

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Pacific Gas and Electric Company

Docket Nos. ER03-94-000 and
ER03-299-000

ORDER OF CHIEF JUDGE CONTINUING DEFERMENT
OF HEARING PROCEDURES

(Issued April 4, 2003)

1. The Commission established hearing procedures in the captioned proceeding on January 30, 2003, 102 FERC ¶ 61,099, but held the hearing in abeyance to allow time for the parties to conduct settlement negotiations and directed the parties to submit a status report on the negotiations within 60 days of its order.
2. On March 31, 2003, counsel Pacific Gas and Electric Company (“PG&E”) on behalf of itself and the California Independent System Operator Corporation (“CAISO”), the California Public Utilities Commission (“CPUC”) and the California Electricity Oversight Board (“CEOB”) (collectively, the “Parties”), reported that the parties are working together and exchanging data in order to try to resolve the issues in this case and requested that the Chief Judge continue the suspension of the hearing procedures for an additional 60 days.
3. Under these circumstances and for good cause shown, the Chief Judge defers the commencement of hearing procedures until June 3, 2003. The parties are directed to submit a further report to the Chief Judge outlining their progress towards settlement on or before May 2, 2003.
4. The Chief Judge strongly encourages electronic filings. See, 18 C.F.R. § 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission’s web site under the “eFiling” link.

Curtis L. Wagner, Jr.
Chief Administrative Law Judge

