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Pursuant to Rule 11.1 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission), Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) moves for an extension of time for parties to file protests to PG&E's 2015 Gas Transmission and Storage (GT&S) Rate Case Application, filed on December 19, 2013. Protests to PG&E's Application would otherwise be due 30 days after the notice of the filing of the application first appears in the Daily Calendar. PG&E requests the protest period be extended, such that protests must be filed by January 31, 2014, and replies to protests must be filed by February 10, 2014.

PG&E requests an extension of the protest period for two reasons. First, PG&E recognizes the timing of its filing so close to winter holidays may affect parties' ability to analyze the 23-chapter Application, and to coordinate schedules of key personnel necessary to consider filing protests. An extension accounts for the winter holiday period, and allows parties time to consider more thorough and responsive protests, if any.

Second, an extension allows PG&E to timely conduct an informal workshop prior to the date the protests are due. At this workshop, tentatively scheduled for January 16, 2014, PG&E will provide parties a roadmap of the Application, summarize the contents of the testimony and

Commission Rule of Practice and Procedure, Rule 2.6(a).

The proposed protest period is reflected in PG&E's 2015 GT&S Rate Case Application, Section VII (E), "Proposed Procedural Schedule – Rule 2.1(c)."

workpapers, and answer questions. PG&E's 2015 Application differs from prior GT&S Rate

Cases in that the forecast is structured around separate assets families within its Gas Operations

business, the testimony incorporates risk management processes in place to evaluate safety and

reliability improvements, and in other respects. PG&E anticipates a workshop will expedite

parties' understanding of the extensive Application, and parties will benefit from additional time

following the workshop to consider the content of any protests.

PG&E is unaware of potential prejudice to any party or the Commission by granting an

extension. A proposed procedural schedule will provide sufficient time for discovery, hearings,

and a final decision to be issued before December 31, 2014.

To provide a more realistic period for parties to consider a response to the 2015 GT&S

Application, as well as to provide a meaningful opportunity to conduct an informal workshop,

PG&E requests an order extending the date for parties to file protests to January 31, 2014, and

for PG&E to file replies to the protests to February 10, 2014.

Respectfully Submitted,

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