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**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, 2020. (U39M)

Application 18-12-009

NON-CONSOLIDATED

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company
for Wildfire Mitigation and Catastrophic Events
Interim Rates. (U39E)

Application 20-02-003

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

Pursuant to Rule 8.4 of the California Public Utilities Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) hereby gives notice of the following *ex parte* communications in the above captioned proceedings.

On Thursday, July 23, 2020 at approximately 9:00 AM, PG&E representatives, Robert Kenney, Vice President, State and Regulatory Affairs, David Thomason, Vice President, Controller, Utility CFO; and Spencer Olinek, Principal Advocacy Manager, Regulatory Relations, participated in the meeting via webex conference initiated by President Marybel Batjer's Chief of Staff, Shannon O'Rourke, with Legal and Policy Advisor, Brian Korpics. Presentation provided during the meeting is attached to this Notice.

And on Friday, July 24, 2020 at approximately 10:30 AM, PG&E representatives, Mr. Kenney, Mr. Thomason, and Mr. Olinek, participated in the

meeting via teleconference initiated by Commissioner Liane Randolph's Chief of Staff, Christine Powell, with Legal and Policy Advisors, Anand Durvasula and Suzanne Casazza. Handout presented was electronically transmitted shortly before the start of the meeting to Ms. Powell, Mr. Durvasula and Ms. Casazza, and is attached to this Notice.¹

During the meeting, PG&E provided an overview of its pending General Rate Case (GRC) Settlement and Interim Rate Relief (IRR) application. Mr. Kenney discussed the importance of implementing IRR in October rates and GRC in January rates. Mr. Kenney also discussed the rate-smoothing benefits of this timeline. Mr. Thomason provided details of the potential financial impacts that the company expects to see in debt markets and from credit rating agencies as a result of timely decisions in both proceedings and how those financial impacts inure to the benefit of customers.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date: July 24, 2020

¹ The presentation used on July 23 and handout emailed on July 24 are substantively identical. Only the date of the meeting on the front page are different therefore only one is attached to this notice.



Pending Case Discussion

General Rate Case

Interim Rate Relief

July 24, 2020



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Pending Cases

- **GRC (A.18-12-009):** Settlement filed December 20, 2019 brings together 9 diverse parties on safety and operational programs leading to a \$575M¹ GRC revenue requirement increase for 2020 (bill impact is 3.4%). PG&E's requested increase was \$1058M. The Agreement also includes increases of 3.5% in 2021 and 3.9% in 2022 of the GRC revenue requirement.
 - Assumed rate recovery beginning in January 1, 2020

- **IRR (A.20-02-003):** The interim rate relief sought in this application is 85 percent of the revenue requirement associated with the costs PG&E has incurred since 2017, in various wildfire- and catastrophe-related memorandum accounts through December 31, 2019, or \$891M, over a 17 month cost recovery period recorded in the following memorandum accounts:
 - i. Fire Risk Mitigation Memorandum Account (FRMMA)
 - ii. Wildfire Mitigation Plan Memorandum Account (WMPMA)
 - iii. Fire Hazard Prevention Memorandum Account (FHPMA)
 - iv. Catastrophic Event Memorandum Account (CEMA)
 - Application assumed rate recovery beginning in August 2020 over 17 months

¹Note this does not include incremental tax reductions that will be reflected in a future advice letter.

From: Olinek, Spencer <WSO3@pge.com>
Sent: Friday, July 24, 2020 10:05 AM
To: Anand.Durvasula@cpuc.ca.gov; Suzanne.Casazza@cpuc.ca.gov;
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Subject: Materials for 10:30 Ex Parte Call with PG&E

Good Morning. Please find attached the two slides that we plan to briefly address during our 10:30 ex parte call. We will file a notice by the end of the day that includes these materials.

Thank you.

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