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Subject: Re: PSEP Update Application: Follow-up to Wednesday's Call

Denise - this has to do with the PSEP audit. The PSEP was a highly charged case. One of the findings was that SED would do an audit to make sure that we did what we committed to do. Most audits are about what did you spend and was it what you agreed to. Simple. Unfortunately, SED never set up a scoping plan and they went well beyond a simple audit. Some would claim here that they tried to do a reasonableness review. I won't go that far. Needless to say ORA claimed that the audit wasn't broad enough and have been pushing for more involvement in the audit itself. Recently they asked SED to present to ORA and PG&E a draft of the audit findings so that everyone could reconcile discrepancies through a workshop. That isn't the way audits work. Audit staff need to be independent and present their findings and conclusions free of bias from PG&E, ORA and anyone else. Often, even if there is a preview it is with the client being audited not an intervener. Anyway, I believe Lisa conferred with ALJ Bushey for guidance. Bushey told Lisa to have SED issue their final audit report and then discuss it at a public workshop for anyone that wants to attend. Lisa didn't go Lone Ranger or cut a sweetheart deal with PG&E. Not sure why ORA was late to find out but we heard about it today. Our Lawyer reached out to ORA to be transparent and Joe used the opportunity to cast it as something more nefarious. To say I'm disappointed in him and his characterization wouldn't capture how I feel.

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On Feb 28, 2014, at 7:08 PM, "Tyrrell, Denise" <denise.tyrrell@cpuc.ca.gov> wrote:

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From: "Como, Joe"

Date:02/28/2014 5:06 PM (GMT-08:00)

To: "Tyrrell, Denise" , "Turner, Brian"

Subject: FW: PSEP Update Application: Follow-up to Wednesday's Call

Denise and Brian,

I am forwarding you this email that our staff and I find very disheartening. It is an example of what we perceive to be SED staff's practice of not wanting to work with ORA. We had to find out through PG&E what SED is doing. If what is stated below is true, SED has not tried to work with ORA in the spirit of cooperation. Especially since we had to learn this through PG&E. SED seems to be willing to work with the utility before it will work with its own colleagues at the PUC.

Are they really going to put out a report in March for people to look at? If true, they have totally ignored our concerns and warnings about the mistakes in the underlying data. You were there when we pointed out a serious error in the one audit that ORA looked at in-dept. Did we find the needle in the haystack on the first try or is it more likely that there are other errors? Or is there some way they are looking into that? We don't know, because they don't talk to us!

I think the message is clear that our staff is continuing to get the cold shoulder from SED staff. There hasn't been any major change in the way SED views ORA. I think we are wasting its time trying to work with SED.

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Subject: PSEP Update Application: Follow-up to Wednesday's Call

Traci and Tom,

I wanted to let you know that we have an update on the likely ETA for the SED audit of the PSEP Update Application. We have been informed by SED that its current plan is to issue a final audit report in late March, and then hold a workshop so that parties can ask questions about the report. I look forward to seeing you both on Monday.

Regards,

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