

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company for Approval of 2013 – 2014 Statewide Marketing, Education, and Outreach Program and Budget (U39M)	Application 12-08-007 (filed August 3, 2012)
And Related Matters	Application 12-08-008 Application 12-08-009 Application 12-08-010 (Filed August 3, 2012)

JOINT MOTION OF THE CALIFORNIA INDEPENDENT SYSTEM OPERATOR CORPORATION, PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY (U39M), SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY (U902E) AND SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY (U 338-E) TO MODIFY AMENDED SCOPING MEMO AND RULING

Pursuant to Rule 11.1 of the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedure, the California Independent System Operator Corporation (CAISO), Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E), San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) and Southern California Edison Company (SCE) (CAISO, PG&E, SDG&E and SCE jointly referred to herein as “Movants”) hereby file this Joint Motion to modify the May 15, 2015 Amended Scoping Memo and Ruling of Assigned Commissioner (Ruling) in order to remove the need for a workshop on Phase 1 (Flex Alert) issues.

I. Introduction

On April 16, 2015, the Commission held a prehearing conference in this proceeding at which the Movants agreed (or did not oppose) scheduling a workshop to address Phase 1 issues related to post-2015 administration and funding of the Flex Alert program.¹ The May 15, 2015

¹ Reporter’s Transcript (RT), p. 66, lines 11-13; p. 68, lines 13-21, p. 70, lines 1-13; p. 72, lines 9-15.

Ruling memorialized the prehearing conference discussion by requiring the utilities to schedule and facilitate a workshop by July 1, 2015.²

II. A Workshop Is No Longer Necessary

The Ruling notes that the purpose of the workshop is to “be of value in refining the remaining information needed in order to provide support for a Commission decision on administration of the Flex Alert program in 2016.”³ At this point, Movants have made considerable progress toward a workable plan for administration and funding of the post-2015 Flex Alert program. Consistent with the CAISO’s statements at the April 16, 2015 prehearing conference, the Movants are considering a future Flex Alert program that does not include a paid media component, but instead relies solely on earned media.⁴ Movants continue to work on the technical and logistical details of the plan, but discussion of these details during a workshop will not be a valuable use of time for the Commission or other parties to this proceeding because the issues are largely inconsequential to parties other than the Movants.⁵

Based on the progress to date, the Commission will be best served by allowing the Movants to finalize details regarding the post-2015 Flex Alert program and requiring a submittal of a comprehensive report on the timeline set forth in the Ruling. Consistent with this, the Movants propose that the Commission modify the Ruling to remove the requirement that the utilities schedule and facilitate a workshop on Phase 1 (Flex Alert) issues. In addition, the Ruling should be modified to require the Movants to file a comprehensive plan for the

² Ruling, p. 3.

³ Ruling, pp. 2-3.

⁴ RT, p. 62, lines 19-23.

⁵ In this context, the Movants note the Administrative Law Judge’s comments at the prehearing conference stating “I don’t see this rising to the level of needing a workshop if there’s just four parties and they apparently now are on the same page. I think the Commission would be much better served by a thorough report.” RT, p. 66, lines 20-25. The Movants believe that scheduling the workshop served its purpose, namely, to motivate the parties to come to an agreement on future Flex Alert administration and funding. The workshop has served that purpose and is no longer necessary.

administration and funding of the Flex Alert program by July 31, 2015. This will maintain the remainder of the schedule proposed in the original Ruling, thereby allowing sufficient time for a proposed decision on Phase 1 issues by early October.

In addition, the Movants request that the requirement that a workshop be held by July 1, 2015 be suspended during the pendency of this motion. Movants also request that the time for replies to this Joint Motion be shortened to 10 days.

III. Conclusion

The Movants have reached meaningful agreement with regard to the future administration and funding of the Flex Alert program. It is appropriate to modify the Ruling to remove the need for a workshop in order to allow the Movants to finalize agreement and present a comprehensive plan for administration and funding post-2015.

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