

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE JOHN LARSEN, presiding

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric ) STATUS  
Company for Authority, Among Other ) CONFERENCE  
Things, to Increase Rates and Charges )  
for Electric and Gas Service Effective ) Application  
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ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE LARSEN: So, we are on the record. Good morning, everyone. It is around 10:00 a.m. on April 16, 2026. Let me shift screens here. This is a status conference for track one of the PG&E 2027 General Rate Case in application proceeding A.25-05-009.

Counsel, please state your appearances including spelling your last name starting with the applicant.

MR. MATTHEWS: Your Honor, thank you. Walker Matthews, last name Matthews is spelled capital M-a-t-t-h-e-w-s, on behalf of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

ALJ LARSEN: Cal Advocates?

MS. SHEK: Good morning, your Honor, Selina Shek for Cal Advocates, S-h-e-k.

Thank you.

ALJ LARSEN: All right. And TURN?

MS. GOODSON: Good morning, your Honor, Hayley Goodson for TURN, G-o-o-d-s-o-n.

ALJ LARSEN: Next is CALSTART? Is CALSTART here?

1 (No response.)

2 ALJ LARSEN: Okay. Let's go next to Southern  
3 California Gas Company?

4 (No response.)

5 ALJ LARSEN: Nobody? Okay.  
6 Southern California Generation Coalition?

7 (No response.)

8 ALJ LARSEN: City of Palo Alto?

9 (No response.)

10 ALJ LARSEN: Southern California Edison?

11 (No response.)

12 ALJ LARSEN: All right. Mussey Grade Road  
13 Alliance.

14 MR. MITCHELL: Good morning, your Honor, this  
15 is Joseph Mitchell representing the Mussey Grade Road  
16 Alliance. My name is spelled M-i-t-c-h-e-l-l.

17 Thank you.

18 ALJ LARSEN: Thank you. San Diego Gas and  
19 Electric?

20 (No response.)

21 ALJ LARSEN: Small Business Utility Advocates?

22 MS. WEBERSKI: Good morning, your Honor,  
23 Jennifer Weberksi. Last name spelled W-e-b, like  
24 boy, -e-r-s-k-i on behalf of the Small Business Utility  
25 Advocates, or SBUA.

1 ALJ LARSEN: All right. California Community  
2 Choice.

3 MS. KANTOR: Good morning, your Honor, this is  
4 Julia Kantor for CalCCA. My last name is spelled  
5 K-a-n-t-o-r.

6 ALJ LARSEN: All right. Environmental Defense  
7 Fund?

8 MS. MYERS: Good morning, your Honor, Megan  
9 Myers, M-y-e-r-s, on behalf of the Environmental Defense  
10 Fund.

11 ALJ LARSEN: Center for Accessible Technology?

12 MS. KASNITZ: Good morning, this is Melissa  
13 Kasnitz with Center For Accessible Technology. Last  
14 name is spelled K-a-s-n-i-t-z.

15 ALJ LARSEN: California Farm Bureau?

16 (No response.)

17 ALJ LARSEN: California Large Energy Consumers  
18 Association?

19 (No response.)

20 ALJ LARSEN: Sierra Club?

21 MR. VESPA: Good morning, your Honor, Matt  
22 Vespa, last name is V-e-s-p-a, for Sierra Club.

23 ALJ LARSEN: All right. Coalition of Utility  
24 Employees?

25 MS. KOSS: Good morning, this is Rachael Koss

1 for Cue, K-o-s-s.

2 ALJ LARSEN: Northern California Generation  
3 Coalition?

4 MS. BERLIN: Good morning, Susie Berlin for  
5 Northern California Generation Coalition. It's  
6 B-e-r-l-i-n.

7 Thank you.

8 ALJ LARSEN: All right. Cal -- let's see.  
9 Ms. Cottle, are you representing -- here and  
10 representing anybody? I actually have you down for  
11 three different parties.

12 (No response.)

13 ALJ LARSEN: No? Okay. Mr. Carrejo?

14 MS. SHERIFF: Good morning, your Honor, can you  
15 hear me?

16 ALJ LARSEN: Yeah, but you're echoing. Can you  
17 try it again?

18 MS. SHERIFF: Yes, is this better? No, it's  
19 not.

20 ALJ LARSEN: No, you still have an echo, but  
21 why don't you go ahead quickly. Are you -- who are you  
22 representing?

23 MS. SHERIFF: California Large Energy Consumers  
24 Association as well as Energy Producers and Users  
25 Coalition and Indicated Shippers.

1 I apologize for the echo. We will work on it.

2 ALJ LARSEN: Okay.

3 MR. HAGA: Hi, Ms. Carrejo, if you have another  
4 person as an attendee on the Webex whose speakers are  
5 active that could be responsible for your feedback.

6 ALJ LARSEN: Okay. Thanks, Mr. Haga.

7 All right. ACEA, I am not sure what that  
8 stands for, but is there anyone here for ACEA?

9 MS. OLHASSO: Good morning, your Honor, I  
10 believe it's AECA, Agricultural Energy Consumers  
11 Association. This Beth Olhasso, O-l-h-a-s-s-o.

12 ALJ LARSEN: Oh, okay.

13 All right. Natural Resources Defense Council?

14 MS. BRINN: Good morning, your Honor, this is  
15 Jordan Brinn for the Natural Resources Defense Council.  
16 Last name is spelled B-r-i-n-n.

17 ALJ LARSEN: Thank you. Walmart?

18 MS. CAVIGLIA: Good morning, your Honor,  
19 Justina Caviglia, C-a-v-i-g-l-i-a, on behalf of Walmart.

20 ALJ LARSEN: Okay. You're a little faint  
21 there. You might want to turn up the volume.

22 California Farm Bureau?

23 (No response.)

24 ALJ LARSEN: All right. California Coalition  
25 of Large Energy Users?

1 (No response.)

2 ALJ LARSEN: All right. Agricultural Energy  
3 Consumers Association?

4 (No response.)

5 ALJ LARSEN: Okay.

6 MS. OLHASSO: You got me again, your Honor.  
7 Yes, thank you.

8 ALJ LARSEN: All right. Well, I think we have  
9 enough parties to go forward with, so.

10 MR. MOSKOWITZ: Judge?

11 ALJ LARSEN: Yes?

12 MR. MOSKOWITZ: I -- I'm sorry. I wanted --  
13 you didn't -- you didn't call my name or my party, and I  
14 thought I would call you before you move on.

15 ALJ LARSEN: Yes, please go ahead.

16 MR. MOSKOWITZ: Your Honor, Yonatan Moskowicz  
17 for CALSSA, C-A-L-S-S-A, and that's -- last name  
18 M-o-s-k-o-w-i-t-z.

19 ALJ LARSEN: Can you repeat what that stands  
20 for?

21 MR. MOSKOWITZ: California Solar and Storage  
22 Association.

23 ALJ LARSEN: Okay, great.

24 All right. Is there anyone else that I missed?

25 MR. PFEIFER-ROSENBLUM: Yeah, good morning your

1 Honor. This is Alex Pfeifer-Rosenblum with CALSTART.

2 Bit of a mouth --

3 ALJ LARSEN: Got it, okay.

4 MR. PFEIFER-ROSENBLUM: Bit of a mouthful.

5 It's P-f-e-i-f-e-r dash R-o-s-e-n-b-l-u-m.

6 ALJ LARSEN: Okay. And Nora Sheriff?

7 MR. HAGA: Nora appears to have logged off  
8 after I removed her in the panelist group, and she  
9 didn't have an audio path. We will try to troubleshoot  
10 that without disturbing the proceeding.

11 ALJ LARSEN: Okay, all right. Thank you,  
12 Mr. Haga. Just go ahead and raise your hand then  
13 whenever that's the case.

14 All right. I am John Larsen, the  
15 administrative law judge assigned to this proceeding,  
16 and I am accompanied by judges Elizabeth Fox and Darryl  
17 Gruen. The assigned commissioner is Matthew Baker.

18 I believe Mr. Baker is on the line. Mr. Baker,  
19 would -- do you have any -- would you like to make a few  
20 comments or is it someone from Mr. Baker's office that  
21 is here?

22 MS. LAKHANPAL: Judge Larsen, good morning.

23 ALJ LARSEN: Yes?

24 MS. LAKHANPAL: This is Manisha Lakhanpal, I am  
25 adviser to Commissioner Baker. Commissioner Baker is

1 not joining us today, but I just wanted to thank you for  
2 today's status conference. I will be following the  
3 meeting today and report back to Commissioner Baker.

4 ALJ LARSEN: All right. Thank you,  
5 Ms. Lakhanpal.

6 All right. Then let's go ahead. In the notice  
7 for the meeting, we included the proposed agenda with a  
8 number of logistical issues. We have received the case  
9 management conference statement, an exhibit list and  
10 time estimate for cross-examination. So, thank you,  
11 Mr. Matthews, for all that.

12 There are a number of exhibits or categories of  
13 exhibits that we want in the record if they are not  
14 already, so we will include those in a ruling following  
15 the status conference if they are not on the exhibit  
16 list, and I think some of them aren't at this point.

17 One of them is -- the first one is PG&E's  
18 biannual 2026 natural gas leak abatement compliance  
19 plan. It sets forth the NGLA compliance measures to be  
20 take -- undertaken in 2026 and 2027. We would like if  
21 PG&E could offer that as an exhibit.

22 I understand that there will also be a safety  
23 policy division evaluation of that plan that is  
24 forthcoming in the next month or so, and we would like  
25 that offered into the record when it becomes available.

1           We are hoping that that is -- that happens  
2 before we conclude hearings so we can address that as  
3 needed in the course of the hearings. So, there's one  
4 thing to keep a look out for.

5           Third is we received, on February 27th, a  
6 notice regarding the Elkhorn Energy Storage System  
7 outage and pursuant to Public Utilities Code  
8 455.5(b) that was filed or served, and there is a  
9 Commission adopted Order Instituting Investigation,  
10 which is number I.26-04-008 in response to that, which  
11 we will be following to determine if that impacts any of  
12 the costs in the GRC.

13           There's also -- there are also responses of  
14 PG&E to President Reynolds' question at the prehearing  
15 conference application proceeding A.26-02-005, which is  
16 filed on February 9, 2026, in that proceeding.

17           That is the proceeding instituted to implement  
18 requirements of Resolution SPD-37, which is related to  
19 electrical undergrounding plans.

20           In January, we also issued a ruling for PG&E to  
21 establish a website for discovery requests including  
22 data requests, so thank you for doing that.

23           After reviewing that, we may have -- we may  
24 provide in -- in another ruling before the hearing a  
25 list of a responses to those data requests, and if they

1 are not already in the record, we would like those  
2 entered as exhibits.

3 If -- if they are not offered by a party, we  
4 could always enter them as ALJ exhibits, but I think  
5 it's a little easier if PG&E or another party offers  
6 those into evidence during the hearing.

7 So, during the hearing, please let us know if a  
8 party is offering any of these documents as exhibits;  
9 and if so, which ones.

10 We are also planning to serve another list of  
11 questions. These are questions of a couple types. Some  
12 of these are questions that may be addressed at the  
13 hearing, and we thought it would be easier just to give  
14 you our questions upfront.

15 And then second, there's other questions that  
16 may be better responded to in writing; and so, we will  
17 request a written response to those. We don't think  
18 those require an extensive response. I think these are  
19 just questions that would be easier to provide in  
20 writing rather than trying to do it at hearing. And  
21 some of these questions pertain to evolving questions  
22 such as the Elkhorn Storage System.

23 Another area of issues are the issues regarding  
24 the undergrounding plans, or EUPs. Note that those  
25 issues have changed with the adoption of Resolution

1 SPD-37 and with the new proceeding A.26-02-005, which  
2 addresses proposals specific to that resolution such as  
3 benefit-cost ratios and the review of EUPs by the  
4 Commission.

5 I don't want to get into the details of that in  
6 this conference; however, I just want to note that it  
7 may be helpful for you to know that although the  
8 Commission is interested in having plans for electrical  
9 undergrounding after 2027 be considered in the ten-year  
10 EUP as much as possible, due to the likely timing of the  
11 approval of the ten-year EUP, there will likely be a gap  
12 between what is authorized for 2027 and the projects  
13 plan for 2028. So, we will be sending a few questions  
14 to clarify those issues.

15 Lastly, regarding exhibits, we will require a  
16 physical copy of all the exhibits be provided at the  
17 end, so that we can turn that into our records  
18 department after the final exhibit -- after we receive a  
19 final exhibit list. And we will be using -- look  
20 forward to using the electronic version of the exhibit  
21 list with the links, which is very handy to have during  
22 the course of the hearing.

23 All right. So, that's -- that was a lot of  
24 information, so let me check to see if there are any  
25 questions or comments regarding any of those documents

1 before we go forward, otherwise -- any questions or  
2 comments?

3 Okay, Mr. Matthews?

4 MR. MATTHEWS: Thank you, your Honor. Walker  
5 Matthews on behalf of PG&E.

6 PG&E looks forward to receiving the reference  
7 of rulings that will provide the -- of the list of the  
8 documents that -- that -- that the ALJs are looking to  
9 be entered into as exhibits.

10 I do have a question about one of the last  
11 things that you said regarding the physical copies of  
12 the -- of exhibits.

13 I think -- I think for the vast majority of the  
14 exhibits that -- that should be pretty easily  
15 accomplished. There are some spreadsheets, excel  
16 spreadsheets that are a portion of the exhibits. Those  
17 frequently are very -- are very difficult to provide in  
18 physical form if it -- particularly if it's a large  
19 spreadsheet. So, I think it's something that we can  
20 deal with, but I did want to just note that those types  
21 of exhibits can be challenging due to the -- due to the  
22 format and size of those -- of those types of files.

23 ALJ LARSEN: Right. Okay, I will make a note  
24 of that. I am not sure how we usually address that. I  
25 mean, there -- I think it's possible also to submit a

1 hard disk or a -- a disk with that information on it as  
2 part of the exhibit.

3 But as far as the exhibits, but we will check  
4 on that and get back to you. All right. Thanks for  
5 that comment.

6 Yeah, so, I think, Mr. Matthews, also, that the  
7 exhibit list you provided also didn't have the live  
8 links; and so, I just want to remind -- remind you to  
9 resubmit that with the live links.

10 MR. MATTHEWS: Yes, your Honor, our intention  
11 was for it to have live links. If that is not the case,  
12 then we will work on that, and we will make sure that,  
13 as we proceed with updating that list, that those --  
14 those links are active and working.

15 ALJ LARSEN: Okay. Great. All right.

16 Any other questions or comments on exhibits?

17 Ah, Ms. Goodson?

18 MS. GOODSON: Thank you, your Honor. Hayley  
19 Goodson for TURN.

20 I don't want to take things out of order. I do  
21 have some questions and comments about various things  
22 that were identified in your March 10th ruling  
23 scheduling this status conference including numbering of  
24 exhibits, the timing of service of exhibits versus  
25 updating the live exhibit list.

1           Would you like me to raise those issues now or  
2           wait until you go through the agenda topics as they  
3           appear in that ruling?

4           ALJ LARSEN: Yeah, no, why don't we just go  
5           ahead and -- go ahead and ask about that now while we  
6           are on exhibits.

7           MS. GOODSON: Okay. Thank you. So, first of  
8           all, in the -- in your ruling, in two different places,  
9           you identified different formats for numbering exhibits,  
10          different protocols; and I wanted to -- to ask, first of  
11          all, clarification about how you would like parties to  
12          number those exhibits for the official exhibit list  
13          including cross-exhibits, and also, to the extent it's a  
14          different protocol than the way parties already numbered  
15          their testimony, when you would like us to revise those  
16          documents and whether you want us to upload them to  
17          supporting documents again; and I will give you an  
18          example.

19          TURN numbered our exhibits TURN-5, you know,  
20          for example or, you know, 5-C, we use the confidential  
21          in nomenclature. In one place in your ruling, you as --  
22          you suggest that cross-exhibits should be named TURN  
23          space, EX like exhibit, five rather than Exhibit TURN 5.

24          So, that was -- that is different than the way  
25          we did it. It's also different than the way most

1 parties did it, who num -- pre-numbered their exhibits.

2 In a second place in the ruling, you referred  
3 to naming a protocol that looks more like what parties  
4 did. So, TURN-5.

5 So, just wanted clarification. I want to make  
6 sure that we're all doing it in the first instance the  
7 way you intend for exhibits to be numbered, and that we  
8 make changes on a schedule that will work for you.

9 That's the first issue. So, let me pause there  
10 before I go through my other somewhat related questions.

11 ALJ LARSEN: Okay. So, we don't have a -- we  
12 are not pre-stating what the exhibits will be, so -- and  
13 we basically like to have the -- we -- in the proposed  
14 decisions and the decisions, we generally put the party  
15 first and then E-X for exhibit and then dash the number,  
16 so I think -- that's how we would prefer to have it  
17 going forward, so.

18 We don't want to have to have people resubmit  
19 things because of the numbering, so let's just, going  
20 forward, use the format that we use in the decisions.  
21 It's just more -- it's just easier for us to use that  
22 cite -- use the citing system that we are going to use  
23 in the decision.

24 So, that would be, in your example, TURN-EX-5.  
25 Does that -- does that make -- does that cover that?

1 MS. GOODSON: I -- I will pause just because  
2 two other parties look like they want to weigh in on  
3 this, just before I say anything further.

4 ALJ LARSEN: Okay. Mr. Mitchell?

5 MR. MITCHELL: Thank you, your Honor, Joseph  
6 Mitchell, Mussey Grade Road Alliance.

7 I had a question regarding who will accept the  
8 physical delivery of the documents.

9 ALJ LARSEN: Okay. Well, let's just first  
10 cover that other issue.

11 Mr. Matthews, do you have anything else about  
12 the naming protocol?

13 MR. MATTHEWS: Thank you, your Honor, Walker  
14 Matthews on behalf of PG&E.

15 I had a -- a -- PG&E had similar questions that  
16 TURN has raised, so I glad we are picking this up. So,  
17 I am understanding from what Your Honor just said is  
18 the -- the exhibits that have already been -- been  
19 served and numbered, so for example, PG&E's opening  
20 testimony, PG&E-01, PG&E-02 and so forth, Your Honor  
21 isn't -- isn't expecting us to regenerate those such  
22 that we would pick up the convention of PG&E-EX-01,  
23 rather it's exhibits that are going to be created going  
24 forward.

25 So, for, PG&E, I think it's going to be PG&E-26

1 would be our next -- our next exhibit. What I am  
2 understanding Your Honor saying is that -- so, that next  
3 exhibit that hasn't already been prepared and submitted,  
4 we would now pick up the convention of PG&E-EX-26.

5 Is that -- do I have that correct?

6 ALJ LARSEN: Yeah, yeah. So -- but if you  
7 could -- I just -- let's -- let's redo the exhibit list  
8 because that's basically what we are going to be going  
9 off of, and that's sort of like the master document for  
10 exhibits, more people will be going to find exhibits and  
11 clicking on the link, so I think it would be good to  
12 have the naming convention correct for that going  
13 forward, and especially since that the something that  
14 doesn't have to -- you know, it's an electronic version,  
15 so I think it's easier to update that as opposed to  
16 resubmitting other exhibits.

17 MR. MATTHEWS: So, what I'm understanding then  
18 is that on the exhibit list itself, the column that has  
19 exhibit numbers, we will list PG&E-EX-1, but in terms of  
20 when one would go to the link and then actually open up  
21 that document, with the PDF, you know, the cover page  
22 can still say PGE-1. Is that acceptable?

23 ALJ LARSEN: Yes, yes.

24 Okay. All right. Then, Mr. Mitchell?

25 MR. MITCHELL: Yes, your Honor. One question

1 on the first page.

2 As I understand a recent update to the Rules of  
3 Practice and Procedure were proposed and also prior  
4 experience, is it desirable on the physical copies to  
5 have a blank first page with just the exhibit number. I  
6 understand that the Commission wishes to affix a sticker  
7 to the front page. Is -- is that required, or can we  
8 just have our standard front page as per the Rules of  
9 Practice and Procedure?

10 ALJ LARSEN: I would just follow the Rules of  
11 Practice and Procedure.

12 In terms of a sticker, we -- basically what  
13 happens is at the end, once we get the physical copy --  
14 I think we have received some already -- once we have  
15 all of them, that do get stamped and then they get  
16 turned into our central files.

17 And so, we will put a stamp on there and -- so,  
18 just keep following the Rules of Practice and Procedure.

19 MR. MITCHELL: And they define where the stamp  
20 will be affixed, so can we make sure to keep that clear?

21 ALJ LARSEN: Well, I don't know what does --  
22 which section -- which paragraph in the Rules of  
23 Practice and Procedure? I have them right in front of  
24 me.

25 MR. MITCHELL: I don't have them in front of

1 me. I -- I will go refer to the rules, your Honor.

2 Thank you.

3 ALJ LARSEN: Yeah, okay. And all right. If  
4 you find the -- that section of the Rules of Practice,  
5 you can raise your hand later, and we can go back to  
6 that.

7 MR. MITCHELL: All right. Thank you. Also,  
8 who is going to be collecting the physical copies? How  
9 should this be...

10 ALJ LARSEN: You can just send them to myself,  
11 and they will get to our -- they will get to me at the  
12 address at the -- in San Francisco, our office in San  
13 Francisco. They come to the mailroom and then I will  
14 pick them up from there.

15 MR. MITCHELL: Thank you, your Honor.

16 ALJ LARSEN: Okay. All right. Anything  
17 else -- Mr. Mitchell, you still have your hand up, but I  
18 see Ms. Goodson, go ahead.

19 MS. GOODSON: Thank you, your Honor. For the  
20 hard copy exhibits, do you want two copies or one copy?  
21 I -- I don't want to encourage more copying, but in many  
22 cases, the judges have required two copies; and I want  
23 to make sure parties don't have to do that printing  
24 exercise twice.

25 ALJ LARSEN: Yeah, no. We are use -- we are

1 all electronic. The other two judges and I are fully  
2 electronic, and one will be sufficient for the records  
3 department.

4 MS. GOODSON: Wonderful, thank you.

5 I assume we will talk about cross-exhibits a  
6 little bit later in the agenda, and if that is correct,  
7 I will save my questions and comments related to  
8 cross-exhibits until that part of our status conference.

9 ALJ LARSEN: No, why don't you go ahead. I  
10 just wanted to cover all of the exhibit issues right  
11 now, and then I didn't have a separate item for that  
12 later, so go ahead.

13 MS. GOODSON: Okay. Thank you, your Honor.

14 So, I understand the requirement is that  
15 parties send to the service list cross-exhibits by  
16 5:00 p.m. two days before the witness is to take the  
17 stand, and I have a -- a question about that.

18 In our hearing, we have three Mondays that are  
19 hearing days, and I want to make sure we all understand  
20 what the deadline is for submitting cross-exhibits for  
21 Monday's appearances.

22 Will that be Thursday, 5:00 p.m.? Will that be  
23 Friday, 5:00 p.m. because it's the weekend? What is --  
24 the -- the ruling said days, not business days; and  
25 so --

1 ALJ LARSEN: Okay.

2 MS. GOODSON: -- I want to be clear.

3 ALJ LARSEN: All right. Yeah, we didn't  
4 specify business days, so you can -- do the parties have  
5 a -- Mr. Matthews, do you have a comment on that?

6 MR. MATTHEWS: I -- yes, your Honor. Walker  
7 Matthews for PG&E.

8 PG&E's expectation and recommendation would be  
9 for the Monday hearing days that the exhibits be  
10 provided by Thursday at 5:00 p.m.

11 ALJ LARSEN: I am fine with that. Does anybody  
12 have any -- we don't have a strong preference in that  
13 regard. Any other comment on that?

14 (No response.)

15 ALJ LARSEN: I am looking for hands, sorry.

16 Okay. So, let's make it, you know, two days  
17 before, including -- and so, if it's a Monday, that  
18 would be Thursday.

19 MS. GOODSON: Okay. So, Tuesday will be  
20 Friday. That -- that's fine. We'll -- we understand  
21 that. There are two Tuesdays of hearings, so.

22 Okay. So related question. Actually, kind of  
23 a comment. I want to first say that TURN really  
24 appreciates all the efforts that PG&E has ahead of it in  
25 keeping the live link exhibit list updated. It's a

1 tremendous resource for all the parties, and I -- I know  
2 it's a lot of work.

3 I want to flag for your Honors that there can  
4 be a delay sometimes between when a party uploads a  
5 document to the supporting documenting feature on the  
6 Commission's website and when a link to that newly  
7 updated document is published. Sometimes it happens  
8 right away; sometimes it -- it may be the next day. And  
9 so, there -- it is possible that there will be a lag  
10 between -- you know, if we -- if we all serve our  
11 cross-exhibits on time, PG&E may not be able to  
12 simultaneously update the exhibit list with a link.

13 So, we will strive to include a link when we  
14 serve our cross-exhibits should a link exist, but we  
15 will always meet that 5:00 p.m. deadline with a  
16 cross-exhibit attached even if there's been a delay in  
17 the link.

18 So, I just wanted to flag for you that it is  
19 possible that there will be a slight lag in when those  
20 links are available on the live exhibit list even if all  
21 the parties comply with the service deadline. So, I  
22 just wanted to -- to flag that and maybe -- maybe  
23 Mr. Matthews has a way to re -- maybe you have a direct  
24 channel with the supporting documents link generator,  
25 but yeah.

1 ALJ LARSEN: Okay. Mr. Matthews?

2 MR. MATTHEWS: Yes. We don't have that --  
3 that -- that direct link that TURN's counsel is  
4 referring to.

5 We also picked up on the same issues that  
6 TURN's counsel picked up on. This relates to  
7 paragraph six of your Honor's March 10th email ruling  
8 directing PG&E to serve the -- the -- to the service  
9 list the updated exhibit list with cross-examination  
10 exhibits to be used during the evidentiary hearings by  
11 5:00 p.m. two days prior to the hearing day.

12 So, they -- the issue that -- that TURN's  
13 counsel is picking up on is that, if we get an exhibit,  
14 let's say, at 4:00 p.m. or 4:30 p.m. we will endeavor to  
15 update the exhibit list, but we might not be able to  
16 update that exhibit list with a live link until -- until  
17 that link goes live.

18 So, there can be lags. We will do the best  
19 that we can and, certainly, we'll -- we'll work to have  
20 the exhibit list as update -- excuse me -- as updated as  
21 possible.

22 ALJ LARSEN: Okay. All right. Well, that is  
23 good to know. That is fine. Thanks for letting us  
24 know. I think if it's after 5:00, that's -- you know,  
25 we understand that.

1 MS. GOODSON: Thank you, your Honor. I have  
2 one more comment regarding cross-exhibits, and that is  
3 something that is very specific to TURN; and I want to  
4 flag it for you now because in the last PG&E GRC, you  
5 were a little puzzled initially and then we talked about  
6 it and then it was okay.

7 And that is that TURN has -- we have eight  
8 attorneys working on the GRC. We are all assigned to  
9 many matters, and the way that we have learned over  
10 many, many GRCs is that our process is the smoothest  
11 when we assign a block of cross-exhibit numbers to each  
12 attorney; and we have done that by the 100 series; and  
13 so, we end up -- we will end up with, you know, TURN  
14 Exhibit 800 and TURN Exhibit 300, et cetera, which  
15 allows us to avoid any duplication with one another,  
16 getting things out of order.

17 We -- things will proceed chronologically  
18 within those tranches, but because witnesses move  
19 around, attorneys are moving around. It's extremely  
20 difficult for us to maintain a single -- a single flow  
21 of cross-exhibit numbers, and I -- and I ask your Honors  
22 indulgence with this -- this process. We have done it  
23 successfully in the past three GRCs, and it makes things  
24 much easier on our end. We just don't have the admin  
25 support to do what PG&E is able to do, for instance.

1           So, I -- I wanted to flag this. I am hoping  
2 you will tell me that you can live with it even if it  
3 looks a little bit funny. It'll make hearings much  
4 easier for us.

5           ALJ LARSEN: Okay, yeah, that's no problem. As  
6 long as the exhibit list reflects that, then we're fine  
7 because that's -- that's the map for exhibits; and I  
8 think that's the reason why we have the party name  
9 first, and then the exhibit list number following  
10 instead of the other way around.

11          MS. GOODSON: Thank you.

12          ALJ LARSEN: That gives all the parties  
13 flexibility in terms of their numbering. So, we will go  
14 ahead and unders -- we understand that, but thanks for  
15 the clarification.

16          Okay. All right.

17          MS. MYERS: Apologies. Sorry, I couldn't find  
18 my hand raised, but now I see it. Do you mind if I ask  
19 a question? This is Megan Myers with EDF.

20          ALJ LARSEN: Yeah, go ahead.

21          MS. MYERS: If -- I am not saying this is  
22 necessarily going to happen, but if a party is not  
23 planning to participate in evidentiary hearings, do they  
24 still need to submit a hard copy of their testimony to  
25 the ALJs prior to the hearing?

1 ALJ LARSEN: Yes.

2 MS. MYERS: Okay. Thank you. And --

3 ALJ LARSEN: We need --

4 MS. MYERS: Oh, sorry.

5 ALJ LARSEN: Yes, we need that to complete the  
6 record.

7 MS. MYERS: Second question is how did your  
8 Honor want to handle admitting stipulations into the  
9 record? Would that all be part of, kind of, the first  
10 day of hearing activities or -- I know that stipulations  
11 can arrive at any point, but that is the one question  
12 that I have.

13 ALJ LARSEN: Right. If you are talking about  
14 exhibits in lieu of cross-examination, for example.

15 MS. MYERS: Right.

16 ALJ LARSEN: Generally, it's easier to do that  
17 when you're up for cross-examination. I think that's  
18 probably how we will do it going forward.

19 Now, if a party is not going to be conducting  
20 cross-examination, you could ask another attorney to  
21 submit your exhibits into those -- into the record and  
22 that's another option.

23 MS. MYERS: Okay. Thank you.

24 ALJ LARSEN: Let's see. I think I saw a note  
25 that Susan Sheriff had a comment. I -- I haven't seen

1 where that was in the chat, because I am not seeing the  
2 chat. Well, I have all the names.

3 Is there still a question for Susan Sheriff  
4 or -- I mean, Nora Sheriff, excuse me.

5 MS. SHERIFF: Thank you, your Honor, Nora  
6 Sheriff. Can you hear me now clearly?

7 ALJ LARSEN: Yes, yes.

8 MS. SHERIFF: Okay. I apologize for the  
9 technical difficulties and will rely on my laptop then.

10 Thank you.

11 ALJ LARSEN: Okay. Ms. Weberski? Did you have  
12 a --

13 MS. WEBERSKI: Thank you, your Honor. I --

14 ALJ LARSEN: -- question for me?

15 MS. WEBERSKI: Thank you, your Honor. I want  
16 to clarify, just so that I understand, for -- for party  
17 witnesses who there's not going to be cross for, to  
18 enter in their -- their direct and rebuttal testimony,  
19 are you wanting to do that via motion? Do you want just  
20 the attorney to be there, or does the actual witness  
21 need to be there to enter in the direct and rebuttal?  
22 If we have a witness where there ends up not being cross  
23 for.

24 ALJ LARSEN: I mean, it's better if you have  
25 the witness there. Sometimes people voir dire the

1 witness and -- or attorneys think that's preferred, but  
2 if -- if the other parties are fine with -- with -- if  
3 you don't need to -- there's not an issue with the  
4 witness, you could -- I suggest you check with PG&E and  
5 the other parties.

6 If there's no objection to the witness, then I  
7 think -- then I don't see that you need the witness.

8 Speaking of witnesses, if there are any  
9 objections to witnesses, we would like to receive those  
10 in advance of the hearing instead of the day that those  
11 witnesses are appearing for cross-examination.

12 Now, I understand you have to ask them  
13 questions. You may not be able to do that, but that  
14 would be our preference. If there are any objections to  
15 witnesses to let us know that in advance before the  
16 hearing.

17 But anyway, does that cover your question,  
18 Ms. Weberski?

19 MS. WEBERSKI: I -- I think it does, your  
20 Honor. It -- it does, but then it sounds as though  
21 every single witness who authored direct and rebuttal  
22 testimony is going to have to appear in the very limited  
23 timeframe that we have where...

24 ALJ LARSEN: Yeah, I don't -- no, I don't think  
25 that's the case. You know, I think it's -- as long as

1 there's no objection to the witness, then we don't need  
2 the witness there.

3 MS. WEBERSKI: Okay. Thanks, your Honor.

4 ALJ LARSEN: Okay. Next, we have a hand,  
5 Mr. Vespa?

6 MR. VESPA: Yeah, thank you, your Honor, Matt  
7 Vespa for Sierra Club.

8 Just so I am clear on the process, if you are a  
9 party introducing an exhibit where there's no cross or  
10 cross has been waived at some point before hearing, what  
11 is the appropriate time to seek to produce that exhibit?  
12 And also, what I am hearing from you is perhaps several  
13 days in advance, one would just email parties and  
14 confirm there are no objections to the witness just to  
15 be able to not have the witnesses be there at the same  
16 time. Is that -- is that what you're envisioning?

17 ALJ LARSEN: Yeah, that would make sense.  
18 We're flexible in terms of when you appear to enter --  
19 to offer those exhibits into the record.

20 If your witness --

21 MR. VESPA: Okay, thank you.

22 ALJ LARSEN: -- is going to appear, that would  
23 be best on the date that the witness is there. If not,  
24 we could do those at the beginning or the end. We don't  
25 have a strong -- of each day, at the beginning or end of

1 each day, it has to be done by the time we conclude the  
2 hearings, so we don't have a rigid preference on that.

3 If they just need -- need to appear, I would  
4 suggest that you consult with PG&E in terms of the  
5 scheduling and when it's the most convenient to do that.

6 MR. VESPA: Sounds good, thank you.

7 ALJ LARSEN: Okay. Mr. Matthews?

8 MR. MATTHEWS: Thank you, your Honor.

9 Yeah, I was going to suggest something along  
10 the lines of what you just -- you just ended with  
11 regarding coordinating with PG&E.

12 It would be our expectation that each day of  
13 the hearing, there would be -- there would be a  
14 housekeeping portion for -- for these types of matters  
15 whether it's at the very, very beginning of the hearing  
16 day or the very, very end of the hearing day.

17 We can also coordinate with the parties if we  
18 can -- if we can schedule those type of housekeeping  
19 when -- when, for example, SBUA's exhibits would be  
20 entered into the record or when Sierra Club's exhibits  
21 would be entered into the record.

22 We can note that in our -- in our daily  
23 schedule as we -- as we list the witnesses and then  
24 maybe also the other -- other housekeeping items that  
25 might be addressed during that day.

1 ALJ LARSEN: Yeah, that makes sense. I think  
2 it's best to be flexible because we don't know when the  
3 witness could appear or -- or when the attorney is going  
4 to appear. So, yeah, either the beginning or the end of  
5 the day is fine.

6 Okay. That -- Mr. Vespa, does that cover it?  
7 You still have your hand up.

8 MR. VESPA: I can take that down. Thank you.

9 ALJ LARSEN: Okay. All right. Let's see, any  
10 other questions -- those are great questions. That will  
11 help us -- that will help us move along the hearing  
12 smoothly. I don't see any other hands.

13 So, let's go on to the hearing schedule.

14 All right. We have 12 hearing dates on the  
15 calendar so far. That's April -- the week of April 27th  
16 to May -- (audio failure.) Then we got May 1st, May 8th  
17 and then we have May 11th through the 15th.

18 Hearings will start at 10:00 on the first day,  
19 and then at 9:30 on the remaining days to give us more  
20 time.

21 We will take breaks as needed in between  
22 witnesses and -- and shoot for an hour for lunch, if  
23 possible; and we will typically try to end at 4:00, but  
24 we may go over a little bit.

25 I understand that the parties' estimated

1 cross-examination time of approximately 62 hours.17 --  
2 62.17 hours. On Tuesday PG&E sent an update. I didn't  
3 see that the total changed, and I wasn't really clear  
4 what had changed.

5 Mr. Matthews, could you address that before we  
6 discuss the number of hearing days? Has the total  
7 changed at all, or is it still at 62.17 hours?

8 MR. MATTHEWS: Your Honor, I am going to ask  
9 Ken Arnold to address -- address that question.

10 MR. ARNOLD: Good morning, your Honor, this is  
11 Ken Arnold for PG&E.

12 The hearing time has not changed dramatically  
13 since we first sent out the witness estimate list;  
14 however, there are a lot of conversations going on  
15 between the parties. I see that directly.

16 So, our goal, I think, is to continue to work  
17 through those conversations and come to a draft of the  
18 schedule tomorrow with witnesses populated into the  
19 schedule that we sent on the 13th.

20 In that document we sent on the 13th, we did  
21 provide an overall schedule by exhibit, and that may  
22 shift a little bit as well given the discussions we're  
23 having with some parties currently.

24 ALJ LARSEN: Okay. All right.

25 Ms. Sheriff?

1 MS. SHERIFF: Thank you, your Honor, Nora  
2 Sheriff on behalf of EPUC and Indicated Shippers.

3 We have about an hour and a half of cross  
4 estimates that were provided to PG&E for PG&E witnesses  
5 that is not reflected in the cross-examination matrix.  
6 We have alerted PG&E to this. This is a very large case  
7 with a lot of parties and a lot of cross estimates, so  
8 it's understandable that it was inadvertently not  
9 included. I did want to flag that for you.

10 So, I -- I think that the 62.17 hours is not  
11 the correct total reflecting all parties' cross  
12 estimates.

13 ALJ LARSEN: Okay. Thank you for that.

14 Ms. Goodson?

15 MS. GOODSON: (Line muted.)

16 ALJ LARSEN: Oh, you're on mute.

17 MS. GOODSON: Thank you. I can't anticipate  
18 where you're going with the -- the scheduling  
19 conversation, but I wanted to just chime in and, of  
20 course, remind you what -- what you know well is that  
21 these -- these days and weeks leading up to hearings are  
22 very dynamic in terms of cross estimates, and the one  
23 thing we know for sure is those numbers will change.  
24 The numbers PG&E has already -- has distributed will  
25 change, and the estimates this PG&E will -- you know,

1 will provide tomorrow will -- will again change.

2           TURN has sent more than 20 data requests to  
3 PG&E related to PG&E's rebuttal. More requests will go  
4 out before this week ends. We do this in order to  
5 narrow issues that we need to cover in hearings and  
6 reduce our cross estimates.

7           So, just speaking for TURN, we have a number of  
8 hours reserved for cross or estimated for cross, and we  
9 know that those numbers are too high, but we do that so  
10 that we have an opportunity to further investigate the  
11 issues through discovery and prepare more precisely for  
12 hearings; and so, I just will reiterate PG&E's plea in  
13 the case management statement to please allow the  
14 parties time to work together to -- to finalize our  
15 preparations for hearings and deal with the schedule.

16           And if your Honors are -- are open to adding  
17 additional hearing days, TURN certainly wouldn't object  
18 to that but -- but we do ask that your Honors not, at  
19 this point, take steps to constrain parties in -- in the  
20 process that we are already very active in in trying to  
21 adjust cross estimates.

22           Thank you.

23           ALJ LARSEN: Yeah, okay. Let me -- let me  
24 address that. So, basically, I have looked at the  
25 spreadsheets and -- you know, I understand the parties

1 are still coordinating questions. I think you can  
2 continue to coordinate questions to try to avoid  
3 duplications especially for subjects where there are  
4 multiple parties planning cross-examination. For  
5 example, in the electrical distribution and the business  
6 areas. You can continue to do that, and at some point,  
7 consider waiving cross for -- by entering exhibits in  
8 lieu of cross. That will certainly be helpful.

9 So -- but including the breaks and the time to  
10 enter exhibits and the schedule from 9:30 to 4:00 each  
11 day, basically using 4.5 hours for cross-examination per  
12 day as sort of a guiding post; and so, based on that,  
13 you know, it looks like we do need additional hearing  
14 days.

15 And so, we have hearing days that we can use on  
16 the calendar, specifically May 18th and May 19th.  
17 Planning to -- basically proposing that we add those  
18 hearing days.

19 Now, there is one other wild card and that is  
20 we don't know if parties are going to have additional  
21 questions because of our questions, which we are  
22 providing by ruling.

23 And so, to anticipate that, we will -- we have  
24 as an option of adding May 26th as a third hearing day.

25 So -- but the Commission is -- the calendar is

1 packed, and there are other proceedings which you may be  
2 involved with that also need hearing dates and -- and  
3 prehearing conferences; and so, I would ask that we not  
4 try to just fill up those three days, and that we try  
5 to, you know, stick to -- try to reduce the number of  
6 days as possible, but for now, we do have May 18th,  
7 May 19th and May 26th available; and I will put those on  
8 the calendar officially by ruling after this status  
9 conference.

10 So, in terms of scheduling witnesses. I note  
11 that we had also deferred testimony for electrical  
12 undergrounding until May 11th or later but other than  
13 that, we are flexible in terms of the subject matter and  
14 the order of the witnesses.

15 So, let me see if there's any questions or  
16 comments on that. I think, basically, with three extra  
17 days, it'll be enough to accommodate everything, and if  
18 we just try not to use them all, we would appreciate it.

19 Any -- Mr. Matthews?

20 MR. MATTHEWS: Thank you, your Honor. Walker  
21 Matthews on behalf of the PG&E.

22 I -- I do want to flag for your Honor's  
23 attention and consideration in regards to the additional  
24 hearing days, and how that may impact the current  
25 briefing schedule.

1           We are not seeking to change that briefing  
2           schedule at present, but to the extent that those days  
3           are utilized, it may be worth considering how it impacts  
4           the briefing schedule.

5           ALJ LARSEN: Yeah, we can always -- so, let's  
6           wait until the end of the last day of hearings, and then  
7           we can confirm the briefing schedule.

8           If we have to extend the briefing schedule  
9           because of the extension of the days, we are open to  
10          that.

11          Okay. Anybody else? Mr. Matthews?

12          MR. MATTHEWS: Sorry, your Honor, Walker  
13          Matthews again.

14          I did want a clarification regarding the  
15          portion of the hearing relating to undergrounding and  
16          undergrounding witnesses.

17          When your Honors initially scheduled the May  
18          11th through May 15th portion of the hearings it --  
19          it -- that initial ruling indicating that that portion  
20          of the hearings would be utilized related to the  
21          undergrounding issues and the undergrounding witnesses.

22          Is that still your Honor's intention, or -- or  
23          are we looking at the entirety of the hearing from  
24          April 27th through May as I -- I think -- it being  
25          essentially one -- one hearing, at which point, you

1 know, undergrounding witnesses could appear various --  
2 at juncture but depending on availability of witnesses  
3 and counsel.

4 ALJ LARSEN: Well, the -- the May 11th date was  
5 only intended for the additional testimony in addition  
6 to the undergrounding on the -- for -- for 2027.

7 So, May 11th was intended to give additional  
8 time for the post test-year undergrounding plans, or  
9 people have been calling it the bridge program or  
10 whatever you want to call it.

11 So, you could proceed with the undergrounding  
12 plans for 2027, however it's convenient, and then -- and  
13 then you could spend -- you could schedule the  
14 undergrounding for post-2027 May 11th or later. This is  
15 how we had planned it.

16 Does that make sense?

17 MR. MATTHEWS: Yes, it does.

18 Thank you.

19 ALJ LARSEN: Okay. All right. All right.

20 Anything else on -- on the schedule? I will look  
21 forward to getting the revisions to the schedule as you  
22 have indicated, Mr. Matthews, in your email earlier.

23 Did you have another comment, Mr. Matthews?

24 MR. MATTHEWS: No, your Honor. That was --  
25 that was a latent hand raised.

1 ALJ LARSEN: Okay. All right.

2 Okay. So, note that when swearing witnesses,  
3 we will ask the witnesses if they swear to abide by the  
4 witness attestation, which most of you have probably  
5 seen before, but Mr. Haga, could you share your -- could  
6 you put that up on your screen just so that everyone is  
7 aware of -- of what we are asking the witnesses to  
8 attest to.

9 There we go. Let's see, can everybody see  
10 that? We have -- we have, like, Hollywood Squares here  
11 with the number of -- there we go.

12 Okay. So, I will just give you a moment to  
13 read that. In summary, there is the initial swearing in  
14 under penalty of perjury. That the testimony will be  
15 provided free from external influence. Will adhere to  
16 all formal requirements including the prohibition  
17 against being coached. Only refer to materials provided  
18 by the parties. There will be no recording of the -- of  
19 the proceeding. Witnesses will not engage in any  
20 private communications while under oath, and if those  
21 requirements are not adhered to, we will address them as  
22 they're reported.

23 Okay. Does anyone have any questions on those?  
24 Normally these are not an issue.

25 (No response.)

1 ALJ LARSEN: Okay. Does anyone need any more  
2 time on that? Okay. All right. Then let's go on to  
3 confidential information.

4 We have motions for confidential treatments  
5 filed by PG&E, TURN, CALSTART and NRG. I think  
6 that's -- there were four of them and we did not -- I  
7 did not see any response to any of them, so it appears  
8 that they are uncontested.

9 And then PG&E filed its motion for confidential  
10 treatment regarding its rebuttal.

11 Is there any party that plans to respond to  
12 the -- the motion for confidential treatment of  
13 information in the rebuttal?

14 (No response.)

15 ALJ LARSEN: I -- I am asking because we don't  
16 have a lot of dates left for the hearing until the  
17 hearing, so one option would be for us to just shorten  
18 the time for responses and -- if any, to allow us to get  
19 a ruling out regarding confidentiality before we start  
20 hearings on the 27th. In this way -- in this way, we  
21 will have addressed the confidentiality issue and know  
22 what's confidential.

23 Ms. Goodson?

24 MS. GOODSON: Thank you, your Honor, Hayley  
25 Goodson.

1           TURN does not intend to respond to PG&E's  
2 motion for confidential treatment of rebuttal testimony;  
3 however, it does sound like your Honors are wanting to  
4 resolve any motions for confidentiality treatment of  
5 exhibits prior to the start of hearing, and I wanted to  
6 seek your guidance.

7           TURN, as you noted, filed a motion for  
8 confidential treatment of the exhibit we identified as  
9 TURN-19, which was our response to PG&E's response to --  
10 to your Honors' questions, but we did not go back and  
11 file a motion for confidential treatment of our  
12 intervenor testimony that we served on February 15th.  
13 We do have some confidential exhibits.

14           And so, I wanted to know, would you like us to  
15 file a motion as soon as possible listing all of the  
16 confidential exhibits that we've served so far in  
17 conjunction with our testimony. That would include  
18 testimony, what we call our attachments, and also the  
19 workpapers which we distributed recently.

20           We could do that next week and just list it all  
21 there and file a similar -- similar motion if you would  
22 like. We just weren't sure about the right timing for  
23 that.

24           This was a new procedure for us, and we wanted  
25 to find out what the most efficient way it is for -- to

1 roll it out.

2 ALJ LARSEN: All right. I think it is best if  
3 you file a motion so that we -- so that we can document  
4 what is confidential so there's no confusion about that,  
5 so that we have a -- keep the record clear in terms of  
6 what is confidential and what is not.

7 So, how -- how soon can you file that motion?

8 MS. GOODSON: (Line muted.)

9 ALJ LARSEN: You're on mute.

10 MS. GOODSON: Thank you. We can do it early  
11 next week.

12 ALJ LARSEN: Okay. So, when you say, "early,"  
13 let's see, Monday or Tuesday?

14 MS. GOODSON: Exactly.

15 ALJ LARSEN: Okay. So we will just say  
16 Tuesday.

17 MS. GOODSON: Thank you, your Honor.

18 ALJ LARSEN: All right. And so, since there --  
19 okay, I am getting some hands here.

20 Ms. Kantor?

21 MS. KANTOR: Thank you, your Honor, Julia  
22 Kantor for CalCCA. I just wanted to flag that we will  
23 also be filing a similar motion for confidential  
24 treatment of portions of our opening testimony that  
25 referenced confidential information submitted by PG&E as

1 confidential; and so, generally, we hadn't filed motions  
2 with the submission of testimony, but it sounds like we  
3 have clarified from the March 10th and following ruling  
4 that we should be doing that; and so, we will also file  
5 that motion by Tuesday.

6 ALJ LARSEN: Okay. Is that the case for you,  
7 Mr. Moskowitz, as well?

8 MR. MOSKOWITZ: I had a quick question. If the  
9 conf -- the information marked confidential is only in  
10 discovery responses that are attached to the testimony,  
11 would you like a separate motion for that as well?

12 ALJ LARSEN: If it's in a response to  
13 testimony, yeah, I think we need to have that --

14 MR. MOSKOWITZ: Okay.

15 ALJ LARSEN: -- also as a motion.

16 MR. MOSKOWITZ: Next Tuesday will work for us.  
17 Thank you.

18 ALJ LARSEN: Yeah, all -- all remaining motions  
19 to document confidential information shall be filed by  
20 next Tuesday, which is the 21st, and then we will go  
21 ahead and prepare our ruling accordingly and consider  
22 that -- keeping in mind that there is no planned  
23 responses to any of those motions.

24 So, in other words, the time is there is no  
25 time for filing a response or it's shortened to -- I

1 think, to one day, if anything.

2 Okay. All right. Now, in terms of  
3 confidentiality. I -- I think I saw that the parties  
4 have a nondisclosure agreement, and you've designated  
5 the people who are -- have -- allowed to have access to  
6 confidential information, so that during the course of  
7 the hearing, we hope to avoid -- just avoid discussions  
8 of the confidential information; and if there's  
9 something that you find that we need to discuss at the  
10 hearing, we can create a separate record, and I will do  
11 that on a witness-by-witness basis.

12 So, I would imagine saving any confidential  
13 questions to the end of that witness's answers or  
14 testimony in response to cross-examination, so we will  
15 just go off the record and create a separate record for  
16 confidential information. So, basically, we're going to  
17 have two sets of transcripts for a witness, if -- if  
18 any, and -- and hopefully, we can just avoid referencing  
19 the confidential information; and that's usually --  
20 we're -- we're usually able to do that so, hopefully, we  
21 can continue that practice.

22 Any questions or comment on that?

23 (No response.)

24 ALJ LARSEN: Okay. All right. Then let's move  
25 on.

1 All right. So, regarding PG&E, your additional  
2 list. We have on our to-do list to issue an order  
3 regarding your motion for an effect -- update effective  
4 so that revenue requirements and associated -- well, so  
5 that revenue requirements are effective January 1, 2027.  
6 We will work on that promptly.

7 You also planned to issue a nondisclosure order  
8 regarding modeling. I think we have some time to do  
9 that.

10 Mr. Matthews, did you want to say anything  
11 about your motion for interim rate relief?

12 MR. MATTHEWS: Thank you, your Honor.

13 Again, it -- as indicated in our service  
14 yesterday afternoon, PG&E is planning on submitting a  
15 motion for interim rate relief. It's similar to the  
16 procedure that water utilities utilize in their general  
17 rate cases, so this is something that we are planning to  
18 present for the Commission's consideration in this rate  
19 case.

20 We do understand that in submitting this motion  
21 that intervenors will likely have a response to it. Our  
22 motion will present a -- a -- a -- a proposed schedule  
23 for intervenors' response that provides intervenors  
24 additional -- additional time, so that the response is  
25 not due during the course of hearings. And then we

1 would -- one of the reasons why we were looking to file  
2 this soon is to provide parties sufficient time to  
3 respond as well as the -- the Commission sufficient time  
4 to consider a motion prior to January 1, 2027.

5 So, in terms of timing, we are -- we are  
6 looking to do -- to do this and file this motion soon.  
7 I don't -- I don't have a specific date at this time,  
8 but it is something that we are looking to do in the  
9 next -- in the next -- forthcoming in the next couple of  
10 weeks.

11 ALJ LARSEN: Okay. Yeah, that's -- that sounds  
12 good. It's the expectation that we will get to that  
13 after the hearings.

14 I don't know if we will rule on the order for  
15 the effective date before the hearings but, I mean, we  
16 will try. Can't promise that. Certainly, that will be  
17 a priority after we finish the hearings, if that's all  
18 right.

19 MR. MATTHEWS: Yes, your Honor. Yes, that's  
20 fine.

21 I also wanted to briefly address the process  
22 for PG&E's requesting an update phase.

23 ALJ LARSEN: Right.

24 MR. MATTHEWS: I do want to note that in our  
25 email to the service list, there's an incorrect

1 citation. In that email, it's -- it cites to  
2 D.27-07-004. That citation should be to D.07-07-004,  
3 and the page reference is also incorrect. It's -- it  
4 references Appendix A, page A-26, and that -- that  
5 should be Appendix A, page A-36.

6 I apologize for the typographical error in  
7 email but did want to correct the -- the reference made.

8 ALJ LARSEN: Okay. Yeah, I think -- I am not  
9 so sure about the other reference. You mentioned  
10 D.04-12-015 at page 26, and I think that's -- I think  
11 that is not correct either, but there's another...

12 MR. MATTHEWS: Yeah, that -- that -- I -- I  
13 double checked the citations this morning, which is why  
14 I am correcting the second citation. That first  
15 citation is -- is correct. Again, the D.04-12-015 and  
16 it's page 26, and it's -- it's a paragraph that  
17 basically just says:

18 This authority to update is clearly  
19 intended to address the administerial  
20 application of a change or an activity already  
21 known to be necessary and, in fact, reflects  
22 better facts than were used in the original  
23 estimate.

24 And then there's an example given to rate case  
25 tax rates. There's a change. Those -- those tax rates

1 are appropriately provided in a -- an update of  
2 submittal.

3 ALJ LARSEN: Okay. All right. So, yeah, and  
4 the rate case plan that you're citing to refers to three  
5 criteria and those were cited to in D.21-08-036 at  
6 page 180. And I just want to note that -- well, okay,  
7 so did you have any more you wanted to say about that  
8 or, for example, can you tell us what the impact of that  
9 testimony would be?

10 MR. MATTHEWS: Again, we cannot indicate --  
11 the -- the impact at this time. We are still evaluating  
12 it. There's also a timing issue as it relates to the  
13 potential for a change to labor escalation rates.

14 Our contract negotiations are in progress and  
15 not final, but we expect them to be final sometime this  
16 summer; and so, that's one issue that we are -- that we  
17 are looking to -- an update on, and then there are some  
18 tax issues that we're evaluating that would be reflected  
19 in our October tax returns that we would also look to  
20 include in an update filing.

21 Again, in terms of the impact, we are still --  
22 we're still evaluating it and, you know, that impact  
23 will be presented in our update testimony.

24 ALJ LARSEN: Okay. The rate case plan also  
25 references a 280-day timeline for update testimony, and

1 we are already passed that. So, if you're planning to  
2 file a motion to allow update testimony, it sounds like  
3 you're already trying -- you're already, you know,  
4 referencing these -- these timing issues and that your  
5 contract negotiations are in progress.

6 So, file your motion, please address why you  
7 were unable to meet the 280-day deadline, and that's  
8 because these changes occurred later. It would be good  
9 to have that reference.

10 And so, it sounds like basically you're  
11 alerting us to that you will be filing a motion in this  
12 regard; is that correct?

13 MR. MATTHEWS: Our intention is to -- is to  
14 request a process for requesting that update phase.

15 Again, there is a timing issue, so what -- what  
16 we wanted to propose was that -- and this is similar to  
17 what was done in the 2023 rate case is that there was a  
18 deadline on the 2023 general rate case with PG&E for  
19 requesting that update phase, and we would -- we would  
20 request that that -- that similar type of approach be  
21 utilized here.

22 In terms of the timing that we were -- we were  
23 looking for that is -- is -- is a -- is a deadline by  
24 sometime this summer, and then if -- if we determine  
25 that there is a need for an update phase, we would meet

1 that deadline and we would -- we would file the motion  
2 but by that deadline.

3 ALJ LARSEN: Okay.

4 MR. MATTHEWS: We are not prepared to file a  
5 motion at this present time, for example.

6 ALJ LARSEN: Okay. So, what -- what deadline  
7 are you proposing?

8 MR. MATTHEWS: I would propose August 1st as  
9 a -- as a deadline.

10 ALJ LARSEN: Okay. All right. Are there -- is  
11 there any other comment on this? The parties -- the  
12 sooner you let us know when, the better, because we need  
13 to -- we need to try to reserve -- if we are going to  
14 have -- well, first, I think the parties would want to  
15 respond to that motion, and then -- and then if we are  
16 going to have hearings -- if there's a need for hearings  
17 on this testimony, then we would need to find a hearing  
18 date, and then with the hearing calendar the way it is,  
19 we need the hear -- we need to reserve a date several  
20 months in advance, so the sooner you let us know when  
21 you're going to file that motion, the better.

22 So, you're requesting August 1st, and we  
23 will -- we will -- we will address that by ruling. We  
24 can give you a date for filing that by ruling.

25 Let's hear from the other parties. I see

1 Ms. Goodson has her hand up.

2 MS. GOODSON: Thank you, your Honor, Hayley  
3 Goodson for TURN.

4 Mr. Matthews is correct that the schedule in  
5 PG&E's test year 2023 GRC did set a deadline for PG&E to  
6 seek an opportunity to submit update testimony; and in  
7 that case, PG&E was granted that opportunity, and we did  
8 have hearings on that testimony, but the critical  
9 difference between that case and this one, your Honor,  
10 is that in that case, the update process occurred prior  
11 to briefing; and so, parties were able to address the  
12 additional information submitted by PG&E and evaluated  
13 by parties in their briefing.

14 And in this case, I understand that we have a  
15 briefing schedule that was set in the scoping memo, but  
16 parties will discuss at the end of hearings whether  
17 there's a need to revise those dates but, you know,  
18 unless the briefing schedule were to be extended many  
19 months, the briefs -- reply briefs would be filed prior  
20 to this update testimony process, and -- and that is a  
21 definite concern to TURN.

22 ALJ LARSEN: Yeah, we don't want to delay -- we  
23 don't want this to delay the proceeding, and it seems  
24 like the only way we can avoid that is if we had a  
25 separate briefing schedule for this, I mean, given that

1 the briefing will start after the hearings for all the  
2 other issues then -- and you're asking for an August 1st  
3 date, then we are looking at a hearing date after that  
4 and then briefing after that, and that could  
5 significantly delay the process.

6 So, anyway, we will consider that and all of  
7 that in terms of whether we -- how we rule on the  
8 deadline or if we -- we grant the opportunity to provide  
9 update testimony but -- and, again, that will -- we  
10 can't even consider that until we know the impact and --  
11 and whether this testimony otherwise meets the criteria  
12 in the rate case plan.

13 So, was there anything more, Mr. Matthews, you  
14 can say about how the update testimony impacts any of  
15 the subject areas other than, I think you said, tax  
16 issues and labor costs.

17 Can you say specifically what subjects those --  
18 those labor changes will impact? What costs will those  
19 impact? Is there any way of saying that at this point?

20 MR. MATTHEWS: Your Honor, I am not -- I am not  
21 prepared -- again, this -- this is -- these are issues  
22 that we are still evaluating, so I am not prepared at  
23 this time to indicate how the labor escalation issues  
24 will impact, you know, particular portions of our  
25 forecast.

1           I will say a couple of things. One is that the  
2 update testimony itself is really the issue that --  
3 where there's a timing issue, because we don't have the  
4 update at -- at present, so there -- it would be  
5 challenging to provide that update testimony in advance  
6 of the -- of the current schedule for briefing.

7           So, just as you indicated, we were thinking  
8 that to the extent that update test -- update testimony  
9 is submitted and there are hearings that this would  
10 likely occur after the current hearings are -- are  
11 concluded. And after an initial round of briefing and  
12 that if your Honors' determine that a hearing is  
13 necessary and subsequent briefing is necessary, in  
14 regards to the update -- the updated matters, that that  
15 second round of briefing would occur.

16           But in terms of the timing, we are just not  
17 going to be in a position to submit update testimony in  
18 advance of the -- of the current briefing schedule.

19           ALJ LARSEN: Okay. So, let me think for a  
20 second here. Well, it's just a little difficult, I  
21 think, to -- to provide a deadline of, for example,  
22 August 1st without more information, so.

23           I am inclined to -- as a tentative ruling, I am  
24 inclined to say that you should submit a motion seeking  
25 permission to file update testimony, so that you can

1 give us a little information to help us set a timeline  
2 or a deadline for that, and then we can consider  
3 August 1st, but I don't think we have enough information  
4 to say August 1st.

5 So, at this -- we will -- we will say -- we  
6 will issue -- we will include in the next ruling  
7 guidance on this -- guidance on when to serve update  
8 testimony, but I am inclined to say that you should --  
9 we will probably say that you should file a motion to  
10 request permission by a certain date.

11 Does that make sense, Mr. Matthews?

12 MR. MATTHEWS: Yeah, I -- I think it does, your  
13 Honor. We can certainly submit a motion that requests,  
14 you know, an update phase sooner. The difficulty,  
15 again, is in that motion, we would likely present a  
16 schedule. It's that schedule that is -- that is more  
17 difficult to -- to -- to prepare and develop and propose  
18 in regards to when our update testimony would be --  
19 would be ready to be submitted because these labor  
20 negotiations are -- are in progress, so we don't -- we  
21 don't have a final agreement.

22 There's a -- there's an approval process for --  
23 for that labor agreement. My understanding is that  
24 there's a -- there's a 60-day period, so we are talking  
25 about a two-month period just to get the agreement

1 approved by the union and then, of course, it has to be  
2 executed.

3 So, sitting here right now, we could submit a  
4 motion that requests an update phase. Again, it's just  
5 the schedule that is a little more difficult to predict,  
6 and my -- my thinking is that that schedule even -- even  
7 if things went quickly is that there -- there would not  
8 be an ability to provide that update testimony prior to  
9 briefing.

10 But to -- to cut to the chase of your Honor's  
11 question, we will -- you know, can submit a motion  
12 sooner, indicate all -- all of these issues that we've  
13 been discussing over the last ten or so minutes, and  
14 then -- and then make a proposal as to when we think we  
15 can provide that update and indicate other types of  
16 impacts that that would have on our -- on our forecast.

17 ALJ LARSEN: Okay. That sounds good. We will  
18 put that in the ruling that -- requesting a motion on --  
19 regarding this.

20 Any other questions or comments on this issue?  
21 I think this might be the last issue that we have on the  
22 agenda.

23 Ms. Goodson?

24 MS. GOODSON: Hayley Goodson, your Honor. It's  
25 actually not a question about the update phase. It's

1 one more item that was on your instruct -- your ruling  
2 and providing instructions to parties to prepare for  
3 hearings, and before we conclude, I just want to make  
4 sure I have an opportunity to address that.

5 ALJ LARSEN: Yeah, go ahead.

6 MS. GOODSON: Thank you. So, in your ruling,  
7 there was an instruction that parties contact James  
8 Donovan by April 21st to identify the party  
9 representatives that would need to speak during the  
10 hearings in order to get the -- the panelist status.

11 My recollection is that in the past GRC, your  
12 Honor may have committed parties to sort of prepare  
13 basically a spreadsheet, a table where we have many,  
14 many people; and we did in a batch; and so, I think I,  
15 you know, had 20-some-odd individuals identified and  
16 sent that to the appropriate Commission staff.

17 In this case, I wanted to know, I -- I hate to  
18 create unnecessary work for Commission staff, may we do  
19 that batch approach again, and is it correct to be over  
20 inclusive, you know, at this point, we know which --  
21 which individuals have cross estimates, and we have some  
22 sense of which TURN attorneys will be conducting the  
23 cross, but that may change. The list may get  
24 significantly smaller.

25 Is that all right, if at this stage, by the

1 21st, we give you all of our witnesses and all of our  
2 attorneys, and they all get participant invitations for  
3 the entire duration of hearings, or is there a less  
4 burdensome approach for James Donovan and staff?

5 ALJ LARSEN: Mr. Donovan can work with what you  
6 just proposed.

7 MS. GOODSON: Okay. Thank you.

8 ALJ LARSEN: Okay. Okay. Let me check to see  
9 if my colleagues, Judges Fox and Gruen have any -- any  
10 questions or comments but, Mr. Matthews, you got your  
11 hand still up. Do you have anything else?

12 MR. MATTHEWS: Yes, your Honor.

13 We had the same issue that TURN's counsel just  
14 raised, so I am glad that there's clarification on that.

15 I also wanted to address Section D of your  
16 ruling, which concerns the exhibit lists and final  
17 versions of exhibits; and there's a section of your  
18 ruling that indicates your Honors' desires to include  
19 a -- like a redline version of an errata exhibit on the  
20 exhibit list, and I wanted to clarify that's -- if that  
21 is your Honors' intention?

22 PG&E believes that that does potentially create  
23 potential confusion, and its also not sure that it's --  
24 it's necessary when parties have -- have submitted  
25 errata, they typically do serve a redline version along

1 with -- with the clean version to indicate what has been  
2 changed but in -- at least in my experience, it's not  
3 typical to list that redline version on the exhibit list  
4 rather only the clean version is listed on the exhibit  
5 list.

6 So, I just wanted some clarification as to need  
7 for -- of redline versions to be uploaded to the exhibit  
8 list?

9 ALJ LARSEN: Okay. Is there a way to put a  
10 date on the exhibit list regarding which -- we want to  
11 just be able to track, you know, what exhibits include  
12 errata and which don't. I think it's helpful to have a  
13 redline version, so if it's not on the exhibit list,  
14 then the problem is how are people going to find the  
15 redline version if they are looking for it to see what's  
16 changed? That's the challenge.

17 I don't know how we would find the redline  
18 version. It means that we have to track separately the  
19 redline version, and we may be able to do that but I  
20 have to think about that.

21 MR. MATTHEWS: Typically --

22 ALJ LARSEN: Maybe Ms. Goodson has a -- an  
23 answer to that.

24 MS. GOODSON: Hayley Goodson, thank you, your  
25 Honor. I have a couple of ideas.

1           In the last PG&E GRC, the exhibit list  
2           contained the final clean version of testimony with one  
3           exception, and that was where there was errata submitted  
4           during the course of hearings, kind of ver -- very last  
5           minute; and in that case, as a courtesy to all  
6           participants in this hearing process, the exh -- we did  
7           formally enter into the record the redline version and  
8           it was on the exhibit list; and so, I -- I think it is  
9           practical to have a cutoff date for when we're listing  
10          redlines in the -- in the exhibit list just because the  
11          purpose is simply to provide a courtesy for -- for  
12          participants.

13           I will also note that TURN customarily uploads  
14          to the Commission's supporting documents web page the  
15          redline versions of our errata that we serve; and so,  
16          there is a public record of those documents, and they  
17          can be easily identified through the supporting  
18          documents search engine, which allows you to search by  
19          party, by date. It's actually very user friendly, and  
20          so those are part of the -- they are publicly available  
21          and so, I -- I guess, I am suggesting that we can have  
22          it both ways.

23           ALJ LARSEN: Okay. So, you're proposing that  
24          we keep the redline versions on the supporting documents  
25          website, and then have a -- and then only have a clean

1 version on the exhibit list or the final exhibit list?

2 MS. GOODSON: Well, that -- you raise an  
3 excellent question, your Honor. I think the exhibit  
4 list will be an evolving document. You know, I  
5 mentioned earlier, PG&E is going to be quite busy  
6 continuing to expand it.

7 I think the final exhibit -- certainly, I was  
8 speaking of the final exhibit list. The one that we all  
9 save forever and use in preparing our briefs and our  
10 comments on the proposed decision, that that list need  
11 not have all of the redline versions of everything. I  
12 think that does become confusing.

13 I will also flag that for some testimony, there  
14 are multi -- there may be multiple rounds of errata; and  
15 so, the redline will show presumably changes since the  
16 previous version, but not cumu -- it's not a cumulative  
17 redline accounting of all changes from the original one.

18 So, for instance, PG&E just distributed an  
19 additional round of errata to their direct testimony.  
20 TURN has also sometimes needed to revise testimony more  
21 than one time, so I -- I agree with Mr. Matthews that we  
22 do create some confusion by have -- trying to track  
23 redlined exhibits in the final exhibit list.

24 That is really what I am -- what I am thinking  
25 about here, and I will -- I will stop there. It looks

1 like Mr. Matthews' hand is still up.

2 ALJ LARSEN: Right. But let's -- so, just to  
3 be clear for the record, the errata is basically a  
4 revised version of the exhibit that -- that has the --  
5 it's -- it has the testimony whether the revisions.

6 Okay. So, Mr. Matthews?

7 MR. MATTHEWS: Thank you, your Honor. Walker  
8 Matthews for PG&E.

9 I don't have anything in addition to what --  
10 what Ms. Goodson said. I think she -- I think she  
11 captured it well. It is the final version is the way I  
12 was thinking of it but, you know, as we are updating  
13 this exhibit, we have our eyes on the -- sort of the  
14 final version, so it is that final version where I think  
15 having the redlines is unnecessary, and it creates some  
16 confusion.

17 ALJ LARSEN: Okay. Are there any objections to  
18 basically tracking the errata and redlined versions on  
19 the exhibit list and in the supporting docu -- that it  
20 will also be available in the supporting documents  
21 database until the final in which the final will only  
22 include the clean versions?

23 Is there any objection to that or comments on  
24 that?

25 (No response.)

1           ALJ LARSEN: Okay. I think -- all right. That  
2 sounds good. So, we will have a clean final version and  
3 we will track errata on the exhibit list until then.

4           Okay. Any other questions or comments? I  
5 think we have covered all the agenda items.

6           You'll be getting a ruling from us next week.  
7 We look forward to working with everybody as this moves  
8 forward. I think we have a good plan, so thank you for  
9 everyone for all of your questions.

10           One last call for questions or comments?

11           (No response.)

12           ALJ LARSEN: I see no hands. So, hearing none,  
13 thank you for your participation. We are adjourned, and  
14 we are off the record.

15           (At the hour of 11:38 a.m., this matter  
16 having been concluded, the Commission then  
17 adjourned.)

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