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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company for Authority, Among Other Things, to Increase Rates and Charges for Electric and Gas Service Effective on January 1, 2017 (U 39 M).

Application 15-09-001
(Filed September 1, 2015)

ASSIGNED COMMISSIONER'S RULING AND SECOND AMENDED SCOPING MEMO

Pursuant to Rule 7.3(a) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (Rules)¹, this ruling provides the second Amended Scoping Memo for this proceeding, the General Rate Case Phase 1 application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) for authority to increase its gas and electric distribution and electric generation base revenue requirements based on a 2017 test year.

The first Scoping Memo was issued in this proceeding by ruling dated December 1, 2015 (December 2015 Scoping Memo). The first Amended Scoping Memo was issued on June 23, 2016 (First Amended Scoping Memo). The First Amended Scoping Memo acknowledged the ongoing settlement discussions between PG&E and other parties and extended the schedule for evidentiary

¹ All subsequent references to Rules are to the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. The current version of the Rules is available on the Commission's website.

hearings and related deadlines in this proceeding, in order to allow settlement discussions to continue.

On August 3, 2016, PG&E and fourteen parties in this proceeding (Moving Parties) filed a joint motion for adoption of a Settlement Agreement (Motion for Settlement). On the same day, Moving Parties also filed a motion to shorten the time for responses and replies to the Motion for Settlement.

Rule 12 governs settlements and provides in relevant part that parties may, by written motion any time after the first Prehearing Conference, propose settlements on the resolution of any material issue of law or fact or on a mutually agreeable outcome to the proceeding (Rule 12.1 (a)). Under Rule 12.2, parties may file comments contesting all or part of a settlement within 30 days of the date that the motion for adoption of settlement was served. Parties may file reply comments within 15 days after the last day for filing comments. The Moving Parties request that the time for comments be shortened to 15 calendar days, and that the time for replies be shortened to 7 calendar days. Thus, Moving Parties request that comments be due on August 18, 2016 and replies be due on August 25, 2016.

Moving parties provide three justifications for their request. First, all parties providing testimony in this proceeding have joined the settlement and are Moving Parties, and all of the then-current parties to the proceeding were invited to the settlement discussions starting in early June 2016. Second, the Settlement Agreement resolves all issues in the proceeding, except two for which the Settlement Agreement proposes a comment-based process to enable their resolution by the Commission. Third, a shortened comment period would allow

for workshops or hearings on the Settlement Agreement to be held during the week of August 29, 2016, which would allow the Commission and the parties to take advantage of the hearing dates previously scheduled in the First Amended Scoping Memo. This would, in turn, help to expedite the issuance of a final decision in this matter.

It is reasonable to shorten the comment period for the Motion for Settlement, for the reasons provided by Moving Parties. Therefore, the schedule in this proceeding shall be revised as shown in Table 1 below. The date of August 30, 2016 is reserved for a public workshop on the Settlement Agreement, in order to allow the assigned Commissioner, the assigned Administrative Law Judge, and other interested parties to pose questions to the Moving Parties regarding the Settlement Agreement. The dates of August 31 through September 2, 2016 are reserved for evidentiary hearings, should the Presiding Officer determine that hearings are necessary. At this time, the date for issuance of the proposed decision is left unchanged from the date established in the First Amended Scoping Memo.

Table 1
MODIFIED PROCEEDING SCHEDULE

Activity	Date
PG&E notification to all parties of settlement conference to be held on August 3, 2016	July 21, 2016
Settlement Conference	August 3, 2016
Joint Motion for Settlement filed by Moving Parties	August 3, 2016
Opening Comments on Settlement Filed and Served	August 18, 2016
Reply Comments on Settlement Filed and Served	August 25, 2016
Workshop on Settlement Agreement at 10:00 a.m. Commission Courtroom State Office Building 505 Van Ness Avenue San Francisco, CA 94102	August 30, 2016
Evidentiary Hearings begin at 9:00 a.m. Commission Courtroom State Office Building, 505 Van Ness Avenue San Francisco, CA 94102	August 31 – September 2, 2016
Proposed decision	January 5, 2017
Final decision	February 9, 2017

It is anticipated that this proceeding will conclude within 18 months of the issuance of this Second Amended Scoping Memo, pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 1701.5.

IT IS RULED that that pursuant to Rule 7.3(a) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, this Second Amended Scoping Memo is adopted. The schedule for the proceeding is modified as described in Table 1 above.

Dated August 10, 2016, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ MICHAEL PICKER

Michael Picker
Assigned Commissioner