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RE: Notice to Proceed Request No.1 (NTP #1) for the Missouri Flat-Gold Hill 115 kV Power Line Reconductoring Project (Project) – Distribution-Related Modification Work at JM Eagle/PW Pipe Substation, Limestone Substation, and Strolling Hills Road

Dear Mr. Danner:

On March 4, 2016, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) submitted a Notice to Proceed Request (NTP #1) to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) seeking the authority to proceed with construction of minor temporary modifications at the PW Pipe Substation and minor permanent modifications at Limestone Substation and on Strolling Hills Road in the community of Cameron Park/western El Dorado County. These modifications are requested to ensure reliable distribution to customers prior to the construction of the rest of the Project, including the Project shoofly, in approximately September 2016. The proposed modifications would occur between April and May 2016.

A brief description of each of the proposed modification is included below.

JM Eagle/PW Pipe Substation

This modification would temporarily replace the existing 60 kV transmission service to 12 kV distribution in order to keep the substation in service when the 60 kV transmission line is reconducted and energized to 115 kV as part of the Project. PG&E would provide the temporary 12 kV distribution line to the substation by tapping off an existing 12 kV distribution line and installing temporary one wood pole inside the substation fence and four temporary wood poles outside the substation. Three of the wood poles would be located approximately 50 feet east of the substation fence and one pole would be located on the south side of Durock Road, approximately 75 feet east of an existing pole on the Gold Hills No. 1 line. PG&E will install a 12 kV overhead line and connect to new metering, which would be installed on one of the new poles outside the substation. The temporary distribution service would be removed and returned to the original 60 kV transmission service by December 2018.

Limestone Substation

This modification would replace the existing 60 kV transmission service with 21 kV distribution to keep the substation energized when the 60 kV transmission line is being reconducted and energized to 115 kV as a part of the Project. PG&E would remove the existing 60 kV transmission service via the work proposed at Strolling Hills Road (see description below) and transfer it to a 21 kV service. The 21 kV service will then stepdown to a

2.4 kV service at the 3-transformer stepdown bank prior to the customer's meter. This work will include three components: (1) one new wood pole with a 3-transformer stabilizing/grounding bank would be installed within the substation boundary, (2) an existing H-frame structure inside the substation would be replaced and relocated 18 feet north (still within the fenced boundary) for the new 3-transformer stepdown bank (the concrete slab under the replaced H-frame may be demolished), and (3) the framing on one wood pole outside the substation would be replaced with new framing. The distribution 21 kV service will be permanent.

Strolling Hills Road

The work proposed at Strolling Hills Road supports the work at Limestone Substation (described above), and is requested to keep the substation in service while the existing 60 kV transmission is being recondored and energized to 115 kV as a part of the Project. Two existing wood poles would be placed in new locations, the line would be re-routed, and an existing pole would be re-framed. The poles are located at 2881 Strolling Hills Road, near the intersection with Ridge Pass Drive. They are located in a fenced pasture and farm storage yard. The new distribution service will be permanent.

PG&E submitted the following items in accordance with Applicant Proposed Measures and Mitigation Measures described in the Mitigation Monitoring, Reporting, and Compliance Program (MMRCP), for actions proposed under NTP #1:

Applicant Proposed Measure / Mitigation Measure	Implementing Actions	Status/Determination
APM BIO-1.1: Worker Environmental Awareness Training Program	Submit Worker Environmental Awareness Training Program (WEAP) brochure to CPUC for review prior to worker training	Brochure includes Biological Resources measures pertaining to sensitive resource areas, special-status wildlife, special-status plants, vernal pools, wetlands, and tree removal
APM AQ-1: Minimize Fugitive Dust	Applicable Air Quality measures should be included in the WEAP brochure	Applicable measures are included in WEAP brochure
APM AQ-2: Minimize Vehicle and Equipment Emissions	Applicable Air Quality measures should be included in the WEAP brochure	Applicable measures are included in WEAP brochure
MM 3.3-1 (fugitive dust)	Applicable Air Quality measures should be included in the WEAP brochure	Applicable measures are included in WEAP brochure
APM CUL-1: Develop and Implement Worker Environmental Awareness Program	Applicable Cultural Resources measures should be included in the WEAP brochure	Applicable measures are included in WEAP brochure
APM CUL-2: Manage Unanticipated Cultural Resources Discoveries Properly	Applicable Cultural Resources measures should be included in the WEAP brochure	Applicable measures are included in WEAP brochure
APM CUL-3: Follow Statutory Requirements for Treatment of Human Remains	Applicable Cultural Resources measures should be included in the WEAP brochure	Applicable measures are included in WEAP brochure
APM HAZ-1: Hazardous Substance Control and Emergency Response Plan	Submit Hazardous Substance Control and Emergency Response Plan to	Plan submitted and determined to be complete

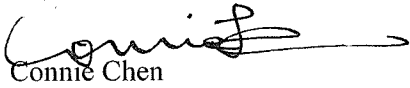
	CPUC for review prior to initiation of construction activities	
APM HYDRO-1: Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP)	Prepare a Notice of Intent with the State Water Resources Control Board and prepare SWPPP prior to initiation of construction activities	NOI submitted and status is "active" according to SWRCB's Storm Water Multiple Application and Report Tracking System (SMARTS)
APM TRA-2: Temporary Traffic Controls	Obtain applicable transportation and/or encroachment permits prior to construction	Right-of-Way Encroachment Permit submitted to El Dorado County

The Project was evaluated in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act and a Permit to Construct (PTC) was granted by the CPUC on October 22, 2015 (Decision 15-10-033). PG&E is authorized to proceed with the proposed construction activities (listed above), provided that all proposed actions and construction projects are carried out in accordance with the methods and conditions described in NTP #1, and subject to completion of the following implementing actions by PG&E prior to the start of construction:

- PG&E will implement the MMRCPP to ensure implementation of all Applicant Proposed Measures (APMs), applicable Project mitigation measures, compliance plans, and permit conditions during construction activities. Some measures are on-going and/or have time-sensitive requirements and shall be implemented prior to and during construction as applicable. A copy of the MMRCPP will be kept at the construction sites.
- Copies of all permits, compliance plans (e.g., MMRCPP, Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan, etc.), and the NTP shall be maintained on-site for the duration of the construction activities.
- Prior to construction activities, PG&E will conduct a Worker Environmental Awareness Program (WEAP) for all Project personnel, including construction and monitoring personnel. PG&E will maintain training logs at the construction site and be made available upon request.
- In accordance with APM BIO-2, a qualified biologist will perform a pre-construction survey for any work areas within 100 feet of suitable habitat for special-status species. Surveys shall be submitted to the CPUC.
- In accordance with APM BIO-3, a qualified biologist will conduct pre-construction surveys for nesting birds prior to any tree trimming or other potential nest-disturbing activities. Surveys shall be submitted to the CPUC.
- As required by Mitigation Measure 3.4-5, any retained oak trees shall be protected by establishment of tree protection zones (TPZs). PG&E shall notify the CPUC when any TPZs have been established for review by CPUC construction monitors.
- PG&E has indicated that no trees will be removed during activities proposed under NTP #1. Please confirm this determination. In addition, PG&E states that Mitigation Measure 3.4-6 will be implemented during the NTP #1 work. This mitigation measure requires that PG&E prepare an Oak Mitigation Plan and submit to the CPUC for review and approval prior to implementation. Please confirm the status of this submittal.
- Please provide proof of notification that PG&E has informed residences (and other noise-sensitive receptors) within 200 feet of construction areas, at least 30 days prior to the start of construction, of the construction schedule and potential nuisance (Mitigation Measure 3.12-4).

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Connie', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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cc: Mike Manka, ESA