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United States District Court
For the Northern District of California

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

RICHARD VELOZ,

No. C-12-06309-WHA (DMR)

Plaintiff(s),

**ORDER DENYING EX PARTE
DISCOVERY LETTER [DOCKET NO.
47]**

v.

PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC CO,

Defendant(s).

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The court has received an ex parte discovery letter filed by Defendant Pacific Gas and Electric Co. [Docket No. 47.] The letter is **DENIED** without prejudice. The parties are ordered to meet and confer in a manner that complies with this court’s standing order on discovery, *see* Docket No. 36, which states that prior to filing a discovery letter,

The parties shall first meet and confer to try to resolve their disagreements. The meet and confer session must be ***in person or by telephone***, and may not be conducted by letter, e-mail, or fax. If disagreements remain, the parties shall file a joint letter no later than five business days after the meet and confer session, unless otherwise directed by the court. **Lead trial counsel for both parties must sign the letter**, which shall include an attestation that the parties met and conferred in person or by telephone regarding all issues prior to filing the letter. Going issue-by-issue, the joint letter shall describe each unresolved issue, summarize each party’s position with appropriate legal authority; and provide each party’s final proposed compromise before moving to the next issue. The joint letter shall not exceed ten pages without leave of court. **Parties are expected to plan for and cooperate in preparing the joint letter so that each side has adequate time to address the arguments.**

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If the parties continue to dispute the issues raised in Docket No. 47 after they meet and confer, they shall file a joint discovery letter by **March 14, 2014**.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: March 7, 2014

