



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

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Application of Pacific Gas and Electric )  
Company for Approval of Ratepayer Funding )  
to Perform Additional Seismic Studies )  
Recommended by the California Energy )  
Commission )  
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Application No. 10-01-014

**NOTICE OF WRITTEN EX PARTE COMMUNICATION**

I sent the attached letter by email to Commissioner Michael Peevey at 4:13 p.m. on January 27, 2012, with copies emailed to Commissioners Catherine Sandoval, Timothy Simon, Mark Ferron, Mike Florio.

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January 27, 2012

Michael Peevey, President  
California Public Utilities Commission  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear President Peevey:

At the January 23, 2012 meeting of the Independent Peer Review Panel (IPRP) established by D.10-08-003 to review PG&E's Diablo Canyon seismic study program, there was considerable confusion about the conspicuous absence of the United States Geological Survey (USGS) from the panel or the review process itself. This concern was first raised by the IPRP members some 16 months ago in "IPRP Report No. 1" issued September 30, 2010.

At the January 23 meeting CPUC staff indicated that USGS had been invited but declined to participate. Yesterday, I asked the staff to provide more detail of that interaction and I am including below what I received back. The level of nonchalance about a subject of this significance is mind-boggling. Is this what you meant when you confessed to the Legislature last August that the CPUC has fallen into a "culture of complacency" and a pattern of just "checking the boxes"?

I urge you and your colleagues to address the absence of USGS from the IPRP review process immediately.

Sincerely,

/s/

Rochelle Becker  
Executive Director

cc: Catherine Sandoval  
Timothy Simon  
Mark Ferron  
Mike Florio  
Mark Johnsson, CCC  
Barbara Byron, CEC  
Casey Weaver, CEC  
Chris Wills, CAGS

Richard McCarthy, SSSC  
Bruce Gibson, County of SLO  
Jennifer DeLeon, State Lands Comm.  
Ken Alex  
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Jonathan Changus, Office of Sen. Blakeslee  
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A.10-01-014 Parties

**From:** "Greene, Eric" <eric.greene@cpuc.ca.gov>  
**Date:** Thu, 26 Jan 2012 09:49:45 -0800  
**To:** "Rochelle" <beckers@thegrid.net>  
**Subject:** FW: A10 01 014, Seismic Studies Application, Motion of PG&E

Rochelle:

I sent the e-mail message below to Keith Knudsen of the USGS on Oct 3, 2011. A day or two later he telephoned me to say that the USGS declines to participate in the IPRP. I do not have any written record of this telephone call.

At the same time, I did send the same e-mail to Ron Alsop affiliated with the San Luis Obispo County. As you know, SLO County did agree to participate and nominated Dr Bruce Gibson. Dr Gibson was formally approved by ALJ Barnett at the PHC in A.10-01-014. At the PHC, you were also formally admitted as a party to this proceeding.

Eric

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**From:** Greene, Eric  
**Sent:** Monday, October 03, 2011 2:46 PM  
**To:** 'kknudsen@usgs.gov'  
**Subject:** FW: A10 01 014, Seismic Studies Application, Motion of PG&E

Keith

I'm forwarding PG&E's Motion to the CPUC to reopen proceeding A.10-01-015. Let me know if you have any questions or need more information.

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**From:** Greene, Eric  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 29, 2011 10:40 AM  
**To:** 'Mark Johnsson'; 'Barbara Byron'; 'Johanna Fenton'; 'Bob Anderson'; 'Parrish, John'; 'Abdel-Karim Abulaban'; 'Casey Weaver'; 'Richard McCarthy'; 'Wills, Chris'  
**Subject:** A10 01 014, Seismic Studies Application, Motion of PG&E

On Sept 23, PG&E filed a Motion to reopen its proceeding A.10-01-014 at the CPUC to request a total of \$64 million for seismic imaging project at DCP. Attached is PG&E's Motion.

Additionally, we are aware the San Luis Obispo County and USGS are interested in participating in the IPRP for DCP. The ALJ indicated that the best procedural approach is for the SLO County and USGS to file a Motion in this proceeding A.10-01-014 requesting participation in the IPRP and any other requests such as funding. I have the name of a contact for SLO County but I do not have a contact at USGS. Barbara, can you forward this message to the USGS with the suggestion to file a Motion with the CPUC in this proceeding A.10-01-014. The format of a Motion would be similar to the attached, and it would need to be served to all parties on the service list.

Thanks.

Eric