BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company Proposing Cost of Service and Rates for Gas Transmission and Storage Services for the Period 2011-2014 (U39G) Application 09-09-013 (Filed September 18, 2009)

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

Pursuant to Rule 8.4(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 Thursday, June 30, 2011, at approximately 1:00 p.m., at the offices of California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). The communication was oral and a courtesy copy of Amendment to Opening Comments of PG&E on Proposed Decision (PD) on Safety Phase Protocols and Procedures dated June 29, 2011 was provided, which is attached to this notice. [Rule 8.4(a)(c)]

Jennifer Dowdell, Director-Regulatory Relations, PG&E, initiated the communication with Bishu Chatterjee, Energy Advisor to Commissioner Timothy Simon. Also in attendance for PG&E were Kerry Klein, Lawyer; Daniel McLafferty, Principal Regulatory Case Manager; and Lessly Field, Manager of Public Safety Partnerships. [Rule 8.4(b)]

Ms. Dowdell indicated that PG&E agreed overall with the improvements in emergency response required by the PD, however consistent with PG&E's comments more time than currently allowed in the PD for compliance was necessary for successful implementation of new requirements. Ms. Field explained that many of the requirements of the PD were consistent with

PG&E's current practices but that some items requiring coordination with outside agencies were examples of provisions that would require more time. Ms Field also stated that PG&E was currently updating their emergency plan and would be briefing CPSD on the changes in late July, and offered to brief Commissioner Simon's office at that time as well. Ms. Klein indicated that PG&E should not be precluded from seeking cost recovery for new requirements. Mr. McLafferty reiterated that PG&E was requesting only the opportunity to recover costs and not to be expressly barred from pursuing recovery by this decision. [Rule 8.4(c)]

Respectfully submitted,

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