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**In the Matter of: Pacific Power & Light Company**

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PACIFIC POWER & LIGHT )  
COMPANY, )  
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2016 Power Cost Adjustment )  
Mechanism Report. )

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1 OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON; OCTOBER 23, 2017

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5 P R O C E E D I N G S

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

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.

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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