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Administrative Law Judge Division
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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION ALJ-248 - Ratification of changes to preliminary determinations pursuant to Rule 7.5 for Application 09-08-018 filed by Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

SUMMARY

This resolution approves the change of the preliminary determination made earlier by the Commission regarding the need for a hearing in Application 09-08-018.

DISCUSSION

Senate Bill (SB) 960 (Leonard, ch. 96-0856) requires, among other things, that the Commission categorize proceedings and determine the need for hearing for purposes of determining the applicable restrictions on ex parte communications and other applicable rules. The rules implementing these requirements are found, for the most part, in Articles 7 and 8 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

Pursuant to Rule 7.1(a), for proceedings initiated by application, the Commission's preliminary determination of category and need for hearing shall be confirmed or changed by assigned Commissioner's ruling pursuant to Rule 7.3.

Rule 7.5 requires Commission approval of assigned Commissioner's rulings that change the preliminary determination of category or need for hearing. The Commission has reviewed the *Amended Scoping Memo and Ruling* in Application 09-08-018 and approves the assigned Commissioner's ruling changing the determination of hearing needed to no hearing needed, consistent with the definitions of Rule 1.3 and the requirements of Article 7 of its rules.

IT IS ORDERED that the assigned Commissioner's *Amended Scoping Memo and Ruling* changing the preliminary determination from the need for hearing to no hearing needed, as set forth above, is approved.

This resolution is effective today.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was duly introduced, passed, and adopted at a conference of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California held on April 8, 2010, the following Commissioners voting favorably thereon:

/s/ PAUL CLANON

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