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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Investigation on the Commission's Own Motion into the Operations and Practices of Pacific Gas and Electric Company's Natural Gas Transmission Pipeline System in Locations with High Population Density.

Investigation 11-11-009
(Filed November 10, 2011)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING
SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

This Administrative Law Judge's ruling (Ruling) sets a prehearing conference (PHC) in this proceeding at 10:00 a.m. on April 17, 2012 in the Commission Courtroom, State Office Building, 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, California. The purpose of the PHC is to discuss the schedule for this proceeding and to address any other matters that may arise.

The Commission opened this Order Instituting Investigation (OII) to determine whether Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) violated any provisions of the California Public Utilities Code, Commission rules, general orders, or decisions, federal regulations, or other applicable rules or requirements pertaining to the operation of its natural gas transmission pipeline system in or near locations of higher population density. Pursuant to the

directives of the OII, PG&E filed its response on January 17, 2012.¹ As part of its response, PG&E stated that it was still reviewing the segments that were identified as not operating commensurate with their present class location and validating data. Consequently, PG&E stated it would provide parties with interim updates of its review and file a final update on March 30, 2012.

At the PHC held on February 3, 2012, there was discussion concerning PG&E's update to its January 17, 2012 response. Based on discussion at the PHC, PG&E shall file a single update to its January 17, 2012 response on April 2, 2012 and not provide interim updates. PG&E shall also respond to the Commission's Consumer Protection and Safety Division's data requests on or before that date.

This Ruling sets a PHC for April 17, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. Parties should be prepared to discuss a schedule for resolving this proceeding, including the dates for evidentiary hearings. Due to my availability, evidentiary hearings must be held and completed by July 13, 2012.

IT IS RULED that a prehearing conference is set for 10:00 a.m. on April 17, 2012 in the Commission Courtroom, State Office Building, 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, California.

Dated March 29, 2012, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ AMY C. YIP-KIKUGAWA
Amy C. Yip-Kikugawa
Administrative Law Judge

¹ The OII directed PG&E to file its response within 30 days after the OII was mailed. This would have been December 10, 2011. However, PG&E requested and was granted an extension of time to file its response to January 17, 2012.