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, 2017. (U39M)

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

NOTICE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATION

Pursuant to Rule 8.4 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Office of Ratepayer Advocates (ORA) hereby gives notice of the following *ex parte* communication.

On March 24, 2017, Mark Pocta, Program Manager, and Clayton Tang, Program & Project Supervisor, met with Joanna Gubman, Interim Energy Advisor to Commissioner Martha Guzman Aceves, at approximately 2:40 p.m. The meeting occurred at the Commission's San Francisco office, and lasted approximately twenty minutes. No written materials were provided to Ms. Gubman during the meeting.

Mr. Pocta began by emphasizing that ORA is one of the parties sponsoring the proposed settlement in this proceeding, and urging adoption of the settlement without modification. Mr. Pocta addressed the how the PD differed from the Settlement Agreement in three areas: (1) Rule 20A; (2) Residential Rate Reform Memorandum Account (RRRMA); and (3) Tax Memorandum Account.

Mr. Pocta discussed the significant issues that were addressed by the Settlement Agreement which included the level of management incentives that were customer-funded, and depreciation expense. Mr. Pocta also explained why ORA proposed a third post-test year and why the Commission should adopt a 4-year rate case cycle for the large energy utilities, either in this PG&E rate case or in Rulemaking 13-11-006.

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Respectfully submitted,

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