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6 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

7 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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9 BECKY GREER, TIMOTHY C. BUDNIK,  
10 ROSARIO SAENZ, and IAN CARTY,  
individually and as class representatives,

11 Plaintiffs,

12 v.

13 PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC  
14 COMPANY, DOES 1 through 10, inclusive,  
and IBEW LOCAL 1245,

15 Defendants.

Case No. 1:15-cv-01066-EPG

ORDER REGARDING SETTLEMENT  
CONFERENCE

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17 This case is set for a Settlement Conference before Magistrate Judge Barbara A.  
18 McAuliffe on **November 9, 2017 at 10:00 am in Courtroom 8** at the U.S. District Court, 2500  
19 Tulare Street, Fresno, California, 93721. Unless otherwise permitted in advance by the Court,  
20 the attorneys who will try the case shall personally appear at the settlement conference with the  
21 parties and the person or persons having full authority to negotiate and settle the case, on any  
22 terms, at the conference.

23 No later than seven days prior to the settlement conference, each party shall submit  
24 directly to Judge McAuliffe's chambers at [bamorders@caed.uscourts.gov](mailto:bamorders@caed.uscourts.gov), a confidential  
25 settlement conference statement. This statement should neither be filed with the clerk of the  
26 Court nor served on any other party. Each statement shall be clearly marked  
27 "CONFIDENTIAL" with the date and time of the mandatory settlement conference indicated  
28 prominently.

1 The settlement statement should not be lengthy but shall include a brief recitation of the  
2 facts, a discussion of the strengths and weaknesses of the case, an estimate of the cost and time to  
3 be expended for further pretrial and trial matters, and the relief sought. The parties are also  
4 directed to include **a candid statement on the party's position on settlement**, including the  
5 amount which the party will accept to settle, realistic settlement expectations, present settlement  
6 proposals, and a history of past settlement discussions, offers, demands, and a report on  
7 settlement efforts to date.

8 This Court will vacate the settlement conference if the Court finds the settlement  
9 conference will be neither productive nor meaningful to attempt to resolve all or part of this case.  
10 As far in advance of the settlement conference as possible, a party shall inform the Court and  
11 other parties that it believes the case is not in a settlement posture so the Court may vacate or  
12 reset the settlement conference. Otherwise the parties shall proceed with the settlement  
13 conference in good faith to attempt to resolve all or part of the case.

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15 IT IS SO ORDERED.

16 Dated: October 17, 2017

/s/ Barbara A. McAuliffe  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE