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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Investigation and Order to Show Cause 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 Distribution System Pipelines.

Investigation 14-11-008
(Filed November 20, 2014)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE AND GRANTING MOTIONS FOR PARTY STATUS

On November 20, 2014, the Commission opened this Investigation and issued an Order to Show Cause in response to six incidents on the Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E) natural gas distribution system. Each incident is summarized in the Commission's Order, and all involve distribution system facilities either being inaccurately mapped or facility specifications being incorrectly recorded.

On December 22, 2014, PG&E filed its Initial Report on the incidents which, as required by the Commission's Order, included "all reasons of fact and law" that supported a conclusion that PG&E "has committed no violation of law with respect to its gas distribution recordkeeping." PG&E also set forth its efforts to enhance gas distribution system recordkeeping accuracy, accessibility, and controls, as well as operational safety improvements. PG&E responded to the Order's allegations that it had violated statutory provisions and Commission regulations with its own legal analysis, including due process objections.

On December 19, 2014, the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea and on December 23, 2014, The Utility Reform Network filed motions requesting party status.

1. Prehearing Conference

A prehearing conference is scheduled:

**Monday, March 9, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.
Commission Hearing Room
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102**

The Commission's Safety and Enforcement Staff and PG&E must appear, and other parties may appear, at the prehearing conference. Given the evidentiary record that has been compiled to date, all participating parties should be prepared to identify disputed issues of material fact that will require evidentiary hearings. Parties should also be prepared to report on the status of discovery and propose a schedule to complete any needed discovery.

2. Motions for Party Status

The motions for party status of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea and The Utility Reform Network are granted.

IT IS SO RULED.

Dated February 25, 2015, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ MARIBETH A. BUSHEY

Maribeth A. Bushey
Administrative Law Judge