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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report: January 29, 2013
(Date of earliest event reported)

| Commission File Number | Exact Name of Registrant as specified in its charter | State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization | IRS Employer Identification Number |
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| 1-12609 | PG&E CORPORATION | California | 94-3234914 |
| 1-2348 | PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY | California | 94-0742640 |

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Item 8.01 – Other Events

California Public Utilities Commission (“CPUC”) Investigations

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (“Utility”), a subsidiary of PG&E Corporation, is the subject of three investigations by the CPUC. The CPUC investigations relate to (1) the Utility’s safety recordkeeping for its natural gas transmission system (“Records OII”), (2) the Utility’s operation of its natural gas transmission pipeline system in or near locations of higher population density (“Class Location OII”), and (3) the Utility’s pipeline installation, integrity management, recordkeeping and other operational practices, and other events or courses of conduct, that could have led to or contributed to the rupture of one of the Utility’s natural gas transmission pipelines on September 9, 2010 in San Bruno, California and the ensuing explosion and fire (“San Bruno OII”). On January 29, 2013, the administrative law judges (“ALJs”) overseeing the investigations approved the revised procedural schedule as follows:

| Date | Class Location OII (1) | Records OII | San Bruno OII | Consolidated Issues – Fines and Remedies |
|------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|--|---|
| 1/7/13 | | Hearings resumed | Hearings resumed | |
| 1/11/13 | | | | The Utility’s reply testimony on financial resources was served |
| 1/18/13 | | Hearings concluded | | |
| 2/8/13 | | | | CPSD* rebuttal financial resources testimony due |
| 2/25/13 | | | Hearings conclude on or around this date | |
| 3/4-3/5/13 | | | | Hearing on financial resources testimony |
| 3/11/13 | | | Concurrent opening briefs due | |
| 3/25/13 | | Concurrent opening briefs due | | |
| 4/12/13 | | | Concurrent reply briefs due | |
| 4/19/13 | | Concurrent reply briefs due | | |
| 4/26/13 | | | | Coordinated briefs on fines and remedies due |
| 5/14/13 | | | | The Utility’s coordinated reply brief on fines and remedies due |
| 5/24/13 | | | | Coordinated rebuttal briefs on fines and remedies due |

(1) Hearings in the Class Location OII concluded in September 2012 and briefing has been completed.

* The CPUC’s Consumer Protection and Safety Division, now known as the Safety and Enforcement Division.

After considering the parties’ briefs, the ALJs would issue one or more presiding officer’s decisions setting forth any violations found and the amount of penalties and any required remedial actions. The decisions would become the

final decisions of the CPUC thirty days after issuance unless the Utility or another party filed an appeal, or a CPUC commissioner requested review of the decision, within such time. PG&E Corporation and the Utility are uncertain when these investigations will be concluded.

Third-Party Claims Related to the San Bruno Accident

In addition to the investigations discussed above, many lawsuits are still pending against PG&E Corporation and the Utility in connection with the San Bruno accident. These cases have been coordinated and assigned to one judge in the San Mateo County Superior Court. Many of the cases have been resolved through settlement. The trial of the first group of remaining cases began on January 2, 2013 with pretrial motions and hearings. On January 14, 2013, the court vacated the trial and all pending hearings due to the significant number of cases that have been settled outside of court. The court has urged the parties to settle the remaining cases. It is uncertain whether or when the remaining cases will be resolved.

CPUC Gas Safety Rulemaking Proceeding

On January 28, 2013, several parties, including the CPUC's Division of Ratepayer Advocates, The Utility Reform Network, the City and County of San Francisco, and the City of San Bruno, filed applications for rehearing asking the CPUC to reconsider its decision, issued on December 28, 2012, regarding the Utility's proposed implementation plan to modernize and upgrade its natural gas transmission system and associated ratemaking mechanisms. In the decision, the CPUC approved most of the proposed scope and timing of projects to be completed under the plan, but disallowed the Utility's request for rate recovery of a significant portion of capital costs and expenses through 2014. The applications for rehearing state, among other arguments, that the CPUC should have disallowed more of the Utility's costs and that the CPUC should have approved a reduced rate of return on equity for capital investments made under the plan. It is uncertain whether or when the CPUC will grant the rehearing requests.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrants have duly caused this report to be signed on their behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

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