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File No.: R.07-05-025

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RE: Request Extension of Time to Comply with Timelines Established in
Decision 10-03-022 for the Year 3 Phase-In of Increased Direct Access Load -
Rulemaking 07-05-025

Dear Ms. Walter:

On November 1, 2011, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), on behalf of itself, San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E), Southern California Edison Company (Edison), (collectively the Utilities), and Alliance for Retail Energy Markets (AReM), requested that the Commission grant an extension of two compliance dates established in Decision (D.) 10-03-022 *Regarding Increased Limits For Direct Access Transactions*, issued March 11, 2010 in Rulemaking (R.) 07-05-025.

In D.10-03-022, the Commission adopted a process for phasing in new Direct Access (DA) load under the provisions of Senate Bill (SB) 695, which authorized increases in DA load up to a maximum cap in each Utility's service area, and established a detailed process for phasing in the new DA load over four calendar years: Year 1 (2010) through Year 4 (2013). The Year 1 and Year 2 phase-in of new load is completed and room under the Year 3 (2012) load limits is fully subscribed; therefore, the request focuses exclusively on the Year 3 (2012) phase-in of DA load up to the Year 4 (2013) load limit.¹

On December 3, 2010, AReM, Direct Access Customer Coalition (DACC) and the Utilities requested an extension of time for customers to begin submitting six-month notices to switch to DA service under the Year 2 phase-in. This request was granted on December 13, 2010. The parties had anticipated filing a petition for modification of D.10-03-022 to request similar changes to Year 3 and 4 phase-ins as part of other

¹ Under D.10-03-022, the Year 3 phase-in process begins with customers submitting six-month notices after January 2, 2012 to switch to DA service in either 2012 or 2013, depending on whether room becomes available under the Year 3 load limit. Six-month notices are accepted up to the Year 4 (2013) load limit. The Utilities have 20 business days from receipt to notify customers of the status of their notice (i.e., accepted, or rejected because of a deficiency or because space has been fully subscribed.).

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recommended process improvements; but this anticipated petition for modification was never filed.

Consequently, to address similar concerns regarding timing issues for the upcoming Year 3 phase-in, the Utilities and AReM request that:

1. The date for customers to begin submitting six-month notices to switch to DA service under the Year 3 phase-in be extended to January 13, 2012; and
2. The Utilities be permitted a total of 30 business days to complete the processing of six-month notices for the Year 3 phase-in.

In an effort to conserve Commission resources and not harm ratepayers or parties interested in this matter, the Utilities and AReM request the above referenced extension.

I find, pursuant to Rule 16.6, the request is reasonable and will grant the Utilities and AReM the requested extensions. As required by the rule, PG&E must serve an electronic copy of this letter on the service lists of R.07-05-025.

Sincerely,



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