

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Investigation on the Commission's Own Motion into the Operations and Practices of Pacific Gas and Electric Company to Determine Violations of Public Utilities Code Section 451, General Order 112, and Other Applicable Standards, Laws, Rules and Regulations in Connection with the San Bruno Explosion and Fire on September 9, 2010.	I.12-01-007 (Filed January 12, 2012) (Not Consolidated)
Order Instituting Investigation on the Commission's Own Motion into the Operations and Practices of Pacific Gas and Electric Company with Respect to Facilities Records for its Natural Gas Transmission System Pipelines.	I.11-02-016 (Filed February 24, 2011) (Not Consolidated)
Order Instituting Investigation on the Commission's Own Motion into the Operations and Practices of Pacific Gas and Electric Company's Natural Gas Transmission Pipeline System in Locations with Higher Population Density.	I.11-11-009 (Filed November 10, 2011) (Not Consolidated)
Order Instituting Rulemaking on the Commission's Own Motion to Adopt New Safety and Reliability Regulations for Natural Gas Transmission and Distribution Pipelines and Related Ratemaking Mechanisms.	R.11-02-019 (Filed February 24, 2011) (Not Consolidated)

**MOTION OF THE CONSUMER PROTECTION AND SAFETY DIVISION TO
SUSPEND PROCEEDINGS, IN ORDER TO FACILITATE NEGOTIATIONS TOWARD
A STIPULATED OUTCOME**

Pursuant to Rule 11.1 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Consumer Protection and Safety Division (CPSD) hereby requests a suspension of all procedural dates and activities in all four of the above-captioned dockets, in order to facilitate good-faith negotiations among the parties toward a stipulated outcome.

Good cause exists to grant this request. In recent weeks, the parties in these four proceedings have commenced negotiations that have the potential to produce a stipulated outcome, with appropriate remedies for consumers. But the pendency of ongoing proceedings, particularly evidentiary hearings, is impeding the ability of the parties to engage fully in such negotiations. The requested suspension of all procedural dates and activities will provide time and space in the participants' schedules to allow negotiations to proceed unimpeded with the distraction of ongoing litigation. While there is no guarantee a negotiated solution will emerge, it is clear the effort would be worthwhile.

CPSD requests that this suspension apply to all four dockets, that it encompass not only a suspension of ongoing evidentiary hearings in several of these dockets, but also the issuance of any further order, rulings or proposed decisions. However, CPSD requests that discovery in the pending OIIs continue.

CPSD further requests that this suspension be made effective immediately, and remain in effect until November 1, 2012. CPSD further requests that the parties be required to report back to the Assigned Commissioners and Assigned Administrative Law Judges within two weeks regarding the progress, if any, in the negotiations.

Finally, given the press of time and the lack of any prospect of prejudice to any party, CPSD requests an immediate ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,

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