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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric  
Company to Recover Pumped Storage  
Study Costs. (U39E)

Application 10-08-011  
(Filed August 20, 2010)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING  
CANCELLING PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

**Summary**

This Administrative Law Judge's (ALJ) Ruling cancels a prehearing conference (PHC) in this proceeding previously scheduled for January 25, 2011, as discussed below.

**Discussion**

On November 19, 2010, the then assigned Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) in this proceeding, ALJ Jeffrey O'Donnell, issued a ruling setting a second prehearing conference (PHC) for January 25, 2011. On December 16, 2011, the Commission issued Rulemaking (R.) 10-12-007 pursuant to Assembly Bill 2514 to consider energy storage systems. Attachment A to R.10-12-007 is a white paper developed in July, 2010 by the Commission's Policy and Planning Division (PPD). One of the energy storage systems in the PPD's white paper addresses pumped hydro storage, which may have a relationship to the pumped storage study costs requested in this proceeding.

R.10-12-007 requires respondents including Pacific Gas and Electric Company to provide comments by January 21, 2011. As the comments in

R.10-12-007 may impact the direction and issues in this proceeding it is reasonable to review these comments before considering how to scope this proceeding. Accordingly, it would be inefficient to schedule a PHC only four days after the R.10-12-007 comments are due to be received.

As the recently assigned ALJ in this proceeding, I intend to review parties' comments in R.10-12-007 and determine the degree to which issues in that proceeding may impact those in this proceeding. That review will determine a more reasonable date for a second PHC in this proceeding.

Therefore, **IT IS RULED** that the previously scheduled prehearing conference on January 25, 2011 is cancelled.

Dated December 23, 2010, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ BRUCE DeBERRY  
Bruce DeBerry  
Administrative Law Judge

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