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# Notice of Availability

Pacific Gas & Electric Company Egbert Switching Station (Martin Substation Extension) Project Final Environmental Impact Report State Clearinghouse No. 2018112046

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for consideration of Pacific Gas & Electric Company's (PG&E's) application to construct and operate the Egbert Switching Station (Martin Substation Extension) Project (proposed project).

The Final EIR is available for public review on the CPUC's project website, as follows: <a href="https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/dudek/egbert/egbert.html">https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/dudek/egbert/egbert.html</a>.

**Project Description**: The proposed project involves the construction, operation, and maintenance of a new 230-kilovolt (kV) switching station in the City and County of San Francisco that would be connected to the local 230 kV system by reconfiguring two existing underground single-circuit 230 kV transmission lines located in the City and County of San Francisco, City of Daly City, and City of Brisbane. The proposed project involves switching station, substation, and underground transmission line construction activities. The proposed construction consists of the following three major elements:

- 1. Construct the proposed Egbert 230 kV Switching Station on approximately 1.7 acres in the City and County of San Francisco.
- 2. Extend the existing underground Jefferson-Martin 230 kV transmission line to the proposed Egbert Switching Station, creating the proposed Jefferson-Egbert 230 kV transmission line.
- 3. Loop the existing underground Martin-Embarcadero 230 kV transmission line into the proposed Egbert Switching Station, creating the proposed Egbert-Embarcadero 230 kV transmission line and the proposed Martin-Egbert 230 kV transmission line.

An underground transmission line extension would connect the existing underground Jefferson-Martin transmission line to Egbert Switching Station, creating the Jefferson-Egbert transmission line. The existing Martin-Embarcadero transmission line would be looped into Egbert Switching Station with construction of two transmission lines underground, creating the Martin-Egbert transmission line and the Egbert-Embarcadero transmission line. Work would also occur at PG&E's Jefferson, Embarcadero, and Martin Substations. The proposed project would improve the reliability of PG&E's transmission system serving the City and County of San Francisco.

The Final EIR describes the proposed project, evaluates the potential environmental impacts associated with the construction and operation of the proposed project, identifies those impacts that could be significant, and presents mitigation measures, which, if adopted, would avoid or minimize these impacts. The Final EIR also evaluates alternatives to the proposed project, including the No Project Alternative, as required by CEQA.

# **CONTENTS OF THE FINAL EIR**

The Final EIR presents changes that were made to the Draft EIR as a result of comments received during the public review period (i.e., September 30, 2019, to November 14, 2019). Revisions were made to clarify information presented in the Draft EIR, and only minor technical changes or additions have been made. These changes and additions to the EIR do not raise important new issues related to significant effects on the environment. Such changes are insignificant as the term is used in Section 15088.5(b) of the CEQA Guidelines. The Draft EIR is included as a component of the Final EIR, subject to the revisions included in the Response to Comments and the Final EIR as edited throughout the Draft EIR. Revisions to existing text are shown as strikeout (i.e., strikeout) where text is removed and by underlined text (i.e., underline) where text is added for clarification.

Chapters 1 through 3 of the Final EIR contain an Introduction to Responses to Comments, Comment Letters Received, and Written Comments and Response on Draft EIR.

#### AFTER FINAL EIR COMPLETION

After the Final EIR is completed, the CPUC will make a final decision for the proposed project. Responsible and cooperating agencies may also use the EIR for their permitting processes.

# **AVAILABILITY OF FINAL EIR**

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