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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Investigation on the Commission's own motion to determine whether the ratepayer-supported exploration and development programs of respondent utilities should be continued, modified, or terminated.

OII 82-07-01 (Filed July 7, 1982)

ORDER DISMISSING PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY AS A RESPONDENT

By order dated July 7, 1982, this Commission instituted this investigation to determine whether the ratepayer-supported exploration and development programs of respondent utilities should be continued, modified, or terminated. The order identified Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) as one of the respondents.

By motion dated October 13, 1982, PG&E asks that it be dismissed as a respondent. In support of its motion PG&E states:

- 1. PG&E has never had an, and presently has no, authorized Energy Exploration and Development (EEDA) project; and
- 2. PG&E has no intention to seek Commission authorization to have any present or planned project included within the EEDA ratemaking procedures.

There is no opposition to PG&E's motion.

In these circumstances we find no useful purpose served by requiring PG&E's participation as a respondent in this matter. Therefore, the motion is granted. This order should be effective today in order to excuse PG&E from participating in the pending hearings. 0II 82-07-01 ALJ/km

IT IS ORDERED that Pacific Gas and Electric Company is dismissed as a respondent.

This order is effective today. Dated ________, at San Francisco, California.

> JOHN E. BRYSON President RICHARD D GRAVELLE LEONARD M. GRIMES, JR. VICTOR CALVO PRISCILLA C. CREW Commissioners

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I CERTIFY THAT THIS DECISION WAS APPROVED BY THE ABOVE COMMISSIONERS TOLAY. Koseph E. Bodovizz, Er