

United States Court of Appeals
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT

No. 16-1004**September Term, 2015****NRC-CLI-15-21****Filed On: June 15, 2016** [1619695]

Friends of the Earth,

Petitioner

v.

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and
United States of America,

Respondents

Pacific Gas and Electric Company,
Intervenor

ORDER

It is **ORDERED**, on the court's own motion, that the following briefing schedule will apply in this case:

Petitioner's Brief	July 25, 2016
Respondents' Brief	August 24, 2016
Intervenor for Respondents' Brief	August 31, 2016
Petitioner's Reply Brief	September 14, 2016
Deferred Appendix	September 21, 2016
Final Briefs	October 5, 2016

All issues and arguments must be raised by petitioner in the opening brief. The court ordinarily will not consider issues and arguments raised for the first time in the reply brief.

The court reminds the parties that

In cases involving direct review in this court of administrative actions, the brief of the appellant or petitioner must set forth the basis for the claim of standing. . . .

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When the appellant's or petitioner's standing is not apparent from the administrative record, the brief must include arguments and evidence establishing the claim of standing.

See D.C. Cir. Rule 28(a)(7).

To enhance the clarity of their briefs, the parties are cautioned to limit the use of abbreviations, including acronyms. While acronyms may be used for entities and statutes with widely recognized initials, briefs should not contain acronyms that are not widely known. See D.C. Circuit Handbook of Practice and Procedures 41 (2016); [Notice Regarding Use of Acronyms](#) (D.C. Cir. Jan. 26, 2010).

Parties are strongly encouraged to hand deliver the paper copies of their briefs to the Clerk's office on the date due. Filing by mail could delay the processing of the brief. Additionally, parties are reminded that if filing by mail, they must use a class of mail that is at least as expeditious as first-class mail. See Fed. R. App. P. 25(a). All briefs and appendices must contain the date that the case is scheduled for oral argument at the top of the cover, or state that the case is being submitted without oral argument. See D.C. Cir. Rule 28(a)(8).

FOR THE COURT:

Mark J. Langer, Clerk

BY: /s/

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(202) 216-7000**NOTICE TO COUNSEL:
SCHEDULING ORAL ARGUMENT**

The court has entered an order setting a briefing schedule in a case in which you are counsel of record. Once a briefing order has been entered, the case may be set for oral argument. Typically, the argument date will be a minimum of 45 days after briefing is completed.

You will be notified by separate order of the date and time of oral argument. Once a case has been calendared, the Clerk's Office cannot change the argument date, and the court will not ordinarily reschedule it. Any request to reschedule must be made by motion, which will be presented to a panel of the court for disposition. The court disfavors motions to postpone oral argument and will grant such a motion only upon a showing of "extraordinary cause." See D.C. Cir. Rule 34(g).

If you are the arguing counsel and you know you will be unavailable to appear for oral argument on a date in the future, so advise the Clerk's Office by letter, filed electronically, with a copy to opposing counsel. The notification should be filed as soon as possible and updated if a potential scheduling conflict later arises or if there is any change in availability. To the extent possible, the Clerk's Office will endeavor to schedule oral argument to avoid conflicts that have been brought to the court's attention in advance.

Counsel must notify the Clerk as soon as settlement negotiations begin, when settlement of the case becomes likely, and when settlement is reached. This notice allows for more efficient allocation of judicial resources. Additionally, counsel should promptly notify the Clerk if settlement negotiations are terminated. Notice must be given in an appropriate motion or by letter to the Clerk at the earliest possible moment.