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2 UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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4 In the Matter of ) DOCKET UE-170717

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5 PACIFIC POWER & LIGHT )

COMPANY, )

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2016 Power Cost Adjustment )

7 Mechanism Report. )

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9 PREHEARING CONFERENCE, VOLUME 1

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11 Administrative Law Judge Gregory J. Kopta

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6 JUDGE KOPTA: All right. Let's be on the

7 record in Docket UE-170717, captioned, In the Matter of

8 Pacific Power & Light Company, 2016 Power Cost

9 Adjustment Mechanism Report.

10 We're here on Monday, October 23rd at

11 10 o'clock for a prehearing conference.

12 My name is Gregory J. Kopta. I'm the

13 administrative law judge who will be presiding in this

14 proceeding.

15 Let's begin by taking appearances starting

16 with the Company.

17 MR. KUMAR: Thank you, Your Honor. On

18 behalf of Pacific Power & Light, Ajay Kumar and Matthew

19 McVee. Our address is 825 Northeast --

20 JUDGE KOPTA: You don't need to worry about

21 addresses. Just name and affiliation is fine.

22 MR. KUMAR: Thank you, Your Honor.

23 JUDGE KOPTA: All right. And for Staff.

24 MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI: Jennifer

25 Cameron-Rulkowski, Assistant Attorney General appearing

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1 on behalf of Staff.

2 JUDGE KOPTA: And Public Counsel.

3 MR. BRYANT: Armikka Bryant, Assistant

4 Attorney General appearing on behalf of Public Counsel.

5 JUDGE KOPTA: And for Boise White Paper.

6 MR. COWELL: Your Honor, Jesse Cowell

7 appearing on behalf of Boise White Paper, LLC.

8 JUDGE KOPTA: Anyone else wishing to make an

9 appearance? Hearing none, that seems like our cast of

10 characters.

11 First order of business is interventions.

12 The only petition that the Commission has received is

13 from Boise White Paper. Anyone else wishing to

14 intervene? Apparently not. Any objections to the

15 intervention of Boise White Paper? None, then we will

16 admit them and grant that petition for intervention.

17 The second order of business is discovery.

18 I assume that's primarily the reason that we're here,

19 Commission's discovery rules to be available.

20 MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI: Yes, please, and we

21 had -- we would also suggest that if you're amenable

22 that we place in the prehearing conference order that

23 all parties are required to serve all other parties with

24 responses to discovery.

25 JUDGE KOPTA: So that our first data

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1 request -- or your first data request doesn't have to be

2 please send us all responses. Yes, we will include

3 that. And do we need a protective order?

4 MR. KUMAR: Yes.

5 MR. MCVEE: Yes, Your Honor. We've already

6 filed a motion for protective order in this proceeding.

7 JUDGE KOPTA: Okay. Then we will issue the

8 standard protective order.

9 And then unless anyone has anything else,

10 then we deal with schedule, which it looks like a

11 settlement conference on December 7th and 8th.

12 MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI: I'm sorry, that

13 should be 7th or 8th.

14 JUDGE KOPTA: 7th or 8th, okay. Well, that

15 makes more sense unless you're going to have protracted

16 discussions.

17 Then Staff, Public Counsel, and intervenor

18 direct testimony on January 5th, 2018; rebuttal

19 testimony from the Company and cross-answering testimony

20 from the other parties on February 16th; then

21 cross-examination, exhibits, witness list, and time

22 estimates on March 22nd.

23 MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI: Your Honor, before

24 that, we have a discovery cutoff that's handwritten in

25 there.

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1 JUDGE KOPTA: Okay. Discovery cutoff on

2 March 12th. Then a hearing on a date to be determined

3 sometime between March 28th and April 5th, and I

4 understand from the Company that they would prefer that

5 whatever date would not be on Monday or Friday, and then

6 post-hearing briefing.

7 MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI: And that date is May

8 10th.

9 JUDGE KOPTA: May 10th. That would be

10 simultaneous briefs, single round?

11 MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI: Correct.

12 JUDGE KOPTA: Okay. Well, we can always

13 rediscuss that closer to the time. And then I note that

14 after Staff, Public Counsel, and intervenors file their

15 direct testimony that discovery will be on a

16 seven-day -- seven business-day turnaround; is that

17 correct? From that point on until the discovery cutoff?

18 MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI: That's correct, Your

19 Honor.

20 MR. KUMAR: That's correct.

21 JUDGE KOPTA: Okay. All right. Seems fine

22 to me. I will check with my calendar and the

23 Commission's calendar and see what would be a good

24 hearing day and let you know as part of the prehearing

25 conference order.

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1 So anything else that we need to talk about

2 while we're here? All right. Then we're adjourned.

3 Thank you.

4 MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI: Thank you, Your

5 Honor.

6 (Adjourned at 10:04 a.m.)

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