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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric
Company for Approval of Its Billing
Modernization Initiative. (U39M)

Application 21-10-014

**E-MAIL RULING FOR JOINT PARTY STATEMENT
FOR EVIDENTIARY HEARINGS**

Dated January 20, 2026, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ JOANNA PEREZ-GREEN

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Administrative Law Judge

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Subject: A.24-10-014 E-Mail Ruling for Joint Party Statement for Evidentiary Hearings

To the Service List of A.24-10-014:

Background:

The Scoping Memo and Ruling (Scoping Memo) directed Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) to file a joint case management statement including a list of stipulated facts, list of disputed material facts that require an evidentiary hearing, status of settlement negotiations, among other things. PG&E timely filed the joint case management statement on August 20, 2025. On August 28, 2025, an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) ruling (August 28 Ruling) provided instructions and schedule for the evidentiary hearing. On September 5, 2025, a multiparty request to have the ALJ grant more time for settlement discussions and postpone the evidentiary hearings was served by PG&E on behalf of multiple parties including the Public Advocates Office at the California Public Utilities Commission (Cal Advocates), Joint Community Choice Aggregators (Joint CCAs), Small Business Utility Advocates (SBUA), and The Utility Reform Network (TURN). On September 8, 2025, an ALJ ruling set forth a revised proceeding schedule.

On September 29, 2025, the ALJ held a joint status conference in which PG&E, Cal Advocates, Joint CCAs, SBUA, and TURN shared that the settlement discussions were regarding all issues in the Scoping Memo and that a subsequent status conference would be useful. On October 24, 2025, the ALJ held a joint status conference for an update on settlement discussions. Parties provided an update on 2 separate settlements discussions: PG&E intended to provide the Joint CCAs a counteroffer the week of October 27, 2025; and PG&E had provided a counteroffer to Cal Advocates, SBUA, and TURN (Joint Parties) on October 22, 2025. On October 31, 2025, parties filed information for evidentiary hearings regarding

party and participant information; confidential materials; and exhibits and exhibit list. PG&E, on behalf of parties, filed a proposed witness schedule.

On November 6, 2025, PG&E emailed the service list on behalf of itself and Joint CCAs to request that the evidentiary hearings be postponed to February 2026 to advance settlement negotiations. On November 7, 2025, a status conference was held to discuss settlement discussions and evidentiary hearings. Joint Parties were unopposed to the evidentiary hearings being postponed. When asked for more specificity on the material issues of disputed facts for the evidentiary hearings, parties referred to the joint case management statement. On November 18, 2025, a ruling rescheduled the evidentiary hearings to February 18-20, 2026. On November 26, 2025, TURN sent an email to the service list indicating that it had a conflict with the evidentiary hearing dates, and, after conferring with other parties, requesting that the dates be rescheduled to the week of February 9, 2026. On December 12, 2025, an ALJ ruling (December 12 Ruling) revised the proceeding schedule with the remaining schedule shown below.

Activities	Date
Prehearing motions	By 5:00 p.m. on January 28, 2026
Multiple items listed by section: Party and Participant Information by each party; Proposed Witness Schedule by PG&E; Confidential Materials; and Exhibits and Exhibit list by each party	By 5:00 p.m. on January 30, 2026
Joint status conference on evidentiary hearings	10:00 a.m. on February 3, 2026
Responses to prehearing motions	By 5:00 p.m. on February 4, 2026
Evidentiary hearings	From 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on February 9-11, 2026
Opening briefs	March 19, 2026
Reply briefs	April 16, 2026

On January 8, 2026, a status conference was held in which respective parties shared that PG&E and the Joint CCAs settlement negotiations were progressing and that PG&E and the Joint Parties settlement negotiations had stalled after the Joint Parties provided the utility a counteroffer in early November. All parties anticipated a need for evidentiary hearings; PG&E and Joint CCAs were not certain whether they would have a settlement before the scheduled hearings.

Discussion:

This ruling requires parties to provide a second joint case management statement providing material issues of disputed fact to be addressed at the evidentiary hearing. PG&E is directed to file and serve the joint case management statement on January 30, 2026. Parties must clearly indicate the material issues of disputed fact to which each witness will testify. This joint case management statement must specifically identify each material issue of disputed fact, clearly describe what is in dispute and how the issue is material to this proceeding, and not be based on matters of law or policy. This refined joint case management statement is necessary for holding evidentiary hearings that advance clarity and the resolution of disputed factual matters. There is an opportunity for parties to address other matters as

well as issues of law and policy in their legal briefs. All materials for the evidentiary hearing indicated in this ruling and the August 28 Ruling should be emailed to the ALJ (Joanna.Perez-Green@cpuc.ca.gov) and James Donovan (James.Donovan@cpuc.ca.gov) by the dates included in the December 12 Ruling.

It Is Ruled that:

1. PG&E is directed to file and serve the joint case management statement by January 30, 2026 as indicated in the ruling.

The Docket Office shall formally file this ruling.

Thank you,
Joanna Perez-Green (she/her)
Administrative Law Judge

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