

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company (U39E) for Approval of Amended Purchase and Sale Agreement between Pacific Gas and Electric Company and Contra Costa Generating Station LLC and for Adoption of Cost Recovery and Ratemaking Mechanisms.

Application 12-03-026  
(Filed March 30, 2012)

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 Wednesday, November 28, 2012, at approximately 4:30 p.m., at the offices of the California Public Utilities Commission. The communication was oral and the attached handout was used. (Rule 8.4(a)(c))

Erik Jacobson, Senior Director-Regulatory Relations, Regulatory Affairs, PG&E, initiated the communication with Ditas Katague, Chief of Staff to Commissioner Catherine Sandoval, and Colette Kersten, Advisor to Commissioner Catherine Sandoval. Also in attendance on behalf of PG&E were Fong Wan, Senior Vice President, Energy Procurement, and Charles Middlekauff, Attorney. In addition, Mr. Bryan Bertacchi, CEO, Radback Energy participated in the meeting. [Rule 8.4(b)]

Mr. Jacobson stated that PG&E recommends approval of the Oakley Project. He described the procedural history of the Project. It was originally proposed in PG&E's 2008 Long-Term Request for Offers and had a better market valuation than other projects approved by the Commission. Mr. Jacobson explained that PG&E has met the

conditions established by the Commission in D.10-07-045 for reconsideration of the Oakley Project prior to the next Long-Term Procurement Plan (LTPP) proceeding. In particular, the California Independent System Operator's renewable integration studies show that there are significant negative reliability risks from integrating the 33% Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS). Mr. Bertacchi stated that the Oakley Project is fully permitted and under construction. He described some of the environmental and operational benefits that would be derived from the Project. Mr. Wan provided an overview of PG&E's projected RPS portfolio. He described the reliability risks associated with integrating these intermittent resources. Mr. Jacobson emphasized the importance of approving the Oakley Project now given the 6-8 year lead time required to develop new resources. [Rule 8.4(c)]

Respectfully submitted,

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