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Pursuant to Rule 11.1 of the California Public Utilities Commission’s (Commission’s) Rules of Practice and Procedure, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) hereby moves to withdraw without prejudice two pending Petitions for Modification (Petitions) it filed last year regarding the sunset of the California Solar Initiative (CSI) program.

In the first Petition covered by this motion, *Pacific Gas and Electric Company’s Petition to Modify Decisions 10 -09-046, 07 -11-045 and 08 -10-036 to Address the California Solar Initiative Program Sunset*, filed on April 10, 2013 (Low Income Petition), PG&E sought authority to direct CSI general market incentive funds freed up by attrition to the Multifamily Affordable Solar Housing (MASH) and Single-Family Affordable Solar Homes (SASH) CSI incentive programs and make other changes regarding an orderly closure of the CSI program. With the passage of Assembly Bill (AB) 217^{1/}, \$108 million in additional funding was provided for SASH and MASH projects by the legislature, with a provision allowing the Commission to

^{1/} The increase in funding available for low income CSI incentive funds and related changes went into effect on January 1, 2014 and is included in CA Public Utilities Code section 2851.

authorize that any unspent and unencumbered CSI funds after December 31, 2016 may be applied toward this amount.^{2/} The Commission has already started work on implementation of AB 217.^{3/} Given these developments, PG&E's Low Income Petition is no longer needed.

PG&E's second Petition, *Pacific Gas and Electric Company's Petition to Modify Decision 10-01-022 Establishing the California Solar Initiative Thermal Program to Provide Residential Solar Water Heating Incentives from the Non-Residential Budget*, filed on April 8, 2013 (SWH Petition), would have provided greater flexibility in making non-residential general market CSI incentive funds available to residential electric solar water heating projects. Due to the success of PG&E's CSI program, in the months since PG&E filed this SWH Petition, the CSI general market program for both residential and non-residential customers has now been fully subscribed with a waiting list which has been closed. Even with the additional flexibility requested in the SWH Petition, there is no longer any funding available for electric/propane projects.

For the reasons described above, PG&E respectfully requests that it be permitted to withdraw these two pending Petitions. Given that some of the topics covered in the two Petitions may be raised in the ongoing Rulemaking 12-11-005, PG&E additionally requests that this withdrawal be permitted without prejudice.

^{2/} See updated CA PUC section 2851(f), effective January 1, 2014.

^{3/} A public workshop to discuss the implementation of AB 217 was held on December 18, 2013. Additional information about the workshop is available on the CPUC website at:

<http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/energy/Solar/workshops.htm>

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