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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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

EMAIL RULING EXTENDING THE DEADLINES FOR OPENING AND REBUTTAL TESTIMONY ON POST-2027 ELECTRICAL UNDERGROUNDING PLANS

Dated January 16, 2026, at San Francisco, California.

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Subject: A.25-05-009 (PG&E 2027 GRC) Email Ruling Extending the Deadlines
for Opening and Rebuttal Testimony on Post-2027 Electrical Undergrounding
Plans

Parties to proceeding A.25-05-009:

On January 9, 2026, the Mussey Grade Road Alliance (MGRA) filed a motion for the extension of the schedule for serving opening and rebuttal testimony in light of Resolution SPD-37's new deadlines for addressing electrical undergrounding plans (EUPs). This motion follows the November 24, 2025 Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) ruling that deferred ruling on proposals to consider extending the schedule for supplemental undergrounding testimony until after the issuance of Resolution SPD-37 (SPD-37). SPD-37 refines the guidelines for expediting the undergrounding of electrical distribution infrastructure and aligns the Commission's program with the recently adopted SB 884 10-Year Electrical Undergrounding Plan (EUP) Guidelines of the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety (OEIS).

Following the adoption of SPD-37 on December 4, 2026, MGRA's motion requests a two-week extension of the schedule, including all deadlines for testimony, evidentiary hearings, and briefing. Alternatively, MGRA requests a two-week extension of the deadline for intervenor testimony (from February 13 to February 27), and a corresponding one-week extension for the rebuttal testimony (from March 31 to April 7th). MGRA requests this extension due to alleged time conflicts for intervenor experts involved in this general rate case and the SPD-37 Application process. More specifically, MGRA states: 1) that "completion of the SB 884 application process by the end of October 2027 implies that Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) will need to file its application with the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety (OEIS) before the end of January", and

2) that “the same intervenor experts will need to be involved in both the GRC testimony and these new scheduled and potential Commission and OEIS procedures, creating significant time conflicts.”

Sierra Club and Agricultural Energy Consumers Association support the motion. The Utility Reform Network supports the motion, but requests no reduction in time between rebuttal and the evidentiary hearing. Energy Producers and Users Coalition, Indicated Shippers, California Large Energy Consumers Association support the motion, but request no reduction in rebuttal preparation time. Southern California Edison, Walmart, California Solar and Storage Association, Environmental Defense Fund, and Cal Advocates take no position on the motion. CALSTART, Small Business Utility Advocates, and Natural Resources Defense Counsel take no position, but request no reduction in rebuttal preparation time. PG&E opposes the motion.

In its January 14, 2026 response, PG&E argues that the Commission should deny this motion for several reasons. First, PG&E contends that an extension of these deadlines is unnecessary because by the February 13 intervenor testimony deadline, MGRA and other intervenors will have had sufficient opportunity (nine months since PG&E filed the 2027 GRC Application) to complete discovery and prepare intervenor testimony. PG&E also contends that MGRA also may seek leave under the Commission’s rules to offer supplemental information into the evidentiary record to the extent MGRA demonstrates good cause.

Second, PG&E argues that the timing of PG&E’s EUP application at OEIS does not justify an extension of GRC testimony deadlines because, among other issues, PG&E is focusing on preparing the joint Phase 1 Electrical Underground Plan application with the other Investor Owned Utilities in accordance with the February 9, 2026 deadline set out in SPD-37, and will not submit an EUP with OEIS in January, 2026.

Third, PG&E argues that the extension requested by MGRA is unfair to parties who have relied on the scoping memo schedule. In addition, PG&E and two intervenors contend that the alternative of shortening the time for PG&E’s rebuttal testimony from six weeks to five weeks is unfair. PG&E states this is particularly true in its case, given the volume and breadth of issues PG&E will need to address.

Although MGRA has not addressed the request to extend the deadlines of the SPD-37 Resolution Application Process or the petition to request a rehearing of SPD-37, the December 2025 issuance of SPD-37 and the related requests have created various uncertainties and possibly conflicting demands. The SPD-37 issues were not contemplated in the original schedule for this proceeding. The SPD-37 Application schedule currently requires the IOUs to file a joint Phase 1 Application by February 9, 2026, followed by intervenors' responses fifteen days later on February 24, 2026. As of the date of this ruling, the extension request and petition for rehearing are pending. The Commission does not find it reasonable to reduce the time needed to prepare rebuttal testimony and to prepare for hearings scheduled to commence on April 27, 2026. As a result, the ALJs maintain the evidentiary hearing start date of April 27, 2026, but we separately extend the schedule for filing intervenor testimony and rebuttal testimony on post-2027 electrical undergrounding plans only for two weeks and schedule testimony on post-2027 electrical undergrounding plans to commence on May 11, 2026. The deadlines for all remaining intervenor testimony and rebuttal testimony remain unchanged.

Accordingly, intervenor testimony on PG&E's post-2027 EUPs is due on February 27, 2026, rebuttal testimony on post-2027 EUPs is due on April 14, 2026, and the hearing on post-2027 EUPs will commence no earlier than May 11, 2026.

It is so ruled.

The docket office shall formally file this ruling.

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