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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Order Instituting Rulemaking to
Refine the Risk Based Decision
Making Framework for Electric and
Gas Utilities.

Rulemaking 26-04-016

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING SEEKING
RESPONSES TO SAFETY POLICY DIVISION'S DATA REQUESTS
AND REQUIRING DATA REQUEST RESPONSE PORTAL**

This ruling attaches data requests from the Commission's Safety Policy Division (SPD) related to its preparation of a staff proposal regarding the risk tolerance phase of this proceeding, as described in the July 20, 2026 scoping memo: "[T]his proceeding will explore how the Commission should develop and incorporate risk tolerance into the Risk-Based Decision-Making Framework to improve the assessment of utility risk mitigation proposals in the General Rate Case [GRC]." Scoping Memo at 1. The SPD proposal is due to be filed and served on November 16, 2026. *Id.* at 7.

Respondents Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), Southern California Edison Company (SCE), San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E), and Southern California Gas Company (SCG) shall file and serve responses to SPD's data requests, within 10 days of this ruling's issuance. They may collect responses in a single document and file and serve that document, but each respondent shall respond to each question.

Further, to ensure all parties have access to the same data, this ruling orders a representative of the respondents to set up a portal for data requests and

responses of all parties and update the service list regularly (no less frequently than once every two weeks) when new items are posted. It is modeled on a ruling issued in PG&E's current General Rate Case, Application 25-05-009.

The following process shall be observed regarding party discovery and staff data requests.

1. One or more of the large investor-owned utility respondents (IOU or IOUs) (PG&E, SCE, SDG&E, and SCG) shall establish (within 10 days of this ruling's issuance), host, and maintain a website to collect and share discovery documents, including data requests and responses. The website shall be on or accessible from the IOUs' "Discovery Access" site and labeled "Risk Based Decision Making OIR R.26-04-016." This ruling refers to the website as the Portal.
2. Within 10 days of the issuance of this ruling, the IOUs shall provide to parties on the service list of this proceeding: (1) login instructions for the Portal, and (2) instructions on how to upload documents to the Portal.
3. Uploads to the Portal shall be in the following format for discovery or data request filenames:

The filename shall be "Risk_Based_DR_[Party]_[Data Request Number]" along with any relevant suffix (*e.g.*, Attachment, date, *etc.*).

For example, an appropriate title would be "Risk_Based_DR_TURN_001."

4. The IOU or IOUs shall maintain and update the Portal and shall send an email no less often than every two weeks to the service list with:
 - A list of new documents added to the Portal in the prior two weeks (or other relevant period covered), and
 - A link to each new document.

IT IS RULED that:

1. Respondents Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Southern California Edison Company, San Diego Gas & Electric Company and Southern California Gas Company shall file and serve responses to Safety Policy Division's data requests within 10 days of this ruling's issuance.

2. One or more of the large investor-owned utility respondents (Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Southern California Edison Company, San Diego Gas & Electric Company, and/or Southern California Gas Company) shall establish (within 10 days of this ruling's issuance), host, and maintain a website to collect and share discovery documents, including data requests and responses, according to the requirements set forth in the body of this ruling.

Dated September 28, 2026, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ SARAH R. THOMAS

Sarah R. Thomas
Administrative Law Judge