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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Continue  
the Development of Rates and  
Infrastructure for Vehicle Electrification.

Rulemaking 18-12-006

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES' RULING AMENDING  
LOAD RESEARCH REPORT DEADLINE FOR 2020 AND BEYOND**

**Summary**

This ruling extends the filing deadline for the 8th Electric Vehicle Load Research Report from January 31, 2020 to March 31, 2020. This ruling also establishes March 31 as the filing deadline for any subsequent Electric Vehicle Load Research Reports.

**1. Background**

In December 2018, the Commission initiated the instant rulemaking to continue its development of rates and infrastructure for vehicle electrification (DRIVE). On May 2, 2019, the assigned Commissioner issued the DRIVE Scoping Memo and Ruling (Scoping Ruling), that among other things, established January 31, 2020, as the filing deadline for the annual Electric Vehicle (EV) Load Research Report. The EV Load Research Report is an annual filing prepared by Pacific Gas and Electric Company, San Diego Gas & Electric Company, and Southern California Edison Company (collectively, the "utilities"). As the Scoping Ruling directed, the 2020 EV Load Research Report should incorporate

cost data related to infrastructure needed to upgrade commercial customer sites where zero emission vehicles are being deployed.<sup>1</sup>

On November 6, 2019, the utilities served the attached letter requesting an extension of time to file their 8th annual EV Load Research Report from January 31, 2020 to March 31, 2020. The utilities request the extension pursuant to Rule 16.6 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (Rules).<sup>2</sup> In addition to requesting an extension for the 2020 EV Load Research Report, the utilities request the deadline for all subsequent reports be modified to March 31. The utilities explain the March 31 deadline will allow the utilities to provide data based on a full-calendar year basis, rather than for the period of September through August.

We agree the EV Load Research Report will be more encompassing if the utilities can provide data for the report on a full calendar-year basis. However, because the Scoping Ruling was the procedural vehicle to set the deadline for the 2020 EV Load Research Report, Rule 16.6 does not give the Executive Director authority to extend such a deadline. Instead, Rule 11.6 gives an Administrative Law Judge the authority to modify time limits established in a ruling. Seeing that the request for the March 31 filing deadline was made jointly by the three large electric utilities, and that no party to DRIVE protested the November 6, 2019 letter, the utilities' requests are granted.

Pursuant to Rule 11.6, the utilities' 2020 EV Load Research Report shall be due on March 31, 2020, and any future EV Load Research Reports shall be due on March 31 of the given reporting year.

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<sup>1</sup> Scoping Ruling at 13.

<sup>2</sup> Rule 16.6 allows for requests for extension of time to comply with a Commission decision or order to be made via letter or e-mail to the Commission's Executive Director.

**IT IS RULED** that:

1. Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Southern California Edison Company, and San Diego Gas & Electric Company shall continue to file on an annual basis the Load Research Reports ordered in Decision (D.) 11-07-029, and extended in D.13-06-014 and D.16-06-011, and the Scoping Memo and Ruling for Rulemaking 18-12-006, on March 31 of the given reporting year.

2. Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Southern California Edison Company, and San Diego Gas & Electric Company shall file their next annual Load Research Report on March 31, 2020.

Dated January 6, 2020, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ SASHA GOLDBERG

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# **ATTACHMENT 1**



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November 6, 2019

**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

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**Re: Request of Investor Owned Utilities for Extension of Time to Comply with  
R.18-12-006**

Dear Ms. Stebbins:

Pursuant to Rule 16.6 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the California Public Utilities Commission, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, on behalf of itself, Southern California Edison Company, and San Diego Gas and Electric Company (collectively Investor Owned Utilities, or IOUs) respectfully request an extension of time of up to two months – from January 31, 2020 to March 31, 2020 – to file the 8th Joint IOU Electric Vehicle (EV) Load Research Report. The IOUs also request a modification of the filing deadline for all subsequent Load Research Reports to March 31<sup>st</sup> of any reporting year.

On July 25, 2011, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC or Commission) issued Decision (D.) 11-07-029 (Phase 2 Decision) in the Alternative-Fueled Vehicle Rulemaking, (R.) 09-08-009 (AFV OIR), to evaluate policies and develop infrastructure sufficient to overcome barriers for the deployment and use of Plug-in Electric Vehicles (PEV) in California. The Phase 2 Decision ordered the IOUs to conduct research to examine PEV customer charging behavior, as well as track service and distribution system upgrade costs related to PEV load. The requirement to file the EV Load Research Report has been extended several times since the Phase 2 Decision and the IOUs have filed annual Joint EV Load Research Report since 2012.<sup>1</sup>

The Development of Rates and Infrastructure for Vehicle Electrification Rulemaking, (R.) 18-12-006 (DRIVE OIR), issued December 19, 2018, directed the Commission to consider whether the

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<sup>1</sup> The latest decision extending these requirements, D.16-06-011, issued on June 13, 2016, extended the interim policy of treating the electric vehicle charging costs that exceed the allowances in Electric Rules 15 and 16 as common facility costs for another three years, to June 30, 2019, and extended the requirement to file the Load Research Report by another three years, to December 31, 2018.

Load Research Report includes all relevant data and whether or how to have the IOUs continue filing the reports. The DRIVE OIR Scoping Memo<sup>2</sup> provided further guidance by requiring the IOUs to continue to file the Load Research Report on an annual basis with the next report due January 31, 2020<sup>3</sup>. The Scoping Memo also requires the 2020 Load Research Report to incorporate commercial customer upgrade cost data related to EV deployment. Additionally, the IOUs will continue working closely with Energy Division to finalize the content and format of the report to be filed on March 31, 2020 to better align with the expanded scope requested.

In 2018, the Commission granted the IOUs' request to extend the filing deadline of the Load Research Report from January 1, 2019 to March 31, 2019. The IOUs have historically filed the annual Joint IOU EV Load Research Reports in the last week of December and the extension allowed the IOUs to provide the data for the report on a full calendar-year basis rather than for the period of September through August. This modification made the report easier to follow and more comparable to other publicly available data sources. If this extension is granted for the 2020 Load Research Report, and the deadline for all subsequent reports is modified to March 31, the IOUs could continue to include all data for each calendar year in the report.

For these reasons, the IOUs respectfully request that the deadline to file all future Joint IOU Load Research Reports, including the 2020 Load Research Report, be extended from January 31<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup> of any given reporting year. The IOUs request a decision on the extension request no later than November 25, 2019, in order to properly plan for filing in the instance the extension request is rejected by the Commission.

Sincerely,



Erik B. Jacobson  
Director - Regulatory Relations

cc: [aljextensionrequests@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:aljextensionrequests@cpuc.ca.gov)  
All Parties of Record in R.18-12-006

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<sup>2</sup> Assigned Commissioner's Scoping Memo and Ruling, issued May 5, 2019.

<sup>3</sup> Ordering Paragraph 9, p.18.

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy of **Request of Investor Owned Utilities for Extension of Time to Comply with R.18-12-006** to all known parties listed on official service list for Docket No. **R.18-12-006** by electronic mail (email) to all listed with valid email address, or by United State mail to all listed without email address. A copy was also served by email to: [aljextensionrequests@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:aljextensionrequests@cpuc.ca.gov).

Executed on November 6, 2019 at San Francisco, California.

*/s/ Penny Perkins*  
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