

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA



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Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company for Review and Recovery of Costs Associated with the 2019 Kincade Fire and 2021 Dixie Fire under AB 1054 (U39M).

Application 25-11-001

**THE PUBLIC ADVOCATES OFFICE
NOTICE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATION**

Pursuant to Rule 8.4 of the California Public Utilities Commission’s (Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedure (Rules), the Public Advocates Office at the California Public Utilities Commission (Cal Advocates) hereby gives notice of the following *ex parte* communication in the above-captioned proceeding.

On March 9, 2026, beginning at 10:00 AM, Nathaniel Skinner, Deputy Director; Arthur “Iain” Fisher, Program Manager; Holly Wehrman, Program and Project Supervisor; and Martin McCormack, Counsel for Cal Advocates; met with Commissioner Matthew Baker’s Advisor, Stephen Neal. The meeting took place by WebEx video call and lasted approximately ten minutes.

Cal Advocates began by recognizing that the Administrative Law Judge’s (ALJ’s) March 4, 2026 Email Ruling, which partly granted Cal Advocates’ February 24, 2026 Motion to Amend the Procedural Schedule, provided an additional three weeks for intervenor testimony without extending the overall proceeding schedule. Cal Advocates explained the reasons behind its requested six-week extension of the intervenor testimony deadline. Notably, Cal Advocates’ proposal understood the Commission’s interest in moving the proceeding along in a timely manner and therefore maintained the 12-month statutory deadline for the proceeding. However, given that this proceeding involves two distinct fires with complex facts requiring separate analysis, additional time for testimony was necessary. In addition, Cal Advocates explained that to date, Pacific Gas and

Electric Company (PG&E) has provided around 1.76 terabytes of data, or over 300,000 files, in response to Cal Advocates' data requests. Furthermore, Cal Advocates' overlapping obligations required concentrated attention late last year into early this year, materially constraining Cal Advocates' ability to allocate resources to this proceeding without compromising the quality of its work. The immense volume of documents, in combination with the two complex and distinct fires, and the concurrent applications, merited an extension of the testimony deadline.

Respectfully submitted,

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