

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

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company for Authority, Among Other Things, to Increase Rates and Charges for Electric and Gas Service Effective on January 1, 2011. (U39M)

Application 09-12-020
(Filed December 21, 2009)

Order Instituting Investigation on the Commission's Own Motion into the Rates, Operations, Practices, Services and Facilities of Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

I.10-07-027
(Filed July 29, 2010)

**NOTICE OF *EX PARTE* COMMUNICATION
OF PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY**

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 Wednesday, April 20, 2011, at approximately 12:00 p.m., which lasted 15 minutes, at the offices of the California Public Utilities Commission. The communication was oral and no handouts were provided. [(Rule 8.3(a))]

John Hughes, Director-Regulatory Relations, PG&E, initiated the communication with Scott Murtishaw, Advisor to Commission President Michael Peevey. Steven Frank, Attorney-Law, PG&E, was also in attendance. [Rule 8.3(b)]

John Hughes and Steven Frank met with Scott Murtishaw in response to an inquiry from Mr. Murtishaw. The discussion concerned a March 23, 2011 letter sent by the City of Pittsburg to Commissioner Peevey and Julie Fitch, Director of the Energy Division, expressing, among other things, support for PG&E's Light Emitting Diode (LED) street light proposal presented by

PG&E in Phase 1 of its 2011 General Rate Case (GRC).

Mr. Frank explained that Section 3.2.1(c) of the October 15, 2010 GRC settlement reflects a reduction of funding for the entire requested amount of the LED street light proposal. Further, he explained that, as shown on page 32 of the October 15, 2010 motion for adoption of the settlement agreement, the reduction adopts the recommendations of the California City-County Street Light Association and The Utility Reform Network, and takes into consideration the recommendation of the Division of Ratepayer Advocates. Mr. Frank also explained that Section 4.11 of the settlement agreement gives PG&E the discretion to pursue the LED street lights program despite the specific reduction in funding in Section 3.2.1(c), although the overall reduction in PG&E's request may make it challenging in practice to allocate funds for this purpose. [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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