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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric
Company for Approval of
Regionalization Proposal. (U39M.)

Application 20-06-011

**ASSIGNED COMMISSIONER'S AMENDED
SCOPING MEMO AND RULING**

This Amended Scoping Memo and Ruling sets forth the issues, need for hearing, schedule, category, and other matters necessary to scope this proceeding pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 1701.1. and Article 7 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. Unless stated otherwise in this Amended Scoping Memo, all rulings in the October 02, 2020 Assigned Commissioner's Scoping Memo and Ruling remain unchanged.

1. Procedural Background

In Decision 20-05-053, approving the bankruptcy reorganization plan of Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) and its holding company PG&E Corporation, the Commission ordered PG&E to file an application for regional restructuring. In compliance with that order, PG&E filed this application on June 30, 2020 (PG&E Application).

A telephonic prehearing conference (PHC) was held on August 20, 2020, to address the issues and procedural matters, including the need for hearings and the schedule for the proceeding.

The Commission issued an initial Assigned Commissioner's Scoping Memo and Ruling (initial scoping ruling) on October 02, 2020. The initial

scoping ruling outlined a process intended to allow for public input and an opportunity for revision of the Regionalization proposal by PG&E. Commission Staff held two workshops regarding the initial Regionalization plan on November 20, 2020 and March 03, 2021. On February 26, 2021, PG&E served and filed an updated Regionalization Plan.

On May 18, 2021, the Commission held a status conference in this proceeding to discuss party positions on the substance of the issues scoped into this proceeding and the process going forward.

The initial scoping ruling did not define the schedule nor process of the proceeding beyond the status conference held on May 18, 2021. After considering the previous filings and events that have occurred in this proceeding, including the May 18, 2021 status conference, the updated schedule and other process are set forth below.

2. Schedule

The following schedule for the remainder of the proceeding is adopted here and may be modified by the Administrative Law Judge as required to promote the efficient and fair resolution of the Rulemaking.

At the status conference, parties discussed a potential filing by PG&E that would outline its updated Regionalization Plan in a more comprehensible and abbreviated format. This amended schedule directs PG&E to make such a filing.

In the summary that PG&E serves and files, it shall include at minimum the following elements:

- a. An outline of the major elements, actions, and benefits of the most recently filed update to PG&E's Regionalization Plan;
- b. A summary and clarification of the requested relief by the Commission;

- c. A detailed summary of regionalization-specific forecasted incremental costs that PG&E has identified; and
- d. How, when, and how frequently PG&E proposes to report on the actual costs incurred so that any cost recovery, if requested, can be appropriately considered by the Commission at a future date.

This amended schedule directs the parties to meet and confer for the purpose of developing a joint list of stipulated facts and discussing potential settlement. This meet and confer shall occur no later than the deadline for the service and filing of a joint statement on the progress that occurred at the meet and confer. The joint statement shall outline any joint stipulated facts agreed to by the parties and report on any progress that may have been made towards a settlement.

| Event | Date due |
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| PG&E serves and files summary of the Updated Regionalization Plan | July 9, 2021 |
| Parties jointly serve and file meet and confer, stipulation of facts, and settlement progress report | July 20, 2021 |
| Motion to request evidentiary hearing | July 23, 2021 |
| Evidentiary hearing, if granted | First week of August 2021 |
| Opening briefs served and filed | August 16, 2021 |
| Reply briefs served and filed | August 23, 2021 |
| Case submitted | After the deadline for serving and filing reply briefs |

3. Need for Evidentiary Hearing

The preliminary determination for this proceeding was that evidentiary hearings would be required. At the PHC and status conference, some parties

expressed a desire for evidentiary hearings, but at this time it is not clear whether evidentiary hearings will be necessary.

Any party who believes that cross examination at an evidentiary hearing is required should file and serve a motion requesting such a hearing in accordance with the schedule as indicated in this scoping ruling and memo. Any such motion must identify and describe: (i) the material issues of disputed fact, (ii) the evidence the party proposes to introduce at the requested hearing, and (iii) the schedule for conducting the hearing. The motion shall also state a justification for hearing and what the moving party would seek to demonstrate through cross examination at hearing. It shall also contain anything else necessary for the Commission to make an informed decision on the motion. Any right that a party may otherwise have to an evidentiary hearing will be waived if the party does not submit a timely motion requesting an evidentiary hearing. The record shall be composed of all filed and served documents and shall include evidence received at a hearing if a motion for hearing is granted.

4. Intervenor Compensation Supplemental Filing

All intervenors that are seeking or will seek a claim for intervenor compensation at or above \$50,000 are directed to serve and file, concurrently with their intervenor compensation claims, a supplemental summary of their claim. This concurrently filed supplemental summary shall include an aggregated listing of all filings, served exhibits, and individual activities for which they are claiming compensation, and an aggregated indication of the time allotted for each filing and activity. Each individual filing, served exhibit, and activity must be individually listed along with a listing of the individuals/persons the intervenor is claiming compensation for and the hours each individual/person allotted for that item or activity.

An example of the required information is below.

Participated in Prehearing Conference

John Doe 2 hours

Jane Doe 2 hours

Served and Filed Comments on December 18 ruling

John Doe 4 hours

Jane Doe 4 hours

Served testimony - Exhibit INTERVENOR-1

John Doe 3 hours

Jane Doe 3 hours

Other

John Doe 3 hours

Jane Doe 3 hours

Dave Smith 4 hours

TOTAL HOURS

28

The intervenor compensation claims will not be considered complete until this information is filed and there may be no interest accrual on these claims if this information is not provided.

IT IS RULED that:

1. The amended schedule of this proceeding as set forth above is adopted.
2. The amended direction regarding the need for an evidentiary hearing as set forth above is adopted.
3. The additional direction regarding a supplemental filing concurrently with any intervenor compensation claim in value of \$50,000 or greater as set forth above is adopted.

This order is effective today.

Dated June 29, 2021, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ MARYBEL BATJER

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Assigned Commissioner