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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Rulemaking Regarding
Microgrids Pursuant to Senate Bill 1339 and
Resiliency Strategies.

Rulemaking 19-09-009

**ASSIGNED COMMISSIONER AND ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S
RULING AMENDING PROCEEDING CAPTION TO RULEMAKING 19-09-009**

1. Summary

This Assigned Commissioner and Administrative Law Judge's (ALJ) Ruling amends the caption to Rulemaking (R.) 19-09-009 to *Order Instituting Rulemaking Regarding Microgrids Pursuant to Senate Bill 1339 and Resiliency Strategies* from *Order Instituting Rulemaking Regarding Microgrids Pursuant to Senate Bill 1339*.

2. Background and Near-term Schedule of Activities

On September 12, 2019, the Commission initiated this rulemaking, R.19-09-009, to begin crafting a policy framework surrounding the commercialization of microgrids pursuant to Senate Bill 1339.

On October 21, 2019, parties to this rulemaking filed opening comments to the Order of R.19-09-009. On November 5, 2019, parties filed reply comments to this proceeding's Order.

On November 26, 2019, Chief ALJ Anne Simon noticed a prehearing conference in this proceeding for Tuesday, December 17, 2019 before the assigned Commissioner and ALJ to determine the parties, positions of the parties, issues, and other procedural matters.

Finally, November 27, 2019, the daily calendar noticed a Commission staff workshop in this proceeding on Thursday, December 12, 2019 at the Commission's

San Francisco headquarters. The staff workshop shall identify, and vet short-term actions related to microgrids and other resiliency strategies that the Commission can take in early 2020 to reduce the impact of any outages caused by public safety power shutoffs or other catastrophic events. The workshop will also include some examples of medium- and long-term solutions and policy issues to be addressed as part of this rulemaking over the next two years and beyond. Another staff workshop will be held in Quarter 1 of 2020, which will focus on the near- and long-term implementation requirements and execution of Section 8371 of the Public Utilities Code.

3. Caption Amendment

We amend the caption to this rulemaking to the following: *Order Instituting Rulemaking Regarding Microgrids Pursuant to Senate Bill 1339 and Resiliency Strategies*. We amend this proceeding's caption to account for the fact that there are other important technologies and activities, in addition to microgrids, that may be useful for achieving resiliency goals. The outcomes of microgrid and non-microgrid resiliency policy activities have the potential to affect each other. As a result, we see value in approaching microgrid policy development and deployment in a holistic fashion that accounts for potential interactions with other types of resiliency activities.

The recent extensive and extended public safety power shut offs and wildfires make the point that resiliency solutions are needed both in the near- and long-term. The uncertainty, economic impact, and disruption associated with the public safety power shut offs, wildfires, and potentially other disasters such as earthquakes are unsustainable over the long-term.

IT IS RULED that the caption to this rulemaking shall be amended to Order Instituting Rulemaking Regarding Microgrids Pursuant to Senate Bill 1339 and Resiliency Strategies.

Dated December 5, 2019, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ GENEVIEVE SHIROMA

/s/ COLIN RIZZO

Genevieve Shiroma
Assigned Commissioner

Colin Rizzo
Administrative Law Judge