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Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company in its 2009 Nuclear Decommissioning Cost Triennial Proceeding (U39E).

Application 09-04-007
(Filed April 3, 2009)

Joint Application of Southern California Edison Company (U338E) and San Diego Gas & Electric Company (U902E) for the 2009 Nuclear Decommissioning Cost Triennial Proceeding to Set Contribution Levels for the Companies' Nuclear Decommissioning Trust Funds and Address Other Related Decommissioning Issues.

Application 09-04-009
(Filed April 3, 2009)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING
ADDRESSING BRIEFINGS AND REPORT BY
INDEPENDENT PANEL CREATED IN PHASE 1**

Decision (D.) 10-07-047, approved by the Commission on July 29, 2010 resolved all issues in Phase 1 of the 2009 Triennial Review of Nuclear Decommissioning Trusts and Related Decommissioning Activities For Southern California Edison Company, San Diego Gas & Electric Company, and Pacific Gas and Electric Company. The decision, in part, set the annual revenue requirements for the decommissioning trusts for each of the nuclear power plants owned by these three utilities primarily based on cost estimates submitted by the utilities and expected rates of return for trust fund investments.

In addition, D.10-07-047 created an independent panel of decommissioning cost experts to review certain cost-related issues, largely because the level of decommissioning funds accumulated by the utility trust funds in California is higher than in other states.¹ The Commission found variance in both technical and financial assumptions made by each of the utilities, as well as a lack of transparency and comparability between the cost estimates for the state's nuclear plants. The Independent Panel was asked to provide information about decommissioning activities in other states, determine whether common cost and financial assumptions could be applied, identify state-of-the-art ideas to reduce decommissioning costs, examine the use of contingency factors, and to identify a common format for the cost estimates.

In conformity with D.10-07-047, on February 22, 2011 at 10:00 a.m., a workshop will be held where the Independent Panel shall present the proposed Report for review and comment by parties and Commission Staff, including responding to questions and feedback. The workshop will be transcribed by a court reporter. The utilities shall coordinate efforts to assure that the Final Report by the Independent Panel is filed and served on the service list no later than March 1, 2011.

Parties may file and serve Opening Briefs no later than March 18, 2011 on whether the recommendations of the Final Report should be adopted or not adopted by the Commission in whole or part, or modified and adopted. Reply Briefs may be filed and served no later than March 31, 2011.

¹ D.10-07-047 at 39-43.

IT IS RULED that:

1. A workshop will be held in the Commission's Courtroom, State Office Building, 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, on February 22, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. for the Independent Panel to present the proposed Report for review and comment by the parties and Commission Staff.

2. The utilities shall coordinate efforts to assure that the Final Report by the Independent Panel is filed and served on the service list no later than March 1, 2011.

3. Parties may file and serve Opening Briefs no later than March 18, 2011 on whether the recommendations of the Final Report should be adopted or not adopted by the Commission in whole or part, or modified and adopted. Reply Briefs may be filed and served no later than March 31, 2011.

Dated February 1, 2011, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ MELANIE M. DARLING

Melanie M. Darling
Administrative Law Judge

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