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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Investigation on the Commission's Own Motion into the Operations and Practices of Pacific Gas and Electric Company with Respect to Facilities Records for its Natural Gas Transmission System Pipelines.

Investigation 11-02-016
(Filed February 24, 2011)

(NOT CONSOLIDATED)

Order Instituting Investigation on the Commission's Own Motion into the Operations and Practices of Pacific Gas and Electric Company's Natural Gas Transmission Pipeline System in Locations with High Population Density.

Investigation 11-11-009
(Filed November 10, 2011)

(NOT CONSOLIDATED)

Order Instituting Investigation on the Commission's Own Motion into the Operations and Practices of Pacific Gas and Electric Company to Determine Violations of Public Utilities Code Section 451, General Order 112, and Other Applicable Standards, Laws, Rules and Regulations in Connection with the San Bruno Explosion and Fire on September 9, 2010.

Investigation 12-01-007
(Filed January 12, 2012)

(NOT CONSOLIDATED)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES' RULING GRANTING MOTION OF PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY AND CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO TO ADOPT STIPULATED PROTECTIVE ORDER REGARDING FINANCIAL RESOURCES TESTIMONY

This Administrative Law Judges' (ALJs) Ruling (Ruling) grants the joint motion filed by Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) and City and County of San Francisco (CCSF) to adopt a stipulation for a protective order regarding

access to confidential material provided to the Consumer Protection and Safety Division (CPSD) and Overland Consulting Inc. regarding PG&E Corporation's financial resources. The Stipulated Protective Order shall be issued separately.

On September 7, 2012, CPSD filed a motion in Investigation (I.) 12-01-007, I.11-02-016 and I.11-11-009 requesting leave to serve additional prepared testimony regarding PG&E Corporation's financial resources. This prepared testimony consists of a study prepared by Overland Consulting, Inc. (Overland Study) regarding PG&E Corporation's financial resources and ability to pay fines and/or remedies up to a certain amount without directly or indirectly harming ratepayers. The Overland Study contains confidential material provided by PG&E Corporation. CPSD's motion was granted by email ruling on September 14, 2012.¹ The email ruling further provided that other parties could receive un-redacted, confidential copies of the Overland Study, subject to the appropriate non-disclosure agreements.

On October 3, 2012, PG&E and CCSF filed a joint motion seeking a protective order to provide a confidential copy of the Overland Study to CCSF. In their motion, PG&E and CCSF state that although they have not been able to reach a nondisclosure agreement, PG&E is willing to provide the confidential material pursuant a protective order issued by the ALJs in these proceedings.

We find good cause to grant the joint motion. As noted by PG&E and CCSF, the two other active parties, The Utility Reform Network and the City of San Bruno, have entered into non-disclosure agreements with PG&E and already

¹ This email ruling was subsequently affirmed in a ruling issued on September 25, 2012. The September 25th ruling also adopted a schedule for consideration of this additional testimony.

have confidential copies of the Overland Study. Consequently, they will not be prejudiced if the joint motion is granted.

IT IS RULED that:

1. The joint motion of filed by Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) and City and County of San Francisco for a protective order regarding access to confidential material provided to the Consumer Protection and Safety Division and Overland Consulting Inc. regarding PG&E Corporation's financial resources is granted.

2. The Stipulated Protective Order, issued separately, is effective immediately.

Dated October 4, 2012, at San Francisco, California.

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