

Decision 99-06-003 June 3, 1999

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Pacific Gas and Electric Company, a California Corporation, for a Permit to Construct the Monta Vista/Wolfe/Stelling Looping Project Pursuant to General Order 131-D.

Application 98-10-026
(Filed October 19, 1998)

**ORDER PURSUANT TO RULE 6.5 OF
THE RULES OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE**

Rule 6.5 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure concerning changes in the need for hearing or preliminary categorization of a proceeding provides that:

“(b) If the assigned Commissioner, pursuant to Rules 6(a)(3), 6(c)(2), or 6(d), changes the preliminary determination on need for hearing, the assigned Commissioner’s ruling shall be placed on the Commission’s Consent Agenda for approval of that change.”

Pursuant to Rule 6.1, the Commission has preliminarily determined in Resolution ALJ 176-3002 that the above-entitled matter is a ratesetting proceeding that was expected to go to hearing. By an Assigned Commissioner’s Ruling dated April 14, 1999, Commissioner Neeper found that the need for hearing determination should be changed.

We have considered our preliminary determinations on this matter and the Assigned Commissioner’s Ruling.

The draft decision in this matter was mailed to the parties in accordance with Pub. Util. Code Section 311(g) and Rule 77.1 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure. No comments were filed.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. This proceeding does not require that hearings be held.

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2. Under Rule 6.6, this order is a final determination that a hearing is not needed in this proceeding.
3. Ex parte communications shall be permitted, as provided in Rule 7(e). In all other respects, the rules and procedures in Article 2.5 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure shall cease to apply to this proceeding. However, the proposed schedule and scope of issues contained in the scoping memo shall continue to apply.

This order is effective today.

Dated June 3, 1999, at San Francisco, California.

RICHARD A. BILAS
President
HENRY M. DUQUE
JOSIAH L. NEEPER
LORETTA M. LYNCH
TAL C. FINNEY
Commissioners