

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Southern California Edison Company (U338-E for Authority to Institute a Rate Stabilization Plan with a Rate Increase and End of Rate Freeze Tariffs.	Application 00-11-038
Emergency Application of Pacific Case and Electric Company (U 39 E) to Adopt a Rate Stabilization Plan.	Application 00-11-056
Petition of The Utility Reform Network for Modification of Resolution E-3527.	Application 00-10-028

**ASSIGNED COMMISSIONER'S RULING GRANTING,
IN PART, MOTION TO EXTEND PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

This ruling grants, in part, the motion of Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), requesting that the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) extend the schedule for hearings established by the September 26, 2001, "Assigned Commissioner's Ruling On Pacific Gas And Electric Company Motion Requesting Hearings On Computer Models" (ACR). The due date for the mailing of testimony shall be extended from October 15 to October 25. The balance of the schedule shall be adjusted by corresponding intervals, as set forth below.

PG&E's Request

PG&E proposes that the testimony due date set in the ACR be extended three weeks, to Monday, November 5, and that the remainder of the schedule be extended accordingly. PG&E argues that evaluation of the allocation of the DWR revenue requirement and preparation of testimony addressing the proper allocation cannot be adequately prepared in just over two weeks, as the ACR would require. The ACR calls for testimony on October 15. PG&E, however, indicates that it did not receive the DWR "revenue requirement model" until late in the day on Friday, September 28, 2001. By Monday, October 1, PG&E had already developed over 50 questions on the model and the underlying input data and assumptions, which it has forwarded to DWR. In view of the time required for DWR to respond, and for PG&E to evaluate and understand those responses, PG&E argues that DWR's responses will not be provided in sufficient time to allow PG&E's witnesses to prepare testimony under the schedule in the ACR.

Disposition

PG&E's request for an extension in the hearing schedule is hereby granted, in part, to the extent reflected below. The following revised schedule is hereby adopted.

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>
Modeling Workshop	Oct. 5
Testimony Due	Oct. 25
Prehearing Conference (10:00 a.m.)	Oct. 30
Evidentiary Hearings (9:00 a.m.)	Nov. 2-8
Concurrent Briefs	Nov. 15
Proposed ALJ Decision Mailed	Nov. 27
Comments on Proposed Decision	Dec. 4

Commission Meeting

Dec. 11

Public Utilities Code Section 311(d) states that the Commission will issue its decision not sooner than 30 days following filing and service of the proposed ALJ decision, except that the 30-day period may be reduced or waived in an unforeseen emergency situation or upon stipulation of all parties to the proceeding. In the procedural schedule shown above, it is assumed that one of exceptions under Section 311(d) will apply here, permitting a shortening of the 30-day period, as shown above.

The scope of issues to be addressed in hearings has already been prescribed in the ACR issued on September 26, 2001. PG&E, in its companion motion filed on October 2, 2001 asks for an expansion of the scope of evidentiary hearings to include (1) the mathematical accuracy of the DWR revenue requirement estimate; and (2) the effect of the DWR revenue requirement on the overall revenue requirement to be collected in utility rates.

Parties have already been provided an opportunity to examine and file comments on the mathematical accuracy of the DWR revenue requirement previously in this proceeding. The scope of the evidentiary hearings will not be expanded to add this issue. The effect of the DWR revenue requirement on the overall revenue requirement will be addressed in a later phase of this docket in conjunction with the determination of Utility Retained Generation revenue requirements, as previously stated in prior ruling on this issue. The scope of evidentiary hearings on DWR revenue allocation will not be expanded to add this issue.

IT IS RULED that:

1. The motion of Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) to extend the previously adopted schedule for this phase of the proceeding is granted, in part, to the extent reflected in the revised schedule as adopted above.

2. The motion of PG&E to expand the scope of Department of Water Resources revenue allocation evidentiary hearings to add additional issues is denied.

Dated October 5, 2001 , at San Francisco, California.

/s/ Geoffrey F. Brown

Geoffrey F. Brown
Assigned Commissioner

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Assigned Commissioner’s Ruling Granting, In Part, Motion to Extend Procedural Schedule, on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated October 5, 2001, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ Antonina V. Swansen
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