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March 3, 2025 VIA EMAIL

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Subject: CPUC Data Request #5 for PG&E's Moraga to Oakland X 115 Kilovolt Rebuild Project (A.24-11-0005)

Dear Mr. Liddell,

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Energy Division, California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Unit, is continuing its review of Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E's) application for a Permit to Construct (PTC) (A.24-11-005) and Proponent's Environmental Assessment (PEA) for the proposed Moraga to Oakland X 115 Kilovolt (kV) Rebuild Project (Project) relative to the CPUC's *Guidelines for Energy Project Applications Requiring CEQA compliance: Pre-filing and Proponents Environmental Assessments* (Version 1.0, November 2019) and the Commission's Information and Criteria List. On December 11, 2024, the Energy Division deemed PG&E's application complete and is in the process of its environmental review of the Project under CEQA.

The Energy Division has identified additional data requests related to PG&E's activities associated with the Project to supplement and inform the environmental review (see Data Request #5 attached to this letter). Please provide the requested information or explain why it cannot be provided by March 17, 2025. Please note that as the environmental review progresses, the Energy Division may submit clarifying questions or request additional data, as necessary, to prepare a complete and adequate analysis of the potential environmental effects of the proposed Project in accordance with the requirements of CEQA.

Please do not hesitate to call me at (916) 594-4699 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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PG&E Moraga-Oakland X 115 kV Rebuild Project (A.2024-11-005) Data Request No. 5

Moraga-Oakland X 115 Kilovolt (kV) Rebuild Project (MOX or Project) Data Request (DR) No. 5 includes requests related to the following issue area(s):

• Project Description

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PEA Chapter 3.5.1.4, Watercourse Crossings

- **PD-6** The PEA project description states that the rebuilt PG&E line will span across five creeks, but the new structures will be located well outside of the creek banks. Please clarify how close to the creeks ground-disturbing work will be taking place.
- **PD-7** GIS data of the project shows staging areas in or very close to creeks, specifically, Shepherd Creek, Sausal Creek, and Palo Seco Creek. Please clarify what ground-disturbing activity is proposed, including depth, and how close this activity gets to the creeks themselves.
- PD-8 PG&E's responses to CPUC Data Request #3 discuss a potential timeframe of up to 45 minutes for crane truck removal in the event of an emergency (provided in response DR PD-5[f]). During this timeframe, emergency/evacuation access may be impacted if a crane truck is blocking a travel lane. Please provide any construction specifications or measures to be included in PG&E's traffic control plans (APM TRA-1) that would address this worst-case scenario of a 45-minute obstruction.