

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company for Approval of Ratepayer Funding to Perform Additional Seismic Studies Recommended by the California Energy Commission.

(U39E)

Application 10-01-014
(Filed January 15, 2010)

NOTICE OF *EX PARTE* COMMUNICATION

Pursuant to Rule 8.3(a) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) hereby gives notice of the following *ex parte* communication. The communication occurred on Tuesday, August 10, 2010, at approximately 9:30 a.m. by telephone at the offices of the California Public Utilities Commission in San Francisco. The communication was oral. [Rule 8.3(a)]

John Hughes, Director- Regulatory Relations, PG&E, initiated the communication with Andrew Campbell (Advisor to Commissioner Nancy Ryan). [Rule 8.3(b)]

Mr. Hughes telephoned Mr. Campbell to discuss the Proposed Decision (PD), Revision Number 2, posted on the CPUC website on Monday, August 9, 2010. The revised PD contains language that puts a cost cap on PG&E's estimated \$16.73 million for the seismic study. Mr. Hughes said that he has no problem with the cost cap but stated that it needs to be increased to reflect the costs associated with the Independent Peer Review Panel (IPRP) that the PD orders established. This would be consistent with the language in the PD on pages 13-14 that states that cost associated with the IPRP are recoverable. PG&E's \$16.73 million cost estimate does not include funding for the IPRP. [Rule 8.3(c)]

To obtain a copy of this notice, please notify Sally Cuaresma at (415) 973-5012 or via email at a2c7@pge.com.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: August 12, 2010

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE BY ELECTRONIC MAIL OR U.S. MAIL

I, the undersigned, state that I am a citizen of the United States and am employed in the City and County of San Francisco; that I am over the age of eighteen (18) years and not a party to the within cause; and that my business address is Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Regulatory Relations Department B10C, 77 Beale Street, San Francisco, California 94105.

I am readily familiar with the business practice of Pacific Gas and Electric Company for collection and processing of correspondence for mailing with the United States Postal Service. In the ordinary course of business, correspondence is deposited with the United States Postal Service the same day it is submitted for mailing.

On August 12, 2010, I caused to be served a true copy of:

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I certify and declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on the 12th of August, 2010, San Francisco, California

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