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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Rulemaking to
Modernize the Electric Grid for a High
Distributed Energy Resources Future.

Rulemaking 21-06-017

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES' RULING
GRANTING JOINT MOTION FOR CLARIFICATION
ON THE AUTHORITY TO RECORD
INTEGRATION CAPACITY ANALYSIS REFINEMENT COSTS**

This ruling addresses a joint motion filed by Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) and Southern California Edison Company (SCE) on November 5, 2021 (Joint Motion), seeking clarification on whether the investor-owned utilities (Utilities) may record costs associated with refinements made to their Integration Capacity Analysis (ICA) within their Distribution Resources Plan Memorandum Accounts (DRPMA).¹

Specifically, the Joint Motion referenced authority granted in an Administrative Law Judge ruling dated June 21, 2021, recommending specific reforms to the Utilities' Distribution Investment Deferral Framework Process (DIDF Ruling). The DIDF Ruling, issued in the now-closed Rulemaking (R.) 14-08-013, found that "[c]osts related to any [Commission]-required [Distributed Resources Planning] data portal enhancements, incremental to the [General Rate Case] authorized amounts, may be tracked within the [DRPMA]."²

¹ Joint Motion at 1, footnote 1, states that SCE authorized PG&E to file the Joint Motion on its behalf.

² DIDF Ruling at 4.

The Joint Motion suggests that the Order Instituting Rulemaking in R.21-06-017 indicated that the Utilities' ICA is already included within the Commission's interpretation of the Distributed Resources Planning (DRP) data portal, the costs for which are tracked in their DRPMAs.³ The Joint Motion states, however, that another Administrative Law Judge ruling in R.14-08-013, issued on September 9, 2021, did not explicitly indicate whether costs associated with ICA refinements, including any directed within the instant proceeding, could be tracked in the Utilities' DRPMAs.⁴

The Joint Motion requests clarification whether costs associated with current and future ICA refinements may be considered within the scope of data portal enhancements that are tracked in the Utilities' DRPMAs. No party to R.21-06-017 protested or responded to the Joint Motion.

As the Joint Motion notes, the DIDF Ruling directs specific ICA refinements to occur as part of the DIDF and DRP data portal improvement process.⁵ Further, the DIDF Ruling states that the Utilities should consider any related issues adopted in the R.21-06-017 Assigned Commissioner's Scoping Memo and Ruling when developing their workplans associated with ICA refinements.⁶

Therefore, **IT IS RULED** that:

1. The June 21, 2021 Administrative Law Judge Ruling in Rulemaking (R.) 14-08-013 authorizes Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Southern California

³ Joint Motion at 1, referencing R.21-06-017 at 6, footnote 4.

⁴ Joint Motion at 2, referencing the September 9, 2021 Administrative Law Judge Ruling in R.14-08-013 at 5.

⁵ DIDF Ruling at 9-12.

⁶ *Ibid* at 11.

Edison Company, and San Diego Gas & Electric Company to track costs associated with refinements to their Integration Capacity Analysis (ICA) in their Distribution Resources Plan Memorandum Accounts, inclusive of any ICA refinements directed in R.21-06-017.

2. Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Southern California Edison Company, and San Diego Gas & Electric Company shall each track costs associated with Integration Capacity Analysis refinements in each of their Distribution Resources Plan Memorandum Accounts and seek recovery of those recorded costs in future General Rate Case filings.

3. Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Southern California Edison Company, and San Diego Gas & Electric Company shall not recover costs tracked in their Distribution Resources Plan Memorandum Accounts until or unless the Commission authorizes recovery of some or all the recorded costs.

Dated January 7, 2022, at San Francisco, California.

 /s/ KELLY A. HYMES
Kelly A. Hymes
Administrative Law Judge

 /s/ CAROLYN SISTO
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Administrative Law Judge