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VIA EMAIL

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Subject: CPUC Data Request #9 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 #9 attached to this letter). Please provide the requested information or explain why it cannot be provided by June 18, 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tharon Wright".

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PG&E Moraga-Oakland X 115 kV Rebuild Project (A.2024-11-005)

Data Request No. 9

Moraga-Oakland X 115 Kilovolt (kV) Rebuild Project (MOX or Project) Data Request (DR) No. 9 includes requests related to the following issue area(s):

- Alternatives
- Transportation

PEA Chapter 4, Alternatives

ALT-6 Roadway widths for underground alternatives are discussed under PEA Alternatives B and C; however, the PEA analyzes installation of 4 circuits and the EIR is considering 2 circuits each road. The EIR must evaluate impacts of construction of the underground alternatives on traffic and evacuation routes, so must consider the need for road closures. Please define the minimum roadway width that would allow retaining a single traffic lane open at all times during underground installation of 2 power line circuits and associated vaults.

Specifically, please define the specific areas (by block, e.g., “along x street between y and z streets”) along the following roadways that would require full roadway closure for any length of time during installation of 2 underground circuits:

Manzanita Drive to State Route 13

- Skyline Boulevard
- Colton Boulevard
- Heartwood Drive
- Snake Road
- Shepherd Canyon Road (west of Saroni Drive)
- Ascot Drive

West of State Route 13

- Sims Drive
- Somerset Drive
- Estates Drive (west of Somerset Drive to Park Boulevard)

ALT-7 For each road, please define the estimated duration of full closure for any one segment requiring a detour for installation of the underground power line (2 circuits) and vault.

ALT-8 If underground alternatives are constructed, the existing overhead structures will need to be removed after energization of the underground circuits. PG&E has provided “Structure Work Areas” defining areas along roads where cranes would be located, and roads would be closed to through traffic while cranes are in place.

For structure removal activity only, what would be the estimated duration of closure of roadways for each tower site for the removal of existing conductors and towers only?

ALT-9 PG&E's PEA (pages 4-18 and 4-19) discusses roadway closures for underground installation of 4 circuits under PEA Alternative C, which includes a transition pole on Saroni Drive. What is the estimated duration of closure of Saroni Drive and/or Gunn Drive to accommodate construction of the Saroni transition pole and installation of an underground 2-circuit power line from the overhead-to-underground transition location to Shepherd Canyon Road?

PEA Chapter 5.17, Transportation

TRA-1 a. Pending coordination with transit agencies, what is the estimated maximum distance a temporary bus stop is expected to be relocated and for what maximum duration for construction of the proposed Project?

b. Please describe PG&E's coordination with transit agencies and responsibilities for signage and alerting riders of temporary bus stop relocations.

TRA-2 PEA page 5.17-14 states that “[f]ull closures at several locations along Montclair Railroad Trail [MRRT] will also likely last up to 2 calendar weeks.”

a. Please confirm whether the 2-week MRRT closures would be staggered (based on specific construction activities that may take place months apart) or would trail closures be expected to occur continuously and simultaneously at multiple locations.

b. Please describe the anticipated MRRT pedestrian and bicycle detours that would be established during each planned trail closure, including exit and reentry locations. Trail entry points are mapped at:

<https://montclairrrtrail.org/visit/>.