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Pursuant to Rule 11.6 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure and Ordering Paragraph 7 of the Order Instituting Investigation ("OII"), Pacific Gas and Electric Company ("PG&E") moves for a 36-day extension of time to file a response to the OII (until January 17, 2012). PG&E has conferred with the Commission's Consumer Protection and Safety Division ("CPSD") and CPSD agrees with the extension request.

PG&E's June 30, 2011 class location study report, on which the OII is based, detailed the number of miles of transmission pipe for which the study done by Willbros Engineers indicated the current class location is different from that reflected in PG&E's GIS system. Willbros' work indicated that the class location of approximately 550 miles was different from that reflected in GIS – 173 miles in a higher class and 378 miles in a lower class. Based on this, PG&E identified approximately 7.5 miles requiring pressure reductions to make the maximum allowable operating pressure (MAOP) commensurate with the class location in the Willbros' study.

The OII involves PG&E's practices in several different areas: (1) pipeline patrolling; (2) continuous surveillance; (3) preparation of class location studies; and (4) confirmation or revision of MAOP following a class location change.

On top of the breadth of the areas of inquiry, the Willbros' work reported on June 30 did not attempt to determine either the reason for the class location change or when it may have

occurred. After discussions with CPSD, PG&E commissioned Willbros to conduct an additional study to answer those questions for each of the approximately 1500 segments that increased in class as a result of Willbros' initial study. PG&E has kept CPSD apprised of the progress of Willbros' work, and we anticipate that work will be completed by December 31, 2011.

To provide a meaningful response to the OII, PG&E needs sufficient time to analyze the work Willbros expects to complete at the end of the year and provide a narrative that accurately addresses that work as well as the practices called into question by the OII. The OII called on PG&E to provide a response within 30 days of mailing or by December 12, 2011. Given the upcoming holidays and the anticipated timing of the Willbros work, an extension to January 17, 2012 is necessary and appropriate. CPSD agrees. PG&E, therefore, requests that the ALJ extend its time to file extension a response to the OII to January 17, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

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