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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Investigation on the Commission's Own Motion to Consider the Ratemaking and Other Implications of a Proposed Plan for Resolution of Voluntary Case filed by Pacific Gas and Electric Company, pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code, in the United States Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of California, San Francisco Division, In re Pacific Gas and Electric Corporation and Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Case No.19-30088.

Investigation 19-09-016

E-MAIL RULING RE PROHIBITED EX PARTE COMMUNICATION

Dated May 20, 2020, at San Francisco, California.

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Administrative Law Judge

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Subject: I.19-09-016 PG&E Bankruptcy - E-Mail Ruling re Prohibited Ex Parte Communication (Abrams)

To William B. Abrams and All Parties:

On Tuesday, May 19, 2020, William B. Abrams (Abrams) sent an e-mail with attachments to the service list of this proceeding. In the body of the e-mail Abrams stated: "This is to notice the Commission and parties of this proceeding regarding my objections and those of the TCC filed in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court (Case #19-30088-DM)." The May 19, 2020 e-mail from Abrams is an ex parte communication under the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

On May 15 and May 18, 2020, the Commission held a Ratesetting Deliberative Meeting in this proceeding. Notice of the Ratesetting Deliberative Meeting was sent to the service list of this proceeding.

The April 20, 2020 cover letter to the proposed decision in this proceeding stated:

"The Commission may hold a Ratesetting Deliberative Meeting to consider this item in closed session in advance of the Business Meeting at which the item will be heard. In such event, notice of the Ratesetting Deliberative Meeting will appear in the Daily Calendar, which is posted on the Commission's website. If a Ratesetting Deliberative Meeting is scheduled, ex parte communications are prohibited pursuant to Rule 8.2(c)(4)(B)."

Accordingly, Abrams' ex parte communication was prohibited, and Abrams is ordered to file with the Commission no later than 5:00 pm today a notice of prohibited ex parte communication pursuant to Commission Rules 8.2 and 8.4.

The decision in this proceeding will be held until the Commission Meeting scheduled for May 28, 2020.

Other parties may respond to Abrams' ex parte communication only on Thursday, May 21, 2020 after the close of the Commission Meeting.

All ex parte communications (in any form) in this proceeding are prohibited beginning on Friday, May 22, 2020 through the close of the May 28, 2020 Commission Meeting.

All parties should note that the Commission may impose penalties and sanctions for a violation of Rule 8.2.

DOCKET OFFICE SHALL FILE THIS RULING

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