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VIA EMAIL

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Subject: CPUC Data Request #4 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 #4 attached to this letter). Please provide the requested information or explain why it cannot be provided by March 12, 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. 4

Moraga-Oakland X 115 Kilovolt (kV) Rebuild Project (MOX or Project) Data Request (DR) No. 3 includes requests related to the following issue area(s):

- Aesthetics

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PEA Table 5.1 3 (Summary of Visual Change at KOPs) and PEA Section 5.1.4 (Key Observation Point 6a: Balboa Drive at West Circle)

AES-4 PEA Figure 5.1-8B presents a visual simulation that captures an inline view of two taller replacement lattice steel poles (LSPs) (Structure Nos. RN15 and RS15 - 133 feet tall each) in the foreground primary cone of vision of eastbound travel on Balboa Drive/West Circle and two taller LSPs and two tubular steel poles (TSPs) farther upslope that would replace six existing LSTs ranging in height from 67 feet to 86 feet. The foreground pair of replacement structures would be substantially taller than the existing structures (82% increase in structural heights).

- Please explain the need for PG&E's proposed increase of heights to Towers RN15/RS15 as no adjacent towers are proposed for removal and the span length would be similar to the existing line.
- With the addition of a pair of interset towers upslope from RN15/RS15 and approximately mid-way to the next pair of structures (RN14/RS14), what would the resulting tower heights be for the interset towers, Towers RN15/RS15, and Towers RN14/RS14?
- Please provide information on the necessity for and location of cranes and any temporary road closures, if needed to support installation of interset towers upslope of RN15/RS15.
- How many trees would need to be replace and/or trimmed with the placement of interset towers in this location?