

April 10, 2003

Docket Office
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 2001
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: A.02-09-043

Dear Docket Clerk:

Enclosed are the original and seven copies of Notice of *Ex Parte* Communication for filing in the above proceeding.

Please place a file-stamped copy in the PG&E box for pick-up.

Sincerely,

Enclosures

cc: (Via E-Mail)

Commission President Loretta M. Lynch
Charlotte TerKeurst, Administrative Law Judge
Aaron Johnson, Advisor to Commissioner Lynch
Pam Nataloni, Legal Division
Billie Blanchard, Energy Division

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

In the Matter of the Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company (U 39 E) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Authorizing the Construction of the Jefferson-Martin 230 kV Transmission Project.

Application 02-09-043
(Filed September 30, 2002)

NOTICE OF *EX PARTE* COMMUNICATION

Pursuant to Rule 7.1(a) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) hereby gives notice of the following *ex parte* communication. The communication occurred on Monday, April 7, 2003, at approximately 3:30 p.m., at the offices of the California Public Utilities Commission in San Francisco. The communication was oral, and no written materials were used.

[Rule 7.1(a)(1)]

John Clarke, Manager, Regulatory Relations, PG&E, initiated the communication with Aaron Johnson, Advisor to Commissioner Lynch. Also present were: Billie Blanchard, Project Manager, Energy Division; Pamela Nataloni, Attorney, Legal Division; David Kraska, Attorney, PG&E; and Kevin Dasso, Director, Electric T&D Engineering, PG&E. [Rule 7.1(a)(2)]

Mr. Dasso and Mr. Kraska provided an overview of the development by stakeholders, and approval by the California Independent System Operator, of the

Jefferson-Martin 230 kV Transmission Project (J-M Project). Mr. Kraska described the process by which PG&E developed its proposed route for the J-M Project as well as the major features of the route itself. Mr. Kraska stated that several parties commenting on the scope of the Commission's Environmental Impact Report for the J-M Project had requested the inclusion of separate projects to relocate existing 60 kV lines in the project area, but have not established the necessary legal "nexus" between any impacts caused by the J-M Project and the requested relocation of existing facilities. Mr. Kraska and Mr. Clarke explained that any decision to condition approval of the J-M Project on PG&E's agreement to implement these relocation projects would, in addition to violating applicable standards under the California Environmental Quality Act, create a significant and unnecessary ratepayer cost burden. Mr. Dasso expressed the necessity of meeting the California Independent System Operator's deadline for completing the J-M Project.

[Rule 7.1(a)(3)]

To obtain a copy of this notice, please notify Michelle Brown at (415) 973-4662 or via e-mail at mtt3@pge.com.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: April 10, 2003