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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Rulemaking on the Commission's Own Motion to Adopt New Safety and Reliability Regulations for Natural Gas Transmission and Distribution Pipelines and Related Ratemaking Mechanisms.

Rulemaking 11-02-019
(Filed February 24, 2011)

**ASSIGNED COMMISSIONER'S RULING SETTING ORAL ARGUMENT
BEFORE THE COMMISSION, DESIGNATING PRESIDING OFFICER FOR
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE ISSUES, AND SCHEDULING REPORT TO
COMMISSION FROM PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY**

1. Order to Show Cause Issues

Oral argument before a quorum of the Commission shall be held as follows:

**Monday, April 11, 2011
10:00 a.m.
Commission Auditorium
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, California**

Each party may appear and be prepared to offer legal and policy argument in support its specific recommendations on the Order to Show Cause issues. The respondent is allocated 15 minutes for its presentation and will present first. Each other party is allocated 10 minutes, and no rebuttal presentations will be made. The Commissioners may ask questions of each presenter.

All Commissioners are invited to attend and participate in the oral argument. Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) and the Consumer

Protection and Safety Division shall have witnesses available to respond to questions regarding the proposed stipulation and Order to Show Cause.

The presiding officer for the issues included within the Order to Show Cause shall be the assigned Administrative Law Judge, Maribeth A. Bushey.

As scheduled at the March 28, 2011, hearing, the parties supporting the proposed stipulation shall file and serve motions to that effect on March 30, 2011, and other parties may file and serve responses no later than noon, April 8, 2011. The record on the Order to Show Cause issues shall be closed and the matter submitted with the conclusion of the oral argument.

2. Report to Commission on Gas Transmission Pipeline System Examination and Analysis Since September 9, 2010

In the over six months since the rupture and explosion of Line 132 in San Bruno, PG&E has been engaged in numerous inspection and examination efforts of its gas transmission and distribution system. The Commission, and the public, is extremely interested in what PG&E has found to date, its plans for future such activities, as well as any remedial measures being considered. Although not part of the record of the Order to Show Cause, the above-scheduled oral argument provides a convenient time for PG&E to report formally to the Commission on the efforts and any preliminary results that may be available.

Therefore, PG&E shall provide its most senior engineer in charge of the inspection and examination efforts, as well as any other personnel that might be necessary, to report to the Commission. The report shall take the form of testimony under oath before the Commission and shall include summary descriptions of PG&E's gas transmission and distribution system inspection and examination efforts, any preliminary or tentative results, planned further efforts, any potential remedial measures being considered, and any fact or issue

discovered that may affect public safety. PG&E's representatives shall give particular emphasis to any evidence discovered that might have a bearing on public safety. The scope of this report includes all matters within this rulemaking and is not limited to the Order to Show Cause issues. The report shall immediately follow the oral argument scheduled above in the same location.

IT IS RULED that:

1. Oral argument on the Order to Show Cause issues before a quorum of the Commission is scheduled as set forth above. Respondent is allocated 15 minutes for its presentation, and each other party is allocated 10 minutes. Pacific Gas and Electric Company and the Consumer Protection and Safety Division shall have witnesses available to respond to questions regarding the proposed stipulation and Order to Show Cause.

2. Parties supporting the proposed Order to Show Cause stipulation shall file and serve motions to that effect on March 30, 2011, and other parties may file and serve responses no later than noon, April 8, 2011.

3. The record on the Order to Show Cause issues shall be closed and the matter submitted with the conclusion of the oral argument.

4. Pursuant to Rule 7.3(a) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the assigned Administrative Law Judge, Maribeth A. Bushey, is designated the presiding officer for the Order to Show Cause issues.

5. PG&E shall provide its most senior engineer in charge of its gas transmission and distribution system inspection and examination efforts, as well as any other personnel that might be necessary, to report to the Commission on the inspection and examination efforts, any preliminary or tentative results, planned further efforts, any potential remedial measures being considered, and

