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

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Develop a
Successor to Existing Net Energy Metering Tariffs
Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 2827.1,
and to Address Other Issues Related to Net Energy
Metering.

Rulemaking 14-07-002
(Filed July 10, 2014)

**PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY
NOTICE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATION**

Pursuant to Rule 8.4 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) hereby gives notice of the following communication. The communication occurred on Monday, April 25, 2016, at 3:30 PM at the offices of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). The communication included a handout, which is attached. [Rule 8.4 (a)]

Sidney Dietz, Director, Regulatory Relations, PG&E, initiated the communication with Nicolas Chaset, Chief of Staff to Commission President Michael Picker. Also present at the meeting from the CPUC were: Scott Murtishaw, advisor to Commission President Picker, who joined by telephone; Sara Kamins and Elizabeth Curran of the Energy Division. Also present from PG&E were: Dan Halperin, Director, Distributed Generation; and David Gabbard, Director, Electric Generation Interconnection. [Rule 8.4 (b)]

Mr. Halperin stated that the queue of projects that would be eligible for NEM 1, under the joint CALSEIA/SEIA/PG&E proposal for new eligibility criteria, is now large

enough to surpass the NEM 1 cap. Mr. Halperin further stated that if the decision were made now and the cap were filled in this way, no further projects would be eligible for NEM 1, including projects that could have been eligible under the old rules. Mr. Gabbard stated that there might not be a NEM 2 tariff or an interim tariff in place. Mr. Dietz further stated that some customers, with both large and small projects, have an expectation that there will be a reservation system, but that others do not have that expectation. Mr. Gabbard and Mr. Halperin described PG&E's plan to engage with solar parties as the NEM cap is reached, and how such effort should also be made to solar customers. [Rule 8.4 (c)]

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTACHMENT

Daily AB 327 Net Energy Metering (NEM) Program Limit Report¹

Data updated as of 4/24/16

Total Available MW Cap		2,409 MW	5% of 48,177 MW
Applications Received in April 2016 through 4/24/16 <i>(New requests for NEM interconnection)</i>	# 4,383	MWs 84.26	
Total NEM Applications in Queue² as of 4/24/16 <i>(Total pending requests for NEM interconnection)</i>	# 646	MWs 16.49	
Cumulative NEM Installations³ <i>(Projects approved for NEM interconnection)</i>	# 242,884	MWs 1,996.47	
NEM Installations and Pending Applications <i>(Cumulative MW installed under NEM + NEM MW in Queue)</i>	# 243,530	MWs 2,012.96	Percentage 4.18%
Remaining MW to Cap <i>(NEM Cap minus (Cumulative MW installed under NEM + NEM MW in Queue))</i>		MWs 396.04	

NOTES:

¹The purpose of this report is to adhere to Public Utilities (PU) Code Section 2827(c)(4)(C), which directs each large electrical corporation to file a monthly report with the California Public Utilities Commission detailing the progress toward the NEM program limit. This report includes all systems either seeking interconnection or interconnected under the NEM program pursuant to PU Code Section 2827 (e.g., solar, wind, fuel cells using renewable fuels, etc.)

²Complete NEM applications that have been received and are pending authorization to operate from PG&E as through the month indicated on this file

³Includes cumulative installations approved for NEM interconnection since NEM inception in 1996 (does not include systems that terminated NEM interconnection with the utility)

PG&E is providing further information about the available capacity under the NEM Program cap. This information is in addition to the Monthly AB327 NEM Program Limit Report provided above.

Total NEM Requests Pending⁴ as of 4/24/16 <i>(Total submitted requests pending customer action such as providing final building permit to PG&E)</i>	# 16,193	MWs 432.15	
Remaining MWs to NEM Cap Assuming All Pending Requests in Gold Bar Above Complete Their Projects and Provide PG&E With the Final Building Permits Required To Be Approved for NEM.		MWs -36.10	

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⁴Total pending NEM requests received by PG&E. These pending NEM requests are distinct from the "Total NEM Applications in Queue" reported above, which have submitted completed application packages. Rather, the "Total NEM Request Pending" includes only NEM requests that are pending further applicant actions necessary to complete their NEM Application.