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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company for Approval of Ratepayer Funding to Perform Additional Seismic Studies Recommended by the California Energy Commission. (U39E)

Application 10-01-014
(Filed January 15, 2010)

ASSIGNED COMMISSIONER'S SCOPING MEMO AND RULING

I am issuing this scoping memo and ruling to confirm the proceeding category and need for hearing, establish the issues and timetable, and designate the principal hearing officer.

Scope of the Proceeding

This proceeding will address the following issues:

1. The scope of the seismic and tsunami studies identified by the applicant;
2. The costs of the studies; and whether they should be capped;
3. Whether shareholders of Pacific Gas and Electric Company will bear a share of the costs;
4. Whether outside experts should be retained to review the planned studies and their costs; and
5. The structure of the Independent Peer Review Panel authorized in Decision 10-08-003.

TIMETABLE

Event	Date
Rebuttal Testimony	March 23, 2012
Hearings in San Francisco	April 18-20, 2012
Opening Briefs	May 18, 2012
Reply Briefs	June 1, 2012
Commission Decision	August 31, 2012

These dates may be subject to change by either the assigned Commissioner or assigned Administrative Law Judge (ALJ). In no event will this matter conclude more than 18 months from today.

Category and Need for Hearing

This ruling confirms that this is a ratesetting proceeding and that a hearing is required.

Principal Hearing Officer

ALJ Robert Barnett is designated as the principal hearing officer, and thus will be the presiding officer.

Final Oral Argument Before the Commission

Any party wishing to exercise the right to make a final oral argument before the Commission must file a written request and serve it on all parties and the assigned Commissioner and assigned ALJ not later than the last day of the evidentiary hearing.

IT IS RULED that:

1. The issues to be considered are those described in this ruling.
2. The timetable for the proceeding is as set forth herein.
3. This is a ratesetting proceeding.

4. A hearing is needed.
5. Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Robert Barnett is designated as the principal hearing officer.
6. Any party wishing to make a final argument before the Commission must file a written request and serve it on all parties and the assigned Commissioner and assigned ALJ not later than the last day of evidentiary hearing.

Dated March 6, 2012, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ MICHEL PETER FLORIO

Michel Peter Florio
Assigned Commissioner