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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company for Adoption of its Smart Grid Pilot Deployment Project (U39E).

Application 11-11-017
(Filed November 21, 2011)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING
PROVIDING GUIDANCE FOR BRIEFS**

This Ruling provides guidance to the parties of this proceeding regarding the filing of briefs and confirms other procedural matters stemming from the evidentiary hearings held on July 10-12, 2012.

Guidance for Briefs

In order to facilitate the development of briefs, I have created an outline of the issues in this proceeding that parties may address in their briefs (Attachment A.). All parties to the proceeding filing briefs and/or reply briefs should adhere to the briefing outline as set forth in Attachment A.

Other Procedural Matters

Upon review of the transcripts for the July 10-12, 2012 hearings, I want to confirm and clarify several issues to the parties: 1) Schedule for comments to Exhibit PGE-04 (PG&E's July 6, 2012 response to Energy Division's Data Request); 2) Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) request to late file Exhibit identified as PGE-08; 3) Briefing schedule; and 4) Deadline for Motions for Oral Argument.

Prior to hearings, I requested PG&E to prepare, as an exhibit, its July 6, 2012 response to Energy Division's data request regarding pilot criteria. During the hearing on July 10, 2012 several parties expressed concern that they had insufficient time to review this information. PG&E stated that the information presented in the exhibit marked as PGE-04 was clarification of prior testimony and not additive. In order to confirm this, I granted parties an opportunity to review PGE-04, and if there is information parties find to be additive or more than a clarification, they may file comments stating so no later than Friday, July 27, 2012. Reply comments are due on Friday, August 3, 2012.

During the hearing on July 12, 2012, PG&E requested to late-file an exhibit, identified as Exhibit PGE-08, which will provide the revised proposed revenue requirement numbers as errata to the revenue requirement testimony. The errata will reflect reductions in the costs proposed for the project that has been identified in other testimony. As there were no objections, PG&E shall late file the errata, as Exhibit PGE-08, no later than July 23, 2012.

A briefing scheduled was discussed during the July 12, 2012 hearing. Opening briefs shall be filed no later than August 20, 2012, and replies shall be filed no later than September 7, 2012.

Lastly, parties were reminded that the deadline for any motions for oral arguments is August 20, 2012.

IT IS RULED that:

1. Parties to this proceeding shall adhere to the issues outline, attached as Attachment 1, for the development and submission of briefs due on August 20, 2011 and reply briefs due on September 7, 2011;

2. Parties may file comments on Exhibit PGE-04 no later than July 27, 2012. Replies are due no later than August 3, 2012;

ATTACHMENT A

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OUTLINE FOR BRIEFS FILED IN A.11-11-017

1. INTRODUCTION

2. REVIEW OF THE SIX PROPOSED PILOTS

2.1. PILOT 1: SMART GRID LINE SENSORS

2.1.1. DOES THE PROPOSAL MEET PILOT CRITERIA (*Parties should describe whether or not the proposal meets the following pilot criteria. Parties may find that the proposal meets the criteria, doesn't meet the criteria, or may recommend revisions that enable it to meet the criteria.*)

- THE PILOT ADDRESSES A SPECIFIC CONCERN, GAP OR PROBLEM;
- NON-DUPLICATIVE: THE PILOT PRESENTS A NEW OR INNOVATIVE DESIGN, CONCEPT OR TECHNOLOGY THAT HAS NOT BEEN TESTED OR EMPLOYED;
- THE PILOT HAS CLEAR OBJECTIVES AND GOALS;
- THE PILOT HAS A CLEAR BUDGET;
- THE PILOT HAS A CLEAR TIMEFRAME AND SCHEDULE WITH MILESTONES AND ON/OFF RAMPS; THE PILOT HAS A SCHEDULE FOR SCALE UP;
- THE PILOT INCLUDES METHODOLOGIES TO PROVIDE A COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS; AND

- THE PILOT INCLUDES CLEAR PERFORMANCE METRICS WITH A PLAN FOR EVALUATION, MEASUREMENT AND VALIDATION AS WELL AS STRATEGIES TO IDENTIFY BEST PRACTICES.

2.1.2. DOES THIS PILOT COMPLY WITH SB 17 AND D.10-06-047?

2.1.3. DOES THIS PILOT AND ITS SCALED UP PROJECT ALIGN WITH OTHER SMART GRID PROJECTS AND THE DEPLOYMENT PLAN

2.1.4. IS THIS PILOT REASONABLE IN TERMS OF MEETING A SPECIFIC NEED OR PROVIDING A BENEFIT IN COMPARISON TO THE COST OF THE PILOT? CAN THIS PILOT ADDRESS ITS SPECIFIC CONCERN IN A COST-EFFECTIVE MANNER?

2.2. VOLTAGE AND REACTIVE POWER (Volt/VAR) OPTIMIZATION

Repeat same outline as section 2.1

2.3. DETECT & LOCATE DISTRIBUTION LINE OUTAGES & FAULTED CIRCUIT CONDITIONS

Repeat same outline as section 2.1

2.4. SHORT TERM DEMAND FORECASTING

Repeat same outline as section 2.1

2.5. TECHNOLOGY EVALUATION, STANDARDS AND TESTING

Repeat same outline as section 2.1

2.6. SMART GRID CUSTOMER OUTREACH AND EDUCATION

Repeat same outline as section 2.1

3. COSTS ALLOCATION AND RECOVERY ISSUES

(END OF ATTACHMENT A)