

## 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

## ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES' RULING GRANTING IN PART AND DENYING IN PART THE MOTION OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE OF SENIOR UNSECURED NOTEHOLDERS OF PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY TO WITHDRAW

On January 24, 2020, the Ad Hoc Committee of Senior Unsecured Noteholders of Pacific Gas and Electric Company (AHC) filed a motion to withdraw as a party in this proceeding and to withdraw all pleadings the AHC has submitted to date in this proceeding. This Ruling grants AHC's request to withdraw as a party in this proceeding but denies AHC's request to withdraw the pleadings it has submitted in this proceeding.

On January 22, 2020, the AHC and Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E)<sup>1</sup> entered into a Restructuring Support Agreement which requires the AHC to file motions for leave to withdraw all filings submitting in any proceedings before the Commission involving PG&E and to cease participation in any proceedings involving PG&E.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Restructuring Support Agreement was between the AHC, PG&E and PG&E Corporation.

AHC filed a motion for party status on October 22, 2019, and was granted party status by an E-mail Ruling from Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Rafael Lirag and ALJ Elaine Lau on November 8, 2019.

In its motion to withdraw, AHC does not provide any compelling reason why its pleadings should be removed from the proceeding's record. We find that having AHC's pleadings remain in the proceeding's record is necessary to maintain a full record of this proceeding and will not have any material effect on the outcome of the proceeding. AHC's pleadings are part of the public record and are important in providing the public transparency on the events and filings in this proceeding. The pleadings that AHC has submitted to date in this proceeding are all related to AHC's motion for party status and are not related to any material issues that the Commission is examining in this proceeding. Thus, we grant AHC's motion to withdraw as a party but deny AHC's motion to withdraw the filings AHC has submitted in this proceeding.

## **IT IS RULED** that:

- 1. The Ad Hoc Committee of Senior Unsecured Noteholders of Pacific Gas and Electric Company's motion to withdraw as a party in this proceeding is granted.
- 2. The Ad Hoc Committee of Senior Unsecured Noteholders of Pacific Gas and Electric Company's motion to withdraw the filings it has submitted to date in this proceeding is denied.

Dated March 6, 2020, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ ELAINE C. LAU /s/ RAFAEL L. LIRAG

Elaine C. Lau Rafael L. Lirag

Administrative Law Judge Administrative Law Judge