't propose, then

1 we will get back to your issue.

2 MS. SOMOGYI: I actually have an  
3 additional issue.

4 ALJ LIRAG: We will go back to that.  
5 Let's finish the companion/non-companion OII.

6 Any more questions or comments?  
7 Yes, Ms. Gandesbery.

8 MS. GANDESBERY: Your Honor, we agree  
9 with your approach that we don't need a  
10 companion OII in this case. We agree with  
11 TURN that other parties could propose  
12 recommendations that would otherwise be in  
13 the scope of the GRC.

14 ALJ LIRAG: Okay. Thank you. Any  
15 comments to that?

16 (No response.)

17 ALJ LIRAG: And then we will go back to  
18 Ms. Somogyi. So that is settled.

19 Ms. Somogyi, let's go back to the issues.

20 MS. SOMOGYI: Thank you, your Honor.  
21 Relating to your recent comments about the  
22 fact that there are other proceedings  
23 involving PG&E's wildfire-related activities  
24 going on at the moment, the county has  
25 recognized that and are participating  
26 substantively in the proceeding to examine  
27 PG&E's Wildfire Mitigation Plan,  
28 deenergization proceeding, the Rule 20

1 underground proceeding.

2 But we do ask that in light of the  
3 fact that we are not living in ordinary  
4 times, and that PG&E has made extraordinary  
5 requests in terms of both costs and the scope  
6 of work that it proposes to undertake  
7 pursuant to this general rate case  
8 application, that the Commission in this  
9 proceeding monitor the substantive discussion  
10 and the outcomes of those other rulemakings  
11 and incorporate the best practices and the  
12 plans that are developed there into any final  
13 determination that authorizes the cost.  
14 Because the costs, they come from somewhere,  
15 they do. They are a direct result of the  
16 activities, the planning, everything that  
17 PG&E is developing substantively in the other  
18 proceedings.

19 We believe they are related, they  
20 should not be divorced. And we ask that the  
21 Commission take that into consideration going  
22 forward.

23 ALJ LIRAG: Right. We are actually  
24 going to discuss that under -- it wasn't  
25 clear under the topic headings. But under  
26 supplemental testimony we plan to address the  
27 wildfire proceeding that is going on right  
28 now.

1 Anything else to add?

2 (No response.)

3 ALJ LIRAG: Let's move on to  
4 supplemental testimonies that may be needed.  
5 So these are going to be related to the  
6 Wildfire Mitigation Plan, what is going on  
7 with the District Court, the bankruptcy  
8 proceeding, and TURN's request regarding --  
9 or suggestion regarding using base year plus  
10 one data.

11 So let's first start with the  
12 bankruptcy proceeding. Ms. Gandesbery, is  
13 there anything to update us about regarding  
14 this proceeding, more about the timing and  
15 what is going on right now, and how it will  
16 affect the GRC testimony?

17 MS. GANDESBERY: Thank you, your Honor.  
18 So as everyone is aware, PG&E did file for  
19 Chapter 11 reorganization on January 29th.  
20 Following the Commission's authorization on  
21 January 28th, PG&E was authorized to have its  
22 debtor-in-possession financing. We have  
23 interim owner approving 1.5 billion of the  
24 5.5 billion secured by PG&E. The  
25 debtor-in-possession financing will provide  
26 sufficient liquidity to allow us to meet our  
27 post-obligations, including our obligations  
28 to the suppliers, and will allow us to



1 operate our system in the ordinary course.

2           The debtor-in-possession financing  
3 will also provide us with the necessary  
4 capital to ensure essential maintenance and  
5 continued investments in safety and  
6 reliability.

7           There is a hearing, an additional  
8 hearing, will be the final hearing on  
9 debtor-in-possession financing in bankruptcy  
10 court on February 27th.

11           At some point, very relevant to this  
12 proceeding, we will be filing our proposed  
13 plan of reorganization that is subject to  
14 bankruptcy court approval. We don't have any  
15 further information at this time on what will  
16 be included in the plan, so we aren't able to  
17 provide any further update on that.

18           ALJ LIRAG: So in the scoping memo we  
19 are going to propose to President Picker to  
20 issue a ruling there to -- probably a  
21 standing order to keep us updated as soon as  
22 possible whenever there is a major change or  
23 major development in the bankruptcy  
24 proceeding that will affect the GRC  
25 proceeding, because otherwise we will just  
26 proceed as normal based on the testimony that  
27 you filed so far.

28           MS. GANDESBERY: Thank you, your Honor.

1 I do agree at this point the best thing to do  
2 is to proceed normally. We might have some  
3 questions about what it is that should be  
4 included in the report. What we might  
5 consider a major event might not be  
6 considered a major event by other parties.  
7 So if we could get more clarification about  
8 what it is that would be included in that  
9 report that would be helpful, so we are sure  
10 to give you the information that your  
11 request.

12 ALJ LIRAG: We will hear a comment from  
13 Mr. Reid first.

14 MR. REID: My question is: If PG&E  
15 files supplemental testimony, or what they  
16 call "information," will parties have the  
17 opportunity to comment on that information?

18 ALJ LIRAG: Yes. If there is new  
19 information, generally whenever there is a  
20 filing, parties are allowed to comment.

21 Ms. Gandesbery, to provide a little  
22 bit of clarification, we sort of were  
23 thinking whether or not to require PG&E to  
24 file some sort of bankruptcy update  
25 testimony. And we are more or less concerned  
26 with whether or not there is anything that is  
27 going on right now regarding the bankruptcy  
28 proceeding that will change what you filed in

1 the GRC. That is probably what we are  
2 interested in. So if there is any new  
3 developments towards that aspect, then that  
4 is what we are going to require you to update  
5 us on. ]

6 Because otherwise the parties are going to  
7 rely on whatever testimony you presented, but then if  
8 that's not the most updated thing that they should be  
9 looking at, then we probably should need to know about  
10 that.

11 So that is the basic guideline regarding  
12 keeping us updated regarding the bankruptcy  
13 proceeding. Is that clear enough?

14 MS. GANDESBERY: Yes. That is. Thank  
15 you.

16 I would suggest we serve it, but it  
17 is not something that we file in the record.

18 ALJ LIRAG: That's fine. If it's  
19 appropriate -- if we think it's appropriate  
20 for you to file it, we'll require you to file  
21 it. Otherwise the standing directive is for  
22 you to serve it on the service list.

23 MS. GANDESBERY: Thank you, your Honor.

24 ALJ LIRAG: All right. Let's move on.

25 Yes, Mr. Reid.

26 MR. REID: Oh, no.

27 ALJ LIRAG: I caught you raising your  
28 hand.

1           Let's discuss next if there's any  
2 impact, if we're going to be affected by the  
3 probation that is going on, specifically the  
4 show cause order was something that one of  
5 the parties mentioned. Is there anything  
6 that we need to update regarding that,  
7 anything in the GRC?

8           MS. GANDESBERY: At this time, no, your  
9 Honor. We did submit the Wildfire Safety  
10 Plan to the U.S. District Court. The  
11 District Court is going to accept party  
12 comments on it on February 20th, which is --  
13 actually will precede the comments that will  
14 be filed at the Commission. And we don't  
15 have any other dates set forth in that court.  
16 Most importantly, the court did not issue any  
17 records or rulings in that proceeding that  
18 would impact the Vegetation Management Plans  
19 that are proposed in this proceeding or in  
20 our Wildfire Safety Plan.

21           ALJ LIRAG: Okay. Thank you. Any  
22 questions or comments from the other parties?

23           Yes, Ms. Goodson.

24           MS. GOODSON: Thank you, your Honor.  
25 Hayley Goodson for TURN.

26           My understanding is certainly the  
27 same as PG&E's that the judge has not yet  
28 issued any orders that could affect the

1 Vegetation Management Plan or other  
2 activities that are implicated in the GRC,  
3 but it's certainly possible that the judge  
4 could. So I think it might be useful for us  
5 to have a plan for what PG&E might be  
6 expected to do in this case. For instance,  
7 PG&E could serve the service list, any order  
8 coming out of the Federal District Court in  
9 that regard or in some other way bring  
10 parties that may not be tracking that case up  
11 to speed on what is happening there and then  
12 your Honors might want to hold a prehearing  
13 conference or some other forum to talk about  
14 the implications of any such order on this  
15 proceeding.

16 ALJ LIRAG: Okay. Hearing that, let's  
17 follow the same approach as with the  
18 bankruptcy proceeding. Let's just have PG&E  
19 update the service list regarding any major  
20 issues that they think will affect the GRC or  
21 the GRC testimony that they have submitted.  
22 Is that clear?

23 MS. GANDESBERY: Well, on this  
24 particular issue if what is under  
25 consideration is our Vegetation Management  
26 Plans for 2019 and they are not included in  
27 this proceeding, the vegetation management is  
28 an expense item. It is not in the

1 proceedings. Capital is in the proceedings.  
2 I would not necessarily see an impact on this  
3 proceeding from that type of order.

4 ALJ LIRAG: So I think what Ms. Goodson  
5 is pointing out is that we don't know what  
6 possible order may be issued regarding any  
7 related topic -- any related topic to the  
8 GRC. So if it's something that you think we  
9 need to know, you think the parties need to  
10 know that, then let us know via the service  
11 list. Fair enough?

12 Yes, Ms. Goodson.

13 MS. GOODSON: That's fair enough. Are  
14 you directing an e-mail to the service list  
15 or is there some other type of --

16 ALJ LIRAG: An e-mail to the service  
17 list would be fine. Then if something else  
18 is required, like a more formal filing, if  
19 something needs to be explained, then we may  
20 ask you to do that. If there's -- if we  
21 believe there's information that is, you  
22 know, missing or that you could elaborate on,  
23 then we may require a filing.

24 Ms. Goodson.

25 MR. GOODSON: Your Honor, I will just  
26 observe that even if the judge were to order  
27 activities to be conducted solely in 2019, to  
28 the extent those activities expedited

1 inspections or tree trimming that PG&E had  
2 otherwise included in its plan for 2020, that  
3 could impact costs for the GRC.

4 So I think, your Honor, I certainly  
5 agree completely that we don't know what that  
6 order will be and we also don't know how that  
7 order might intersect with PG&E's request  
8 here.

9 ALJ LIRAG: All right. So hopefully  
10 that is clear enough. And the reason we are  
11 asking you to do that is we don't want things  
12 to move forward and then we get to the  
13 hearings and parties will object and then  
14 we're probably going to grant it because we  
15 didn't know. We weren't updated. So just  
16 bear that in mind.

17 MS. GANDESBERY: Thank you. I  
18 understand.

19 ALJ LIRAG: Yes. Mr. Reid.

20 MR. REID: Yes. I would like that  
21 signing privilege extended to all the parties  
22 in the proceeding since I believe the  
23 bankruptcy court is public. You can attend  
24 the bankruptcy court if you would like or get  
25 transcripts, as is Judge Alsop's -- whatever  
26 hearings, future hearings, Judge Alsop would  
27 hear.

28 ALJ LIRAG: I think it's best if the

1 communication comes from PG&E. So if you  
2 believe there is information that PG&E should  
3 share to the service list, run it through  
4 PG&E and then PG&E will notify the service  
5 list. That way we're not getting random  
6 e-mails from, you know, parties about things  
7 that might not be significant. Fair enough?

8 MR. REID: I see.

9 ALJ LIRAG: All right. Anyone else  
10 regarding that topic?

11 Let's move on to the wildfire plans,  
12 which there is an ongoing proceeding right  
13 now. I believe the timing for that is that  
14 there's going to be a final decision sometime  
15 in June. And so depending on what happens  
16 there, we may likely require PG&E to update  
17 -- file supplementary testimony to update its  
18 wildfire testimony in the GRC. We'll figure  
19 out the timing for that.

20 Does that sound okay?

21 Ms. Somogyi.

22 MS. SOMOGYI: Thank you, your Honor.

23 I would just ask that in the event  
24 PG&E is directed to file supplemental  
25 testimony relating to Wildfire Mitigation  
26 Plan that other parties also have the  
27 opportunity to submit their own responsive  
28 testimony if the supplemental testimony from



1 PG&E is out of step with the existing  
2 testimony schedule.

3 ALJ LIRAG: Okay. So, the PD for that  
4 proceeding will likely be mailed sometime in  
5 May. So the parties will get a chance --  
6 parties in that proceeding will get a chance  
7 to see what may likely be the outcome in the  
8 decision. Of course that is not final yet.  
9 It's only a proposed decision up for  
10 comments, but then we'll get a sense of what  
11 is going to be included, and then the final  
12 decision will be in June. Then we'll require  
13 PG&E to file supplementary testimony if  
14 needed. So, yes, parties may comment.

15 So I said a long thing but, yes,  
16 that is fine. Any comments, Ms. Gandesbery,  
17 regarding that?

18 MS. GANDESBERY: No, your Honor. That  
19 sounds fine.

20 I just did want to point out the  
21 wildfire plan is for 2019 but there could be  
22 some impact on our '20 plans.

23 ALJ LIRAG: Okay. Fair enough. We'll  
24 keep track of what's going on in the wildfire  
25 OIR.

26 Then the last item regarding  
27 supplemental testimony is the use of base  
28 year plus one recorded data.

1           So, Ms. Goodson, could you summarize  
2 what TURN is requesting exactly or  
3 suggesting? That PG&E make available 2018  
4 data?

5           MS. GOODSON: Yes, your Honor. That is  
6 correct. PG&E actually in its reply to  
7 protest and responses agreed to do this, if  
8 I'm remembering correctly.

9           MS. GANDESBERY: Yes. We agreed to do  
10 that. Whether we said it or not, we do agree  
11 to do that.

12          MS. GOODSON: Thank you. Yes. And I  
13 believe PG&E also expects to be prepared to  
14 do that at the end of March.

15           In PG&E's prior GRC, the test year  
16 2017 GRC, PG&E also made available the  
17 analogous year of data in time for parties to  
18 use that in their testimony. And we are  
19 simply seeking the same in this proceeding.

20          ALJ LIRAG: All right. So the data  
21 will be available -- be made available by  
22 PG&E sometime in March. Any comments about  
23 parties using data there in their arguments?

24          MS. GANDESBERY: Yes, your Honor. We  
25 will make the data available. We also have  
26 our spending accountability report that we'll  
27 file at the end of March.

28           We do have a few caveats though

1 about the use of the data. We'll make it  
2 available. It can be used if it is relevant  
3 to evaluating the reasonableness of a  
4 forecast; however, the utility's forecast  
5 should generally be reviewed under the  
6 standard of whether it was reasonable at the  
7 time it was made, based on the information  
8 available to the utility at that time.

9           New information is always available.  
10 If the forecast would be continuously  
11 updated, then the GRC would not have an end.  
12 For every item there will be reductions in  
13 the forecast. There will be increases in the  
14 forecast -- or in the data compared to the  
15 forecast. So we would anticipate to the  
16 extent that parties are bringing in changes  
17 to the forecast based on the data, that PG&E  
18 would also have an equal opportunity to bring  
19 in increases to its forecast based on the  
20 same data.

21           ALJ LIRAG: All right.

22           MS. GANDESBERY: We do not believe the  
23 data should be reopened or the forecast  
24 should be reopened based on 2018 data.  
25 Otherwise, the constant reopenings will mean  
26 that the proceeding does not end.

27           ALJ LIRAG: All right. Let me make  
28 some guidelines regarding that.

1           So, first, the data will be made  
2 available. That's number one.

3           Number two, we are not going to  
4 substitute -- we are not going to update  
5 every single piece of data from 2017 to 2018.  
6 That's just not feasible. This is the test  
7 year 2020 GRC. It's not the 2021 GRC. So  
8 generally we'll be relying on the 2017 data.  
9 However, there are -- the Commission does  
10 recognize that there are instances wherein it  
11 may consider newer data if it's relevant.  
12 But my suggestion to probably intervenors, my  
13 suggestion is if you want us to rely or use  
14 this data, please explain why that data  
15 should be relied on, other than the fact that  
16 it's more recent or it's more accurate or  
17 it's more updated. I will give an example.

18           For example, there's the argument  
19 that the trend is that costs are decreasing,  
20 but then the 2018 data shows an increase. So  
21 that would nullify that trend that it's  
22 decreasing.

23           So that is just one example.  
24 Probably where we are not going to substitute  
25 the newer data is let's say PG&E used a  
26 base-year forecasting. We're not going to  
27 accept base year plus one simply because  
28 you're going to say that's more accurate or

1 that's more reliable.

2 So, let's have additional reasons  
3 why we're going to use 2018 data. And the  
4 reason for that is we generally do not want  
5 to rely on selected updating of data. As  
6 PG&E said, they can also update their data,  
7 you know, to their favor and it works both  
8 ways. It's just not feasible to update every  
9 single data. But if the 2018 data is  
10 relevant, please let us know why and why we  
11 should use that.

12 Any questions, comments regarding  
13 that.

14 Mr. Reid.

15 MR. REID: Yes. In other Commission  
16 proceedings, particularly cost of capital  
17 toward the end of this proceeding, the case  
18 of cost of capital, there is an updated  
19 exhibit showing changes in interest rates and  
20 forecasts, the parties are given the  
21 opportunity to change their position, which  
22 is usually a numerical position so much in  
23 ROE etcetera and I don't see why that same  
24 kind of standard couldn't be applied here.

25 ALJ LIRAG: We'll discuss whether or  
26 not updated testimony will be needed when we  
27 discuss the schedule.

28 Any other comments, questions,

1 things to clarify? All right.

2 Yes, Ms. Gandesbery.

3 MS. GANDESBERY: While we are on the  
4 subject of supplemental testimony, I wanted  
5 to address our need for supplemental  
6 testimony or a single chapter in our  
7 testimony.

8 ALJ LIRAG: All right. Which chapter  
9 is that?

10 MS. GANDESBERY: That's our corporate  
11 real estate chapter. That is Exhibit 7  
12 Chapter 5. As we mentioned in our  
13 application and in our testimony, we are  
14 looking at those projects and we've  
15 determined that some of the projects should  
16 be paused given the current financial  
17 circumstances. So we would like an  
18 opportunity actually to replace that chapter  
19 with an updated chapter sometime at the end  
20 of March.

21 ALJ LIRAG: Okay. We'll set a specific  
22 date for that when we discuss the schedule.  
23 Also, I'm not as familiar with PG&E's GRC,  
24 but is there a time when updated testimony is  
25 served? And then will we require hearings  
26 after you submit the updated testimony  
27 because that wasn't in the schedule; is that  
28 correct?

1 All right. Let's go off the record.

2 (Off the record.)

3 ALJ LIRAG: All right. Let's go back  
4 on the record.

5 Ms. Gandesbery.

6 MS. GANDESBERY: I understand from my  
7 partner Shilpa Ramaiya, who I will take this  
8 opportunity to introduce, who is the Fleet  
9 Case Manager for the GRC, that we do these  
10 hearings -- I'm sorry. We have the update  
11 after hearings.

12 ALJ LIRAG: Okay.

13 MS. GANDESBERY: And there is typically  
14 a day scheduled if needed to have hearings on  
15 the updated testimony.

16 ALJ LIRAG: Okay. So we'll include  
17 that. We'll try to work that into the  
18 schedule. And we'll discuss when you  
19 typically submit it, when we discuss the  
20 schedule.

21 MS. GANDESBERY: Okay. Thank you.

22 ALJ LIRAG: So let's move on to the  
23 next topic which is the PPHs.

24 And, yes, Ms. Goodson.

25 MS. GOODSON: Your Honor, actually  
26 there is another proceeding that TURN  
27 believes may implicate this proceeding, just  
28 to keep things as complicated as possible.

1 And this is also relevant to PG&E's  
2 very-limited scope of updates to its request  
3 here.

4 That proceeding is Rulemaking  
5 19-01-006. That's the proceeding the  
6 Commission opened to implement the provisions  
7 of SB-901 related to cost recovery for  
8 wildfire liabilities that would otherwise be  
9 disallowed by the Commission for imprudence.  
10 Some people refer to that as the stress test  
11 proceeding.

12 So TURN was actually surprised and  
13 dismayed to learn of the limited scope of  
14 PG&E's update to its request in this  
15 proceeding, just limited to the corporate  
16 real estate chapter, in light of its  
17 financial status. As we all know, of course,  
18 the utility sought voluntary Chapter 11  
19 Bankruptcy protection late last month  
20 explaining that its expected liabilities from  
21 the 2017 and 2018 wildfires would threaten  
22 its ability to provide safe and reliable  
23 service.

24 Now, in Rulemaking 19-01-006, the  
25 Commission will be considering what the  
26 metrics should be for determining when  
27 ratepayers should be asked to bail out the  
28 utility for liabilities that otherwise would



1 be disallowed.

2 In SB-901, the Legislature indicated  
3 that the maximum amount of disallowance  
4 should be set at the amount that the  
5 corporation can pay without harming  
6 ratepayers or materially impacting its  
7 ability to provide adequate and safe service.

8 And as TURN will indicate in a  
9 filing made in that other proceeding today,  
10 we believe that cash flow is an important  
11 metric in that regard. And it is our  
12 position that before the Commission permits  
13 PG&E to pass on imprudent costs to its  
14 customers for 2017 wildfires, the Commission  
15 should require that the utility has marshaled  
16 all available funds and exhausted all  
17 reasonable options to pay for claims  
18 resulting from utility imprudence.

19 So we believe that this proceeding  
20 provides an obvious opportunity to look for  
21 places where PG&E could limit its spending to  
22 essential levels for providing safe and  
23 reliable service. And we intend to look  
24 closely at PG&E's request as we always do but  
25 also particularly with an eye towards  
26 increasing PG&E's cash flow by avoiding or  
27 limiting or postponing spending capital and  
28 expense that is not absolutely essentially.

1 So that if PG&E does come to the Commission  
2 and seek to have a ratepayer bailout for 2017  
3 wildfire liabilities, the Commission can be  
4 confident that PG&E has done what it could to  
5 limit its own spending and its spending  
6 request in order to be eligible for a  
7 bailout.

8           So I raise this now because this is  
9 a crossover issue. It's an inquiry TURN will  
10 be making in this proceeding. We certainly  
11 hope the Commission will also have that lens  
12 in mind as you review PG&E's request. We'll  
13 also be making similar arguments in our  
14 19-01-006. I wanted to flag this now so no  
15 one was surprised by the linkage that TURN  
16 seeks between the two proceedings.

17           ALJ LIRAG: All right. What is the  
18 current time frame for the rulemaking -- the  
19 stress test rulemaking that you mentioned?

20           MS. GOODSON: You're about to exhaust  
21 my knowledge of that case but someone else in  
22 the room may know. I do know today that  
23 parties are filing preliminary opening  
24 comments on issues within the OIR.

25           ALJ LIRAG: Okay. We'll keep in mind  
26 what's going on in the stress test OIR. And  
27 I am being made aware of what is going on  
28 there when I am wearing my Sempra ALJ hat.

1 No issue regarding that aspect.

2 Thank you for pointing it out to us.

3 Mr. Geesman.

4 MR. GEESMAN: Your Honor, John Geesman  
5 on behalf of Alliance for Nuclear  
6 Responsibility.

7 Following Ms. Goodson's comment  
8 about a related proceeding, I would like to  
9 suggest that you also consider the 2019 PG&E  
10 ERRA forecast proceeding a related proceeding  
11 insofar as that will attempt to establish the  
12 percentage of load in the PG&E service  
13 territory that is being served by either CCAs  
14 or direct access. I don't believe it's a  
15 matter of controversy. There's an alternate  
16 decision out and a proposed decision out  
17 which both used the same numbers. To my  
18 knowledge, the number was uncontested in the  
19 ERRA proceeding.

20 It has a direct bearing, from my  
21 client's standpoint, in the logic of some of  
22 the proposed capital expenditures for the  
23 Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant because of  
24 the percentage of service territory load  
25 being served by direct access or CCAs is now  
26 well in excess of the thresholds established  
27 in PG&E's proposed retirement for Diablo  
28 Canyon. We have hit in the 2019 ERRA

1 forecast a level well-above the level that  
2 PG&E had originally projected for 2025, which  
3 was one of the prime drivers in its decision  
4 to retire the plant.

5 ALJ LIRAG: All right. Generally the  
6 ERRA -- the scope for the ERRA is generally  
7 distinct from the GRC, but as with other  
8 Commission decisions, parties, PG&E and  
9 anyone else, can use whatever is set forth in  
10 a Commission decision to support their  
11 arguments.

12 MR. GEESMAN: Thank you, your Honor.

13 ALJ LIRAG: Fair enough? And you guys  
14 aren't following my suggestion to ask the  
15 more complex questions during Judge Lau's  
16 turn.

17 (Laughter.)

18 ALJ LIRAG: So it's now going to be  
19 Judge Lau's turn.

20 ALJ LAU: So, I am covering the  
21 less-complicated issues, the integration of  
22 the RAMP. So the RAMP is PG&E's Risk  
23 Assessment and Mitigation Phase and it's  
24 currently open.

25 And the following question is for  
26 parties that are also parties to the RAMP  
27 proceeding. Do parties have any opinions as  
28 to whether to close the RAMP or to

1 consolidate the RAMP proceeding into this  
2 current GRC proceeding?

3 ALJ LIRAG: In short, are there issues  
4 remaining in the RAMP proceeding that you  
5 feel cannot be addressed in the GRC? And  
6 this question is for parties to the RAMP  
7 proceeding that are also parties here. None?  
8 We'll close it.

9 Ms. Gandesbery.

10 MS. GANDESBERY: Your Honor, what we  
11 were going to propose is following the orders  
12 that you issued or what they're doing in  
13 Sempra, which is to file a motion to close  
14 the RAMP. We don't see any need to have the  
15 RAMP continue, since we have incorporated the  
16 results of the RAMP into the testimony in  
17 this proceeding.

18 ALJ LIRAG: Okay. When do you intend  
19 to file this motion?

20 MS. GOODSON: We could file it at any  
21 time.

22 ALJ LIRAG: All right. When you file  
23 this motion, similar to what Sempra did,  
24 please include some sort of mapping of where  
25 the RAMP issues appear in your GRC testimony.  
26 And then please refer to the Sempra motion to  
27 close the RAMP for your filing. I believe  
28 they have an attachment that shows where the

1 RAMP issues are in the GRC testimony.

2 MS. GANDESBERY: Yes. And we have  
3 workpapers that we put into this proceeding  
4 that we would use as our attachment to that  
5 motion.

6 ALJ LIRAG: All right. And I was  
7 assigned to that Sempra RAMP, so no worries  
8 there.

9 Ms. Lau.

10 ALJ LAU: So, the next item is public  
11 participation hearings.

12 So we are planning to conduct a  
13 number of PPHs throughout PG&E's service  
14 territory. Do parties have any  
15 recommendation -- oh, if parties have  
16 recommendations for locations where the PPHs  
17 should be held, please contact the Public  
18 Advocates Office.

19 ALJ LIRAG: No. The Public Advisor's  
20 Office.

21 ALJ LAU: Public Advisor's Office.

22 ALJ LIRAG: Ms. Shek wouldn't want  
23 these recommendations.

24 ALJ LAU: Right. The Public Advisor's  
25 Office. And we are planning to have Spanish  
26 interpretation services available at the PPH  
27 locations. Is there a need for any other  
28 languages -- interpretation services for any

1 other language?

2 ALJ LIRAG: That question is for  
3 Mr. Gondai.

4 MR. GONDAI: I would have to confer  
5 with my client and get in touch with the  
6 Public Advisors to let them know, not Public  
7 Advocates.

8 ALJ LAU: Yes, Public Advisors.

9 ALJ LIRAG: Ms. Shek is popular right  
10 now. All right.

11 So we'll have Spanish and then  
12 probably the common ones would be Chinese and  
13 so let us know as soon as possible whether or  
14 not other languages would be needed.

15 And then we generally rely on the --  
16 on the Public Advisor's Office. I got lost,  
17 too. So the PAO, we generally rely on them  
18 for the location. And so we may use the same  
19 locations that were used last time, but we  
20 may switch in and switch out new locations.  
21 We generally -- I think we are planning on  
22 holding around the same number of locations.  
23 I think that was 11. We may cut it down to  
24 10 or we may increase it to 12 but generally  
25 around that same number.

26 ALJ LAU: And we are planning to have  
27 -- to coordinate with CHP for security  
28 concerns, just FYI.

1           ALJ LIRAG: Right. So, we'll generally  
2 have a CHP presence. And then we'll confer  
3 with them -- our PAO will confer with them if  
4 they advise other measures. I believe PG&E  
5 will have its own security for themselves.  
6 Feel free to include us in those plans.

7           Anyway, if you have questions  
8 regarding what PAO's plans are regarding  
9 security, please feel free to get in touch  
10 with them because we will require you to have  
11 a representative there. And we'll point to  
12 that person and say, "He did it."

13           (Laughter.)

14           MS. GANDESBERY: Thank you.

15           ALJ LIRAG: All right.

16           ALJ LAU: And we need to understand to  
17 know how much lead time does PG&E need for us  
18 to insert these PPH information in the  
19 billing inserts.

20           ALJ LIRAG: So how much lead time do  
21 you need to get the notice, the PPH notice  
22 into bill inserts? Let's say we plan on  
23 holding the earliest one in June, when would  
24 you need the final notice time regarding time  
25 and date and whatnot?

26           MS. RAMAIYA: Typically -- Shilpa  
27 Ramaiya from PG&E, typically three months  
28 just to schedule them out.



1           ALJ LIRAG: Okay. Three months. Okay.  
2     So we may require you to work with -- we'll  
3     talk about this in the schedule, but we may  
4     require you to work with PAO to create some  
5     sort of draft language which they can approve  
6     then just leave the actual dates and  
7     locations to be filled in. That way we can  
8     get moving much faster.

9           MS. RAMAIYA: It makes sense. Thank  
10    you.

11          ALJ LIRAG: Ms. Lau.

12          ALJ LAU: Then next we will talk about  
13    billing impacts or notification of billing  
14    impacts.

15                 So TURN recommended in its protest  
16    that PG&E's estimated bill impact -- billing  
17    impact should be more detailed. Instead of  
18    the generic average monthly bill impacts for  
19    a residential customer with 500 kilowatt  
20    usage and whatnot, TURN recommends that PG&E  
21    provides its customers with bill impacts  
22    based on rates of their respective climate  
23    zones or baseline territories.

24                 PG&E, do you have any responses or  
25    thoughts to TURN's request?

26          MS. GANDESBERY: Thank you, your Honor.

27                 I didn't understand, maybe I will  
28    get a clarification. I didn't understand

1 TURN's request that would require us to redo  
2 the bill inserts, but I can look to TURN for  
3 that.

4 ALJ LAU: Ms. Goodson, would you like  
5 to clarify?

6 ALJ LIRAG: So -- go ahead.

7 MS. GOODSON: Thank you. Hayley  
8 Goodson for TURN.

9 So, we simply requested that the  
10 information be provided to the Commission and  
11 made available to parties, a more-expanded  
12 version of bill impacts. And I'll let you  
13 know, your Honors, that TURN recently sent  
14 PG&E a data request asking for this  
15 information and a slightly more-expanded  
16 version of it. And you could perhaps suggest  
17 that PG&E make that response available to the  
18 service list. I would be happy to let you  
19 know what the questions are. You may have  
20 your own idea of what you think is, you know,  
21 of interest here. ]

22 ALJ LAU: So I know that there are  
23 several baseline territories in PG&E's  
24 territory. And I would expect that the  
25 average usage are different based on every  
26 baseline territory. It would be good --  
27 rates are also different for each baseline  
28 territory. So it would be good to have a

1 bill impact analysis done for -- of this  
2 application for each baseline territory based  
3 on average usage of a residential household  
4 for each of those, you know, climate zones.

5 And does it make sense to have, like, a  
6 summer and a monthly billing impact?

7 MS. GANDESBERY: If this is consistent  
8 with what we did the 2017 GRC, I believe  
9 TURN's request is consistent with that  
10 analysis; is that correct?

11 MR. GOODSON: That is correct. In  
12 fact, we attached the judge's request to our  
13 protest so that everyone would have what that  
14 request specifically was. In the data  
15 request that we recently sent PG&E, we asked  
16 for bill impacts for each year of its GRC  
17 request because of the significant increases  
18 PG&E has proposed for the two post-test  
19 years. And we did not recommend that same or  
20 expanded request, as I recall, in our  
21 protest. So I wanted to let you know there  
22 may be two versions of this information.

23 MS. GANDESBERY: We did receive TURN's  
24 request, and we are processing that. All of  
25 our discovery will be made available on our  
26 website. So the parties will be able to  
27 access it there, and everyone will have  
28 access to it.

1           ALJ LAU: I think it would be helpful  
2 for the Commission before a PPH at a certain  
3 location to understand the bill impact for an  
4 average residential customer of this  
5 application based on the rates in that  
6 service territory based on the average usage  
7 of that service territory. It would be  
8 helpful for the Commission, including the  
9 ALJs, the -- what that bill impact is. And  
10 we ask that PG&E make that available to the  
11 Commission a couple of days before having a  
12 PPH at that location.

13           MS. GANDESBERY: That is fine. Thank  
14 you.

15           ALJ LAU: Sounds good.

16           Next, Judge Lirag will talk about  
17 the proceeding schedule.

18           ALJ LIRAG: Let's go off the record.  
19 Well, before we go off the record I'm just  
20 going to say we are going to go off the  
21 record to discuss the schedule. And we will  
22 also have a little announcement regarding how  
23 transcripts are -- there is a new transcript  
24 policy. We are not too familiar with it  
25 ourselves, but we will do our best to try to  
26 get it right. We will discuss that off the  
27 record.

28           (Off the record.)

1 ALJ LIRAG: Let's go back into the  
2 record.

3 While we were off the record there  
4 was extensive discussion regarding the  
5 schedule. And so we have a tentative  
6 schedule which will be confirmed in the  
7 scoping memo. And again, I want to just  
8 remind the parties that this is -- even if it  
9 comes out in the scoping memo, we will  
10 entertain requests for extension of time to  
11 do things. Just follow the normal procedures  
12 regarding making these requests. And the  
13 ALJs are empowered, or will be empowered, by  
14 the assigned commissioner to revise the  
15 schedule as needed.

16 Anyway, this is what we came up  
17 with:

18 First, PG&E will serve revised  
19 testimony regarding corporate real estate the  
20 fourth week of March.

21 I won't mention the bill insert  
22 language into the schedule. But Ms. Ramaiya,  
23 you are aware of what we discussed?

24 MS. RAMAIYA: Yes.

25 ALJ LIRAG: Please get in touch  
26 regarding the sample language which they will  
27 review for the bill insert notice PPHs.

28 Next item is Cal Advocates testimony

1 which is due June 28th.

2 Next is intervenor testimony  
3 July 26th.

4 And then we will have PPHs sometime  
5 either in June, July, or August. The  
6 schedule will be finalized. There is going  
7 to be a ruling setting forth the actual time  
8 frames.

9 Next is the rebuttal testimony,  
10 which will be due September 4th.

11 And then evidentiary hearings will  
12 start September 23rd; evidentiary hearings  
13 will end October 18th.

14 And then the update testimony,  
15 comparison exhibits, these are two separate  
16 items, they will be due November 1st.

17 Then, if necessary, we will have a  
18 one-day hearing November 6th concerning the  
19 update testimony.

20 And then opening briefs are going to  
21 be due November 15th; reply briefs are going  
22 to be due December 6th.

23 Then we will see if there is time to  
24 do a proposed decision by the end of  
25 December. So that is it for our schedule.

26 We want to talk a little bit  
27 regarding the motion filed by PG&E regarding  
28 the request to make the decision effective

1 January 1, 2020. So one question would be:  
2 What would be the mechanism PG&E proposes to  
3 track the difference in rates?

4 MS. GANDESBERY: PG&E isn't proposing a  
5 tracking mechanism like the other utilities  
6 use. We just have a different approach; and  
7 in our last several GRCs this is the approach  
8 we have followed, which is just to ask for an  
9 effective date of January 1st.

10 ALJ LIRAG: Okay. Then it will all be  
11 calculated?

12 MS. GANDESBERY: Yes.

13 ALJ LIRAG: I'm not too familiar with  
14 this mechanism, which is why I'm asking.

15 Any comments or questions from the  
16 other parties?

17 (No response.)

18 ALJ LIRAG: I guess everyone is more  
19 familiar with it than I am.

20 ALJ LAU: I have questions.

21 ALJ LIRAG: Yes.

22 ALJ LAU: So without a memorandum  
23 account like the other utilities to track  
24 the differential in revenues between what  
25 interim rates are and the final revenue  
26 requirement, how do we know if that  
27 differential is accurate? So how do you make  
28 the adjustments when a final decision is out?

1 MS. RAMAIYA: Shilpa Ramaiya from PG&E.  
2 Your Honors, we are tracking  
3 whatever revenue has come in. And so we are  
4 able to calculate and compare that to the  
5 authorized revenue requirement, and then put  
6 into rates what is the remaining balance to  
7 ensure that we collect the appropriate  
8 amount. And then we do have the annual  
9 electric true-up and annual gas true-up to  
10 make sure balances reflect the authorized  
11 amounts from the Commission.  
12 ALJ LIRAG: You are tracking it, just  
13 not through a memo account?  
14 MS. RAMAIYA: That is correct.  
15 ALJ LIRAG: Whatever you submit will  
16 still be reviewed by the Commission, then you  
17 propose your final adjusted rates?  
18 MS. RAMAIYA: Yes, your Honor.  
19 ALJ LAU: That is through the GRC and  
20 the GRC regulatory filing or --  
21 MS. RAMAIYA: It is --  
22 ALJ LAU: -- to implement the GRC  
23 decision, is that what you are saying?  
24 MS. RAMAIYA: So your Honors, to  
25 implement the GRC decision we usually have an  
26 advice letter that we file to implement the  
27 rates for the general rate case after a  
28 decision is issued.



1 ALJ LAU: You are saying that those  
2 calculations are in that advice letter.

3 MS. RAMAIYA: That is correct.

4 ALJ LAU: Okay.

5 ALJ LIRAG: Sounds good. Thank you.

6 Other matters that any party wishes  
7 to raise, any questions? Hearing none, thank  
8 you everyone for attending. We are  
9 concluded.

10 Off the record.

11 (Whereupon, at the hour of 2:36  
12 p.m., this matter having been  
13 concluded, the Commission then  
adjourned.) ]

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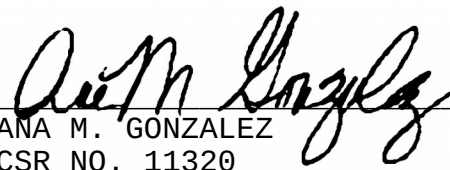
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