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## Notice of Availability

## Pacific Gas and Electric Company Egbert Switching Station (Martin Substation Extension) Project Draft Environmental Impact Report

As lead agency, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for consideration of Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) application to construct and operate the Egbert Switching Station (Martin Substation Extension) Project (proposed project).

**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 Draft EIR details the proposed project; evaluates and describes the potential environmental impacts associated with the construction, operation, and maintenance of the proposed project; identifies potentially significant impacts; and presents mitigation measures, which, if adopted by the CPUC or other responsible agencies, could avoid or minimize these impacts. The Draft EIR also evaluates alternatives to the proposed project, including the No Project Alternative, as required by CEQA. The Draft EIR was released for a 45-day public review period on September 30, 2019.

## Availability of the Draft EIR:

*Internet Website*. The Draft EIR and appendices, along with information regarding PG&E's application and the environmental review process, are posted online at: http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/dudek/egbert/egbert.html.

Document Repositories: Hard copies of the Draft EIR are available for review at the locations listed in Table 1.

## Table 1: Repository Sites

Location	Address	Telephone
Brisbane Library	250 Visitacion Avenue, Brisbane, California 94005	415.467.2060
Bayshore Branch Library	460 Martin Street, Daly City, California 94014	650.991.8074
Visitacion Valley Library	201 Leland Avenue, San Francisco, California 94134	415.355.2848
Portola Branch Library	380 Bacon Street, San Francisco, California 94134	415.355.5660
San Francisco Public Library	5075 3rd Street, San Francisco, California 94124	415.355.5757

**Public Comment Period**: By this notice, CPUC is announcing the opening of the comment period. The 45-day public review period of the Draft EIR is from September 30, 2019, to November 14, 2019. To ensure that comments will be considered, the CPUC must receive written comments on the Draft EIR by the close of the public review period on November 14, 2019, by 5:00 p.m. Written comments on the Draft EIR can be submitted via:

**Mail**: If you send written comments by U.S. mail, please use first-class mail, and be sure to include your name and a return address. Please send written comments on the scope and content of the EIR to:

Egbert Switching Station Project c/o Dudek 1630 San Pablo Avenue, Suite 300 Oakland, California 94612

Electronic Mail: <u>egbert@dudek.com</u>, with a subject line that states "Egbert Switching Station Draft EIR Comments" using common formats such as .doc, .docx, .pdf, .rtf, or .txt. Email communications are welcome; however, please remember to include your name and return address in the email message.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your name, address, or other contact information that you provide, including your email address—will be placed in the project file and shall become part of the public record. Comments are also posted online as part of the public record. The CPUC cannot approve requests to withhold contact information from the public record.