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Subject: Staff Disposition of Pacific Gas & Electric Company's (PG&E) Advice Letter (AL) 4897-G/7241-E for Approval of Energy Efficiency (EE) Third-Party Statewide Codes and Standards Advocacy Contracts with Cohen Ventures, Inc., 2050 Partners, Inc., TRC Solutions, Inc., and Frontier Energy, Inc.

Dear Mr. Dietz,

The California Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) Energy Division (ED) approves PG&E's AL 4897-G/7241-E with an effective date of May 17, 2024.

Background

On April 17, 2024, Pursuant to Ordering Paragraph (OP) 2 of D.18-01-004, PG&E submitted AL 4897-G/7241-E, containing its State Building Codes Advocacy Contract with Cohen Ventures, Inc., State Building Codes Advocacy Contract with 2050 Partners, Inc., State Building Codes Advocacy Contract with TRC Solutions, Inc., and State Building Codes Advocacy Contract with Frontier Energy, Inc.

Decision D.18-01-004, the Third-Party Solicitation Process Decision, requires the four California Investor-Owned Utilities (IOUs) to file a Tier 2 advice letter for any third-party contracts that are valued at \$5 million or more and/or that have contract terms of longer than three years.¹ This Advice Letter includes four contracts, each of which meet the value and contract term threshold. The State Building Codes Advocacy Contract with Cohen Ventures is valued at \$10,196,570 with a term of 57 months. The State Building Codes Advocacy Contract with 2050 Partners is valued at \$9,500,260 with a term of 57 months. The State Building Codes Advocacy Contract with TRC Solutions is valued at \$6,996,036 with a term of 57 months. The State Building Codes Advocacy Contract with Frontier Energy is valued at \$3,378,000 with a term of 58 months.

Protests

No protests to the AL were filed.

Discussion

In operationalizing the review of third-party advice letters, EE Staff focused its review on the fairness of the solicitations process, size of contract budget and forecasted savings, and the contract's contribution to the portfolio-level cost-effectiveness requirements. Approval of this advice letter is not evidence of CPUC approval of future program implementation. It is PG&E's responsibility to manage its portfolio to ensure it remains in compliance with its approved business plan and all CPUC Decisions.

¹ D.18-01-004, pg. 57

Implementation Plan Development

Decision D.18-05-041, the Business Plan Decision, Ordering Paragraph 2 requires IPs to be posted within 60 days of contract execution, or within 60 days of CPUC approval if the contract meets the advice letter threshold. With the issuance of this disposition, the implementation plan for this program is due to be updated and posted no later than July 16, 2024.

Please direct any questions regarding Energy Division's findings in this non-standard disposition to Simran Kaur at simranjit.kaur@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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