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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company for Approval of Demand Response Programs, Pilots and Budgets for Program Years 2018-2022	Application 17-01-012
And Related Matters	Application 17-01-018 Application 17-01-019

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING NOTICING PREHEARING CONFERENCE AND ASKING FOR PREHEARING CONFERENCE STATEMENTS

Parties to this proceeding are hereby notified of a prehearing conference to be held on Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. The purpose of the prehearing conference is to discuss the filing by Pacific Gas and Electric Company, San Diego Gas & Electric Company, and Southern California Edison Company (the Utilities) of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Tariff Amendment to Implement Energy Storage and Distributed Energy Resources Requirements, pursuant to Decision 17-12-003, and to discuss next steps for determining demand response baselines.

In preparation for the prehearing conference, parties are directed to file prehearing conference statements addressing the questions contained within this ruling. The statements shall be filed no later than Thursday, January 3, 2019.

1. Background

A baseline is an estimate of the electricity that would have been consumed by a customer in the absence of a demand response event. The baseline is the primary tool for measuring curtailment during a demand response event.

Decision (D.) 17-12-003, which adopted demand response budgets and activities for 2018-2022, determined that the Commission would address the issue of baselines for demand response programs once the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) approved wholesale baselines for the California Independent System Operator (CAISO). The decision directed Pacific Gas and Electric Company, San Diego Gas & Electric Company, and Southern California Edison Company (the Utilities) to file a copy of the FERC tariff in this proceeding, once the FERC adopted the wholesale baselines. D.17-12-003 also stated that the assigned Administrative Law Judge would schedule a prehearing conference following the filing of the FERC tariff.

Pursuant to D.17-12-003, on November 8, 2018, the Utilities filed in this proceeding a copy of the FERC Tariff Amendment to Implement Energy Storage and Distributed Energy Resources Requirements (*i.e.*, baseline methodologies).

2. Discussion

As discussed in D.17-12-033, a prehearing conference is scheduled for Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Rooms at 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102.

In preparation for the prehearing conference, parties are directed to file prehearing conference statements no later than Thursday, January 3, 2019. The major contention in this proceeding is that the 10 in 10 baseline currently used by the Commission for commercial and industrial demand response programs may

not accurately estimate the load reduction from all customer types.¹ In order to move forward in addressing this question, the prehearing statements should address the following questions:

- a. What issues should the Commission consider in determining whether to revise the current baseline?
- b. Will these issues result in the need for an evidentiary hearing?
- c. Is testimony needed or is a workshop followed by comments and reply comments the appropriate approach?
- d. This proceeding has a statutory deadline of July 17, 2019. Do you feel the Commission can adopt a baseline for demand response programs by this deadline?

IT IS RULED that:

1. A prehearing conference in this proceeding will be held on January 10, 2019 beginning at 11:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Rooms at 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102.

2. Prehearing Conference Statements addressing the questions above shall be filed no later than Thursday, January 3, 2019.

Dated November 30, 2018, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ KELLY A. HYMES
Kelly A. Hymes
Administrative Law Judge

¹ SDG&E Opening Brief, July 24, 2017 at 108.