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

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Continue
Implementation and Administration of California
Renewables Portfolio Standard Program.

Rulemaking 11-05-005
(Filed May 5, 2011)

**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 *ex parte* communications. The communications occurred on Friday, September 30, 2016, at approximately 10:15 AM and Tuesday, October 4, 2016 at 10:55 AM to the offices of the California Public Utilities Commission. The two communications lasted approximately 15 minutes.

Erik Jacobson, Director, Regulatory Relations, PG&E, initiated the communications by telephone to Ehren Seybert, Energy Advisor to Commissioner Carla Peterman. He inquired about the timing of a proposed decision regarding PG&E's January 22, 2016 Petition for Modification (PFM) of D.14-11-042 to eliminate the requirement that PG&E conduct solicitations in 2016 and 2017 for the remaining capacity from solar photovoltaic (PV) resources associated with PG&E's closed PV program. He said that on July 14, 2016, PG&E also filed a Motion to hold the 2016 solicitation in abeyance pending the outcome on its PFM and that there has been no Commission action on either this Motion or the PFM. Mr. Jacobson explained that proceeding with the solicitation makes

little sense for PG&E's customers because PG&E has no need for incremental Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) resources until far in the future. He stated that under D.14-11-042, PG&E will need to commence its solicitation by the end of 2016. To achieve that target date, planning for the solicitation must commence as soon as possible. If PG&E proceeds with the solicitation, it plans to file an Advice Letter for approval of an updated Power Purchase Agreement and protocols around mid-October. It is therefore important to obtain some guidance from the Commission regarding either PG&E's Motion or PFM. Absent such guidance, PG&E will proceed with the solicitation.

Respectfully submitted,

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