



BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company
for Authority, Among Other Things, to Increase
Rates and Charges for Electric and Gas Service
Effective on January 1, 2027. (U 39 M)

Application 25-05-009

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE RULING
ON MOTION FOR REASSIGNMENT ON PEREMPTORY CHALLENGE**

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, Article 9, Rules 9.2 - 9.8 specify the exclusive means for a party to a proceeding to request reassignment of that proceeding to another Administrative Law Judge (ALJ). These rules provide for three forms of Motion for Reassignment: peremptory challenge (Rule 9.2), prior service (Rule 9.3), and cause (Rule 9.4). The first two, peremptory challenge and prior service, are only available in proceedings categorized as adjudicatory or ratesetting.

On October 15, 2025, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) filed a Motion for Reassignment of the Proceeding Pursuant to Rule 9.2 to another ALJ. As provided in Rule 9.2(d), I am issuing a ruling on that Motion.

A properly supported Motion seeking reassignment on peremptory challenge can only be filed by a party or a person or entity declaring the intention in good faith to become a party to a ratesetting proceeding. A party is entitled to file a motion only once for reassignment of peremptory challenge. Further, no

more than two reassignments per ratesetting proceeding are permitted (Rule 9.2(b)). Finally, any such motion must be filed timely.

Timely Filed

The Rules require this motion to be filed no later than 10 days after the date of the notice. In this proceeding, notice of the assignment occurred for purposes of Rule 9.2(c) on October 14, 2025. Since the Motion was filed on October 15, 2025, it was timely filed.

Available Procedure

PG&E is a party to this proceeding. This is the first petition filed in this proceeding so the procedure is available. This proceeding is categorized as “ratesetting.” Reassignment on Peremptory Challenge is a form of motion for reassignment appropriate to the category of this proceeding.

Properly Supported

The Rules require that a Motion be supported by a declaration under penalty of perjury (or affidavit by out-of-state person). This Motion is so supported by Walker A. Matthews III, Attorney for PG&E.

Therefore, **IT IS RULED** that the Motion for Reassignment on Peremptory Challenge, filed by PG&E is granted. This proceeding is reassigned from ALJ Justin Regnier to ALJ Darryl Gruen. ALJ John Larsen and ALJ Elizabeth Fox remain co-assigned.

Dated: October 22, 2025, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ MICHELLE COOKE
Michelle Cooke
Chief Administrative Law Judge