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

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Establish Policies, Processes, and Rules to Ensure Safe and Reliable Gas Systems in California and perform Long-Term Gas System Planning.

Rulemaking 20-01-007

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING  
DIRECTING PARTIES TO FILE COMMENTS ON STAFF GAS  
INFRASTRUCTURE DECOMMISSIONING PROPOSAL**

**Summary**

Distribution gas utility respondents to this rulemaking shall and other parties may file comments on the attached Staff Gas Infrastructure Decommissioning Proposal no later than January 27, 2023.

**1. Background**

Sections 2.1 (d) and 2.1(e) of the *Assigned Commissioner's Amended Scoping Memo and Ruling* (Scoping Memo) issued on January 5, 2022, set out a series of questions regarding decommissioning of gas distribution infrastructure for consideration in Phase 2 of this proceeding. Parties have previously filed comments on the Scoping Memo, including comments on the referenced sections. In response to these comments and to provide answers to the Scoping Memo questions, Energy Division Staff have created the attached *Staff Proposal on Gas Distribution Decommissioning Framework in Support of Climate Goals* (Staff Proposal) which suggests a framework for gas infrastructure decommissioning in support of the state's climate goals. The Staff Proposal approaches gas infrastructure decommissioning from multiple perspectives including safety,

reliability, demand reduction, health benefits, cost savings and community impact. The Staff Proposal includes lists of questions for parties related to specific proposed actions.

This ruling directs Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas), San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) and Southwest Gas Corporation (Southwest) to file comments on all aspects of the Staff Proposal no later than January 27, 2023. This ruling invites other parties to file comments on the Staff Proposal no later than January 27, 2023. Reply comments may be filed no later than February 8, 2023.

Parties filing comments shall respond to the questions for parties set out in the Staff Proposal in the order and using the numbering of the questions as presented. Parties may also file additional comments regarding the Staff Proposal on topics not addressed by the questions provided.

**IT IS RULED that:**

1. PG&E, SoCalGas, SDG&E, and Southwest shall and other parties may file comments on all aspects of the Staff Proposal attached to this ruling no later than January 27, 2023. Reply comments may be filed no later than February 8, 2023.

2. Parties filing comments shall respond to the questions for parties set out in the Staff Proposal in the order and using the numbering of the questions as presented. Parties may also file additional comments regarding the Staff Proposal on topics not addressed by the questions provided.

Dated December 22, 2022, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ CATHLEEN A. FOGEL  
Cathleen A. Fogel  
Administrative Law Judge

# **Attachment**