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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Rulemaking for)
electric distribution facility)
standard setting.)

FILED
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 6, 1996
SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE
R.96-11-004

ORDER

ORIGINAL

By this decision, we initiate a rulemaking for the purpose of developing rules and standards for assuring electric utility distribution system service quality, reliability, and safety. The Commission stated its intent to initiate this rulemaking in Decision 96-09-045. We consolidate this rulemaking with Investigation 95-02-015 where we have begun the process of developing electric distribution system service and safety standards.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. This rulemaking is initiated for the purpose of developing rules and standards for assuring electric utility distribution system service quality, reliability, and safety.
2. All electric utilities, including municipal and publicly owned utilities, are made respondents to this rulemaking for the purpose of developing emergency and disaster standards. The Executive Director shall cause a copy of this order to be served on all electric utilities in the state and all parties on the service list in Investigation (I.) 95-02-015.

3. This rulemaking is consolidated with I.95-02-015.
This order is effective today.
Dated November 6, 1996, at San Francisco, California.

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President
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Commissioners