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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company for Adoption of its Smart Grid Pilot Deployment Project. (U39E)

Application 11-11-017
(Filed November 21, 2011)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING SCHEDULING
PREHEARING CONFERENCE FOR FEBRUARY 3, 2012**

On November 21, 2011, Pacific Gas and Electric Company filed an application for Commission approval of its Smart Grid Pilot Deployment Project. Parties filed timely protests to the application on December 21 and 23, 2011.¹ This Ruling schedules a Prehearing Conference (PHC) at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, February 3, 2012, in Commission Courtroom, State Office Building, 505 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, CA 94102. At the PHC, parties will be expected to address the need for hearings, the issues to be considered in this proceeding, and the timetable for resolving the issues and other procedural matters.

¹ The Utility Reform Network, Greenlining Institute, and Marin Energy Authority filed protests on December 21, 2011 and Direct Access Coalition, Alliance for Retail Energy Markets, and the Division of Ratepayer Advocates filed protests on December 23, 2011.

Service List/Filing and Service of Documents

Parties must file certain documents as required by the Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure² (Rules) or in response to rulings by either the assigned Commissioner or the assigned Administrative Law Judge (ALJ). All formally filed documents must be filed with the Commission's Docket Office and served on the service list for the proceeding. Article 1 of the Rules contains all Commission filing requirements.

Parties are encouraged to file and serve electronically, whenever possible. This proceeding will follow the electronic service protocols adopted by the Commission in Rule 1.10 for all documents, whether formally filed or just served. This Rule allows electronic service of documents, in a searchable format, unless the party or state service list member did not provide an e-mail address. If no e-mail address was provided, service should be made by U.S. mail. Concurrent e-mail service to ALL persons on the service list for whom an e-mail address is available, including those listed under "Information Only," is required. Parties are expected to provide paper copies of served documents upon request. In addition, parties should provide the assigned Commissioner and ALJ with paper copies. More information about electronic filing is available at <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/puc/efiling>.

Parties are responsible for ensuring that the correct information is contained on the service list, and notifying the Commission's Process Office and other parties of corrections or ministerial changes. (Rule 1.9(f).) Parties must use the most current service list each time service is performed. The service list for

² http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/WORD_PDF/AGENDA_DECISION/143256.PDF.

this proceeding is on the Commission's web site at:

http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/published/service_lists/A1111017_80175.htm.

Discovery

Any party may obtain discovery from any other party regarding any matter, not privileged, that is relevant to the subject matter involved in the pending proceeding. Discovery shall be conducted according to Article 10 of the Commission's Rules. If they have not done so already, parties should begin the process of discovery. Disputes regarding discovery should be initially addressed by parties through a good faith meet and confer. Continuing disputes may be resolved through the procedures set forth in Rule 11.3 of the Commission's Rules.

Any person interested in participating in this proceeding who is unfamiliar with the Commission's procedures or who has questions about the electronic filing procedures should contact the Commission's Public Advisor at (866) 849-8390 or (415) 703-2074, or (866) 836-7825 (TTY-toll free), or send an e-mail to public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov.

IT IS RULED that:

1. A Prehearing Conference in this proceeding will be conducted beginning at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, February 3, 2012, in the Commission Hearing Room, 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102.
2. At the Prehearing Conference, parties should be prepared to address the need for hearing, the issues to be considered in this proceeding, the timetable for resolving the issues and other procedural matters.

