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Pursuant to Rule 14.3(a) of the California Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) Rules of Practice and Procedure, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) files these opening comments on the Proposed Decision (PD) issued by Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Jean Vieth on July 13, 2010 in the above-referenced proceeding.

PG&E appreciates the Administrative Law Judge's (ALJ) efforts to streamline the modifications to Decision (D.)08-11-043 to conform the prior decision with the later-adopted statutory amendments in Assembly Bill (AB) 698. The ALJ has captured the key recommendations proposed in PG&E's Petition to Modify, filed on March 25, 2010. Therefore, PG&E supports the Commission's revisions and clarifications to D.08-11-043, as set forth in the PD.

Respectfully submitted,

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I, the undersigned, state that I am a citizen of the United States and am employed in the City and County of San Francisco; that I am over the age of eighteen (18) years and not a party to the within cause; and that my business address is Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Law Department B30A, 77 Beale Street, San Francisco, CA 94105.

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I certify and declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on this 26th day of July, 2010, at San Francisco, California.

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