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16	SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION					
17	In re: Bankruptcy Case No. 19-30088 (DM)					
18	PG&E CORPORATION,	Chapter 11				
19	- and -	(Lead Case) (Jointly Administered)				
20	PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC	AMENDED ORDER PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C.				
21	COMPANY,	§§ 105 AND 363 AND FED. R. BANKR. P. 9019 (I) APPROVING CASE RESOLUTION				
22	Debtors.	CONTINGENCY PROCESS AND (II) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF				
23	□ Affects PG&E Corporation					
24	☐ Affects Pacific Gas and Electric Company	Related Docket No. 6398				
25	Affects both Debtors					
26	* All papers shall be filed in the Lead					
27	Case, No. 19-30088 (DM).					
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Upon the Motion, dated March 20, 2020 [Docket No. 6398] (the "Motion"),¹ of 1 2 PG&E Corporation and Pacific Gas and Electric Company, as debtors and debtors in possession 3 (together, "PG&E" or the "Debtors") in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases (the "Chapter 11 Cases"), for entry of an order (i) approving the Case Resolution Contingency Process, and 4 (ii) granting related relief, all as more fully set forth in the Motion; and this Court having jurisdiction 5 6 to consider the Motion and the relief requested therein pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334, the 7 Order Referring Bankruptcy Cases and Proceedings to Bankruptcy Judges, General Order 24 (N.D. 8 Cal.), and Bankruptcy Local Rule 5011-1(a); and consideration of the Motion and the requested 9 relief being a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b); and venue being proper before this 10 Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and this Court having found and determined that 11 notice of the Motion as provided to the parties listed therein is reasonable and sufficient, and it 12 appearing that no other or further notice need be provided; and this Court having reviewed the 13 Motion, the Wells Declaration, and the various objections, responses, and statements having been 14 filed with respect to the relief requested in the Motion, including, without limitation, the objections, 15 responses, and statements found at Docket Nos. 6402, 6624, 6626, 6627, 6628, 6629, 6630, 6631, and 6651; and the Court having held a hearing on April 7, 2020 to consider the Motion (the 16 17 "Hearing"); and this Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion 18 and the Wells Declaration establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and it appearing that the 19 relief requested in the Motion represents a sound exercise of the Debtors' business judgment and is 20 in the best interests of the Debtors, their estates, creditors, shareholders, and all other parties in 21 interest; and upon the record of all of the proceedings had before this Court, and after due 22 deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor, 23 24 25 26 27 ¹ Capitalized terms used but not otherwise herein defined shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Motion or in the Debtors' and Shareholder Proponents' Joint Chapter 11 Plan of 28 Reorganization dated March 16, 2020 [Docket No. 6320] (the "Plan"), as applicable.

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IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Motion is granted as provided herein. Any objections, responses, or statements, if any, in opposition to the relief requested in the Motion that have not otherwise been resolved or withdrawn prior to, or on the record at, the Hearing are hereby overruled.

2. The Case Resolution Contingency Process, attached hereto as <u>Exhibit A</u>, all of the terms of which are incorporated herein by reference as if set forth herein, is approved in its entirety as of the date of this Order.

3. The Debtors shall be authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to implement the terms of the Case Resolution Contingency Process and this Order.

4. The Plan Documents (including documents included in the Plan Supplement) and any amendments to the Plan will be in form and substance acceptable to the Governor's Office; provided, that if the Court declines to enter a form of Confirmation Order or to confirm the Plan unless the Plan Proponents modify the Confirmation Order or the Plan in a manner not acceptable to the Governor's Office, the Plan Proponents may modify the Confirmation Order to address the Court's requirements.

5. Nothing in this Order, the Motion, or the Case Resolution Contingency Process shall alter or be deemed to alter any terms or provisions of the Subrogation Claims RSA, the Tort Claimants RSA, the Noteholder RSA, or the Public Entities Plan Support Agreements (including, but not limited to, the termination provisions of each of the foregoing agreements).

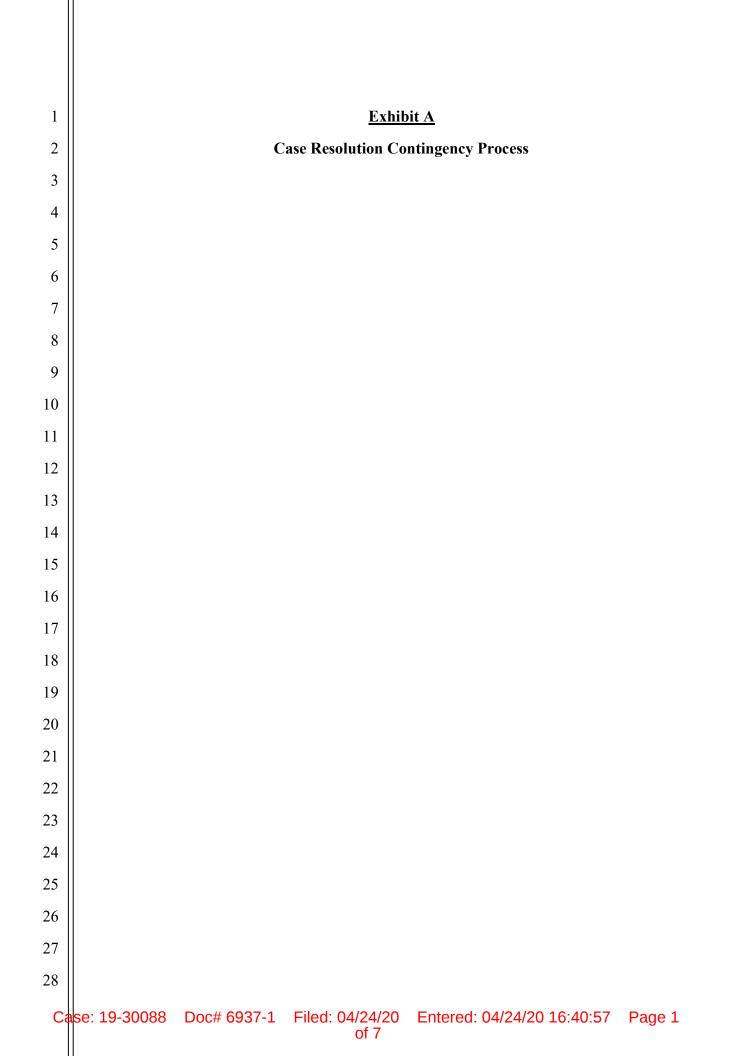
6. Nothing in this Order, the Motion, or the Case Resolution Contingency Process shall modify the provisions of section 1121 of the Bankruptcy Code; provided that nothing in this Paragraph shall affect the provisions of the Case Resolution Contingency Process as to the termination of exclusivity solely as to the state of California or a party supported by the state of California.

7. All rights parties in interest may have to appear and be heard in connection with any
proceedings before this Court with respect to the approval of the Bidding Procedures or the Sale
Process are hereby reserved in all respects.

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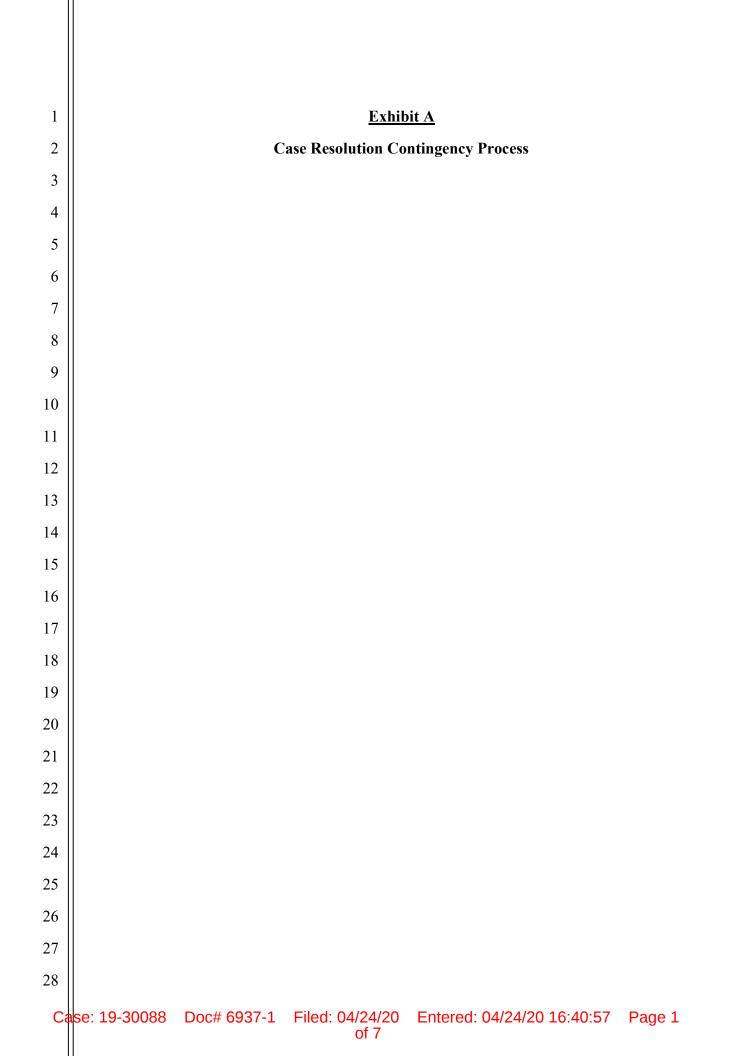
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