

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

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company
for Authority to Increase Electric Rates and
Charges to Recover Costs Relating to California
Solar Photovoltaic Manufacturing Development
Facility. (U39E)

Application 10-11-002
(Filed November 1, 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) and SVTC Technologies, LLC (SVTC) hereby give notice of the following ex parte communication. The communication occurred on Wednesday, March 14, 2012, at approximately 4:00 p.m., at the offices of California Public Utilities Commission. The communication was oral and handout was provided, which is attached to this notice. [(Rule 8.4(a)(c)]

Meredith Allen, Senior Director, Regulatory Relations, PG&E, initiated the communications with Scott Murtishaw, Advisor to Commission President Michael Peevey, and Colette Kersten, Advisor to Commissioner Catherine Sandoval (collectively). Also present were: Aaron Johnson, Director, Renewable Energy Policy and Strategy, PG&E; Gunter Ziegenbalg, President, SVTC Solar, Inc.; Bryan Wang, Treasurer, SVTC; Pamela Loomis, Senior Policy Advisor, Nossaman LLP; and Doug Hall, PVMI Portfolio Manager, Department of Energy (DOE), participated via phone. [Rule 8.4(b)]

Mr. Johnson stated that the Commission should approve the Alternate Decision, which authorizes PG&E to recover net costs of \$9.9 million for a solar PV R&D project as cost share for a DOE grant of \$30 million. Mr. Ziegenbalg provided an overview of the project and explained its many benefits. Mr. Hall explained the importance of the project to the DOE's solar manufacturing strategy and the DOE SunShot Initiative. Mr. Wang explained the funding for the project and the DOE cost share requirements. [Rule 8.4(c)]

Respectfully submitted,

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