



# California Public Utilities Commission

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## COMMISSIONER STATEMENT December 17, 2014

### CPUC COMMISSIONER FLORIO ISSUES STATEMENT

Commissioner Mike Florio of the California Public Utilities Commission today issued the following statement:

“PG&E recently released a memo from its former lobbyist, Brian Cherry, to others in PG&E management mischaracterizing a conversation he had with me in January 2014 regarding the then-recently filed PG&E Gas Transmission and Storage rate case. The mischaracterizations were further disseminated by news coverage about the memo.

Mr. Cherry’s account of that conversation is simply not true. I categorically deny that I ever offered to sponsor an alternate decision if PG&E “didn’t like” the proposed decision. I never stated that my colleague “lobbied” me to be assigned to the case, nor did I ever suggest that I would “mentor” my colleague. Such insinuations are insulting and do not reflect the relationship we have as colleagues.

The memo was produced for the internal consumption of senior management at PG&E. Whatever the reasons for the memo’s false assertions, they are just that. I simply reject any suggestion that Mr. Cherry’s memo reflected either my words or my actions. I want to assure the public that I am committed to restoring the Commission’s credibility and public trust.”