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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company for Authority to Increase Revenue Requirements to Recover the Costs to Deploy an Advanced Metering Infrastructure.

Application 05-06-028
(Filed June 16, 2005)

**ASSIGNED COMMISSIONER'S RULING REOPENING PROCEEDING,
REQUIRING THAT REPORTS BE FILED IN THIS PROCEEDING, AND
ORDERING PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY TO RELEASE PRIOR
AND FUTURE REPORTS TO THE PUBLIC**

Decision (D.) 06-07-027 authorized Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) to deploy an Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) project. The project includes the removal of customer meters and the installation of new meters known as Smart Meters, as well as retrofitting existing meters with communications modules. The Commission is investigating the accuracy of the meters that have been deployed. In order to have full information to assist in our investigation, it is appropriate to reopen this proceeding, direct that the reports that we ordered PG&E to prepare in Ordering Paragraphs 4 and 16 of D.06-07-027 be formally filed, and require that copies of those reports be made available to the public.

Ordering Paragraph 4 requires:

PG&E shall provide the Division of Ratepayer Advocates (DRA) and the Energy Division a regular summary report of the following information as is provided to PG&E's Executive Steering Committee on the status of the Project: (1) Project status; (2) Progress against baseline schedule including equipment installation and key

milestones; (3) Actual Project spending vs. forecast; and (4) Risk-based contingency allowance draw-down status. Unless more frequent reports are necessary, these shall be monthly.

Ordering Paragraph 16 requires:

PG&E shall provide the Chief Administrative Law Judge, Energy Division, DRA and all other parties in this proceeding a semi-annual report assessing AMI deployment as set forth herein, beginning six months after the effective date of this decision.

PG&E has been submitting the required reports to Energy Division.

The report under Ordering Paragraph 16 has been submitted as a public document. Energy Division has notified me that the reports submitted under Ordering Paragraph 4 have been stamped by PG&E as submitted under Pub. Util. Code § 583 which provides:

No information furnished to the commission by a public utility, or any business which is a subsidiary or affiliate of a public utility, or a corporation which holds a controlling interest in a public utility, except those matters specifically required to be open to public inspection by this part, shall be open to public inspection or made public except on order of the commission, or by the commission or a commissioner in the course of a hearing or proceeding. Any present or former officer or employee of the commission who divulges any such information is guilty of a misdemeanor.

In order to enhance the Commission and the public's understanding of the AMI project and under the authority granted to me under § 583, I direct PG&E to make copies of these reports public, both those previously submitted and those that will be filed going forward.

IT IS RULED that:

1. Application 05-06-028 is reopened.
2. No later than May 10, 2010, Pacific Gas and Electric Company shall formally file copies of all the reports ordered in Decision 06-07-027, Ordering Paragraphs 4 and 16, that have been submitted to Energy Division to date.
3. All future reports submitted under Decision 06-07-027, Ordering Paragraphs 4 and 16, shall also be formally filed in this proceeding as public Compliance Reports. The filing of these Compliance Reports will not reopen the record if this proceeding is already closed.
4. Pacific Gas and Electric Company shall provide, within two business days, copies of the reports ordered in Decision 06-07-027, Ordering Paragraphs 4 and 16, to any person who makes a request, or, if the documents are published on a website, to provide a working link to the reports.

Dated May 4, 2010, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ MICHAEL R. PEEVEY

Michael R. Peevey
Assigned Commissioner

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Dated May 4, 2010, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ CRISTINE FERNANDEZ
Cristine Fernandez

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