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Re: Data Request #1 for the Humboldt Bay-Humboldt #1 60 kV Reconductoring Project Initial Study

Dear Ms. Blanchard:

As the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) proceeds with our environmental review of Pacific Gas and Electric's (PG&E)'s Humboldt Bay-Humboldt #1 60 kV Reconductoring Project (Project), we have identified additional information required in order to adequately conduct the CEQA review. The CPUC requests PG&E provide the information below (Data Request #1) by August 9, 2019.

In addition to the aforementioned information, the Energy Division may request additional data, as necessary, to prepare a complete an adequate analysis of the potential environmental effects of the Project in accordance with the requirements of CEQA.

Please do not hesitate to call me at (916) 327-6782 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

John Edward Forsythe, AICP
Project Manager for the Humboldt Bay-Humboldt #1 60 kV Reconductoring Project
Energy Division

cc: Cory Barringhaus, ESA

Attachment:

1. Data Request #1

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Humboldt Bay-Humboldt #1 60 kV Reconductoring Project

1. Will the existing Humboldt Bay-Humboldt #1 line stay in service until the new line is completely built?
2. The Project proposes to replace existing wood poles with wood poles and also proposes to replace light-duty steel (LDS) poles with wood poles. One of the reasons discussed for using wood poles rather than LDS poles was due to the presence of gas lines which prohibits the use of metal poles. Are there any other reasons to use wood poles in certain situations rather than LDS? Why are poles that are currently LDS being transitioned to wood?
3. Provide an estimate for the total amount of land disturbance required for the Project in terms of acres disturbed as well as cubic yards excavated and/or backfilled.
4. The PEA mentions that water would be required for multiple construction activities including during auguring and for dust control. How much water is expected to be used during Project construction and operation?
5. How much construction waste is expected to be generated by the Project?
6. Provide GIS data for the temporary and permanent disturbance areas.
7. Provide archeological/architectural resource GIS data from the Cultural Resources Inventory, Survey, and Evaluation Report.
8. Describe how drilling fluids are disposed using a “mud recycler”? How will the use of a mud recycler ensure that there is no contamination from drilling fluids?
9. Provide a fuller description of potential dewatering activities associated with drilled pier foundations.
10. The PEA states that LDS poles have a flange at the base and they may be cut off below the ground surface, leaving the flange and remaining pole in the ground. How many LDS poles would be left in the ground?