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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (U 39 M) Application for Approval of its 2028-2033 Income-Qualified Programs.	Application 26-01-003
And Related Matters.	Application 26-01-005 Application 26-01-010 Application 26-01-011

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING REGARDING EVIDENTIARY HEARINGS

This ruling cancels evidentiary hearings currently scheduled for November 16, 2026 to November 20, 2026. It also grants party status to the Natural Resources Defense Council.

1. Procedural and Factual Background

On January 9, 2026, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) and Southern California Edison Company (SCE) filed their respective applications requesting approval and funding for their Income-Qualified Programs (IQPs) portfolios for 2028-2033. Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) and San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) filed their respective applications on January 16, 2026. An Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Ruling on February 10, 2026 consolidated the applications of PG&E, SCE, SoCalGas and SDG&E (together jointly, the Utilities), and set a date of March 12, 2026 for the prehearing conference (PHC).

Responses were filed on February 17, 2026 by San Diego Community Power and Clean Energy Alliance, and Protests were filed on February 17, 2026 by The Utility Reform Network (TURN), on February 18, 2026 by the Public Advocates Office (Cal Advocates), and on February 20, 2026 by the Center for Accessible Technology (CforAT).

These applications are intended to fund and implement changes and improvements for program years 2028-2033 for the IQPs, which include the California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE), Family Electric Rate Assistance (FERA), and Energy Savings Assistance (ESA) programs. The ESA program provides no-cost home weatherization services, energy efficiency measures, and energy education to help eligible income-qualified households conserve energy, reduce energy costs, and improve their health, comfort, and safety. The program also provides information on other available assistance programs as well as education to promote energy-efficient practices in income-qualified communities. Households with total annual incomes at or below 250 percent of federal poverty guidelines (FPG) qualify for the ESA program.

The CARE program is an income-qualified energy rate assistance program that provides a discount on energy rates to qualifying income-qualified households with incomes at or below 200 percent of the FPG. For families whose household incomes slightly exceed the CARE allowances, the FERA program is available to provide discounts on their electric bill.

The PHC was held on March 12, 2026. The Assigned Commissioner's Scoping Memo and Ruling (Scoping Memo) was issued on April 7, 2026, which established the proceeding scope and schedule.

2. Evidentiary Hearing Cancellation

On November 5, 2026, PG&E, on behalf of the parties in the proceeding, sent to the service list an e-mail detailing the results of their Rules of Practice and Procedure Rule 13.9 Meet and Confer discussions. PG&E relayed that no parties requested evidentiary hearing, and that a Joint Motion to Admit Evidence into the Evidentiary Record would be forthcoming. Consequently, this ruling cancels the evidentiary hearings currently scheduled for November 16, 2026 to November 20, 2026. The proceeding schedule is otherwise unchanged.

3. Motion for Party Status by Natural Resources Defense Council

This ruling grants party status in this proceeding to the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC). Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure, Rule 1.4(b)(1) and (2), require that a person seeking party status fully disclose the person or entities on whose behalf the motion is made, the interest of such persons in the proceeding, and the pertinent factual and legal contentions that the person intends to make. In its Motion, NRDC states that it is a non-profit membership organization that focuses on issues related to affordable energy and environmental impacts. NRDC states that it will focus on topics such as the treatment of gas and electric appliances, fuel substitution and electrification, customer bill impacts, program eligibility and accessibility, and the appropriate use of limited ratepayer funds. The Motion of NRDC therefore complies with Rules 1.4(b)(1) and (2). NRDC's motion for party status is therefore granted.

IT IS RULED that:

1. Evidentiary hearings are cancelled.
2. NRDC's Motion for Party Status is granted.

Dated November 10, 2026, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ GARRETT TOY
Garrett Toy
Administrative Law Judge