

**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 8.4(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 Tuesday, February 21, 2012, at approximately 10:00 a.m. by telephone to the offices of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) in San Francisco. The communication was oral. [Rule 8.4(a)]

John Hughes, Director- Regulatory Relations, PG&E, initiated the communication with Sarah Thomas (Advisor to Commissioner Mark Ferron). [Rule 8.4(b)]

Mr. Hughes provided Ms. Thomas an update on the application. He stated that the CPUC approved a \$16.7 million cost estimate for the seismic studies in 2010 (by Decision No. 10-08-003). In September, 2011, PG&E filed a motion to reopen the application to approve additional funding for expanding the scope of the seismic studies. As a result PG&E is now requesting approximately \$64 million for the additional studies or an increase of \$47 million over the previously authorized amount. [Rule 8.4(c)]

Respectfully submitted,

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