NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

TO: All Interested Parties

Pursuant to the California Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) General Order 131-D, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) has filed an application with the CPUC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Embarcadero-Potrero 230 Kilovolt (kV) Transmission Project (Application No. A.12-12-004).

Project Background PG&E is proposing to construct the Embarcadero-Potrero Project to improve transmission system reliability to downtown San Francisco, California. The project consists of constructing a new 3.5-mile 230 kV transmission line entirely within the City and County of San Francisco from Embarcadero Substation near the corner of Fremont and Folsom Streets, to Potrero Switchyard on Illinois Street between 22nd and 23rd Streets. Approximately 2.5 miles would be installed offshore underneath the seafloor of the San Francisco Bay, 0.4 mile would be installed using horizontal directional drills between onshore transition points and the bay, and approximately 0.6 mile would be installed underground in paved areas, including Spear Street and Folsom Street in San Francisco's Rincon Hill neighborhood. Construction of a new 230 kV switchyard would occur near the existing Potrero Switchyard, but no new substation work is proposed to occur at the existing Embarcadero Substation beyond the proposed termination of the new cable into the 230 kV bus.

Depending on CPUC approval, construction is targeted to start in February 2014 following permitting and right-ofway acquisition and is estimated to be complete in December 2015.

Information Available: The CPUC Energy Division has prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration and supporting Initial Study (IS/MND) describing the project and its potential environmental effects. Based on this document, it has been determined that the proposed project, as modified, will not have any significant effects on the environment. The CPUC's environmental document may be reviewed at the following locations:

CPUC Energy Division 505 Van Ness Avenue, 4th Floor San Francisco, CA 94102 San Francisco Main Library 100 Larkin Street San Francisco, CA 94102

Potrero Branch Library 1616 20th Street San Francisco, CA 94107 PG&E Resource Center: The Pacific Energy Center 851 Howard Street San Francisco, CA 94103

For electronic access to the MND and other project information/reports, check the CPUC's website at:

http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/Environment/info/aspen/embarc-potrero/embarc-potrero.htm

Public Informational Meeting: In order to help affected communities understand the Proposed Project and the Proposed IS/MND and to explain how the public can participate in the CPUC's decision-making processes, the CPUC will hold an informational workshop on Tuesday, August 20, 2013. This informal workshop is an opportunity to ask questions about the content of the Draft IS/MND. While written comments may be submitted during the workshop, there will be no facilities to record oral comments.

August 20, 2013 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Port of San Francisco, Bayside 1 Conference Room Pier 1, Washington Street at The Embarcadero; San Francisco, California

<u>Time for Review</u>: This IS/MND will undergo a public review period from August 15 through September 16, 2013. Comments must be received in writing by 5:00 p.m. on September 16, 2013, at the following address:

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