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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 24-09-012

**ASSIGNED COMMISSIONER'S THIRD AMENDED SCOPING MEMO**

On October 16, 2025, I issued the Second Amended Scoping Memo to incorporate Senate Bill (SB) 1221 (Min, Chapter 602, Statutes of 2024) activities for the establishment of a program to facilitate the cost-effective decarbonization of priority decarbonization zones through pilot projects (pilot program) into the scope of this proceeding. SB 1221 established requirements for the pilot program in Public Utilities Code (Pub. Util. Code) Section 663. The Second Amended Scoping Memo amended the scope of Phase 3, Track 2; added Tracks 3 and 4; set the schedule for implementation of Pub. Util. Code Section 663 requirements; and requested party comments on a list of questions related to the establishment of the pilot program in Appendix A.

The Second Amended Scoping Memo properly included questions related to compliance with Pub. Util. Code Section 663(b)(4) and Section 663(b)(5) in Appendix A, but further refinement is warranted to better reflect the requirements of Pub. Util. Code Section 663(b)(4) and Section 663(b)(5).

This ruling amends the Second Amended Scoping Memo by: (a) restating scoping issue #15 to better reflect the requirements of Pub. Util. Code

Section 663(b)(4) and Section 663(b)(5); and (b) adding sub-issue #17.a. to capture the language originally in scoping issue #15.

The issues in scope of Phase 3, Track 3 of the Second Amended Scoping Memo are amended as follows:

15. ~~What information should the gas corporations provide in their applications to demonstrate communication and collaboration with local governments and community organizations that have expressed interest in providing support, contractors, and tenants, including master metered per Pub. Util. Code Section 663(b)(4) and Section 663(b)(5)?~~
15. How should the gas corporations demonstrate property owners' consent to participate in the pilot, as well as adequate notifications about the pilot to property owners and affected customers, tenants, including master-metered per Pub. Util. Code Section 663(b)(4) and Section 663(b)(5)?
- 17.a. What information should the gas corporations provide in their applications to demonstrate communication and collaboration with local governments and community organizations that have expressed interest in providing support, contractors, and other relevant entities?

Apart from the revisions outlined above, the Second Amended Scoping Memo remains unchanged.

Parties are invited to provide comments on the Third Amended Scoping Memo no later than March 10, 2026, and reply comments no later than March 17, 2026.

**IT IS SO RULED** that:

1. The proceeding scope for Phase 3 is amended and restated by this Third Amended Scoping Ruling.

2. Parties may file and serve comments on the Third Amended Scoping Memo no later than March 10, 2026, and reply comments no later than March 17, 2026.

Dated March 4, 2026, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ KAREN DOUGLAS

Karen Douglas  
Assigned Commissioner