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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 (U39M).

Application 25-05-009

**EMAIL RULING REGARDING THE SCOPE OF ATTRITION-YEAR
(POST-2027) ELECTRICAL UNDERGROUNDING PLANS IN OPENING
AND REBUTTAL TESTIMONY IN RESPONSE TO PARTY REQUESTS**

Dated January 30, 2026, at San Francisco, California.

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Subject: A.25-05-009 (PG&E 2027 GRC) Email Ruling Regarding the Scope of
Attrition-year (Post-2027) Electrical Undergrounding Plans in Opening and
Rebuttal Testimony in Response to Party Requests

Parties to proceeding A.25-05-009:

In its original testimony, PG&E proposes a Bridge Program under which PG&E would: (1) seek to fund one year of undergrounding in this general rate case (GRC) in 2027, and (2) potentially seek authorization of up to approximately \$3.6 billion for up to 1,200 miles of electrical undergrounding plans post-2027 in the attrition-years 2028-2030 through a Tier 2 Advice Letter mechanism, contingent on the timing of the Commission's decision on PG&E's 10-year Electrical Undergrounding Plan (EUP) under Senate Bill (SB) 884, assuming PG&E submits an EUP.

The Assigned Commissioner's July 31, 2025 Scoping Memo provided a schedule for intervenors to submit alternatives to PG&E's Bridge Program, including a contingency plan for how PG&E would move forward with grid hardening if the EUP is denied or results in fewer undergrounding miles/projects than PG&E forecasts. The Scoping Memo also allowed the following to be submitted: 1) if the EUP is denied or results in fewer undergrounding miles/projects than PG&E forecasts, alternatives should consider what next steps would be for proposals, review, and consideration of wildfire mitigations, including, but not limited to whether a contingency plan should be included in the decision for this GRC or whether PG&E should file its alternative proposals in its next RAMP; and 2) what adjustment mechanism would protect ratepayers and ensure the just and reasonable use of the 2027 approved funds in the GRC for grid hardening.

The January 16, 2026 Ruling extended the schedule for filing intervenor testimony and rebuttal testimony regarding GRC electrical undergrounding plans for the 2028-2030 attrition years for two weeks to February 27, 2026 and April 14, 2026, respectively. The January 16, 2026 ruling also extended the date for conducting cross-examination on the same testimony until May 11, 2026. In response to party requests, this ruling clarifies that this extension does not alter the scope of testimony and cross-examination as stated above from the July 31, 2025 Scoping Memo, with the following additional note. Electrical undergrounding plans may include funding for undergrounding work that is extended to 2028-2030, if the EUP process is delayed. As a result, the extension of the

service of rebuttal testimony and for conducting cross-examination applies only to testimony regarding GRC electrical undergrounding plans in attrition-years 2028-2030, as described above.

This avoids limiting the time between rebuttal testimony and evidentiary hearings for the testimony subject to the extension by extending cross-examination of the testimony subject to the extension to May 11, 2026. For all other testimony, this ruling avoids reducing time for hearing preparation by keeping the deadlines for intervenor testimony and rebuttal testimony the same.

The ALJs will consider the relevance of testimony after it has been filed.

It is so ruled.

The Commission's Docket Office shall formally file this ruling.

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