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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company for Approval of the 2009-2011 Low Income Energy Efficiency and California Alternate Rates for Energy Programs and Budget (U39M).

Application 08-05-022
(Filed May 15, 2008)

And Related Matters.

Application 08-05-024
Application 08-05-025
Application 08-05-026

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING SEEKING COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED FURTHER UPDATED STATEWIDE LOW INCOME ENERGY EFFICIENCY POLICY & PROCEDURES MANUAL

This ruling solicits the parties' comments on the Proposed Further Updated Statewide Low Income Energy Efficiency (LIEE) Policy & Procedures Manual (Draft Manual) (Attachment 1). Comments submitted on this latest Draft Manual should address and focus on identifying, clarifying or correcting: (1) any and all ambiguities or inconsistencies in the Draft Manual as compared to Decision (D.) 08-11-031, D.09-10-012, D.09-11-009 and D.09-10-029; (2) any and all substantive inaccuracies in the Draft Manual as compared to those decisions; and (3) any and all errors or omissions in the Draft Manual.

D.08-11-031 significantly changed the LIEE program starting with the 2009-2011 budget cycle, and the recent decisions, D.09-10-012, D.09-11-009 and D.09-10-029, made some clarifications relating to D.08-11-031 and the LIEE program.

Ordering Paragraph 97 of D.08-11-031 directed the four major investor-owned utilities (IOUs), Pacific Gas & Electric Company, Southern California Edison Company, San Diego Gas & Electric Company, and Southern California Gas Company (collectively, IOUs or the Joint Utilities) to prepare an updated Policy and Procedures Manual (P&P Manual), as follows:

The IOUs shall coordinate with the Energy Division to incorporate all changes we make to the LIEE program in the LIEE P&P [Low Income Energy Efficiency Policy and Procedures] manual within 180 days of the effective date of this decision. The IOUs shall thereafter serve a link to the updated version of the Manual on the service list for this proceeding.

In accordance therewith, the Joint Utilities coordinated, prepared and filed their initial proposed revised P&P Manual reflecting the Joint Utilities' updates, dated May 5, 2009. Since then, the Energy Division has reviewed and revised that document further. The attached Draft Manual reflects Joint Utilities' updates to the P&P Manual with further edits, revisions and corrections by Energy Division following the recent decisions, D.09-10-012, D.09-11-009 and D.09-10-029.

The Draft Manual, once approved by a subsequent ruling, is intended to lay out the updated policies and procedures that should be followed in the LIEE programs administered by the IOUs. Before approving the same, parties are hereby offered an opportunity to comment on this latest Draft Manual.

Parties are reminded that their comments should be restricted to whether the Draft Manual clearly and accurately reflects of the LIEE program as it is designed and ordered in D.08-11-031 and the recent decisions, D.09-10-012, D.09-11-009 and D.09-10-029. Any comment outside the scope of this ruling,

including comments or requests to revisit or otherwise reconsider issues previously decided by the Commission in this proceeding, will not be considered.

IT IS RULED that:

1. Parties wishing to file comments to the Draft Manual shall do so by January 11, 2010.
2. Reply comments shall be filed by no later than January 21, 2010.
3. The comments should not be limited to but shall address and focus on identifying, clarifying or correcting: (a) any and all ambiguities or inconsistencies in the Draft Manual as compared to Decision (D.) 08-11-031, D.09-10-012, D.09-11-009 and D.09-10-029; (b) any and all substantive inaccuracies in the Draft Manual as compared to those decisions; and (c) any and all errors or omissions in the Draft Manual.

Dated December 16, 2009, at San Francisco, California.

 /s/ KIMBERLY H. KIM
Kimberly H. Kim
Administrative Law Judge

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Dated December 16, 2009, at San Francisco, California.

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