



California Public Utilities Commission



June 27, 2025

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Re: Minor Project Refinement No. 6 for the Estrella 230/70 kilovolt (kV) (A.17-01-023) Comments

Dear Mr. Calvillo:

On March 31, 2023, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) adopted the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Estrella 230/70 kilovolt (kV) Project (Project) and approved the Project (Application 17-01-023). The decision granted Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) a Permit to Construct and approved the Project conditionally with the implementation of Applicant Proposed Measures (APMs) and Mitigation Measures adopted in the Mitigation Monitoring, Compliance, and Reporting Program (MMCRP). On May 20, 2025 PG&E submitted Minor Project Refinement No. 6 (MPR-6) requesting Crane Set / Pole Removal, Temporary Crossing Structure Work Areas, Access Roads, Tree Trimming/Removal.

The minor project refinements are generally located on the Phase 1 Reconductoring Component, between poles 133 and 182, in Paso Robles, San Luis Obispo County, California. Specific locations of each type of refinement are further described below.

- **Crane Set / Removal Poles:** Changes in crane set pole operations are located at poles 151 through 156, and at pole 173.
- **Temporary Crossing Structure Work Areas:** Changes associated with the temporary crossing structure work areas are located north and south of State Route (SR-) 46.
- **Access Roads:** Changes in access roads are located at the following locations:
 - SR-46 crossing, north of pole 147
 - Between poles 151 and 152
 - Pole 153
- **Trees Trimming / Removal:** Changes in trees to be impacted are located at the following locations:

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- Between poles 146 and 147
- Between poles 149 and 150
- Poles 166 and 167
- Poles 175 and 176

For further location details, please refer to Figure 1: Proposed Project Refinements, Attachment 1: Tree Inventory, and Attachment 3: MPR 6 KMZ.

The proposed action includes setting or removing additional poles by crane, adjustments to the size and shape of the SR-46 temporary crossing structure work areas, access road refinements, and additional trees to be trimmed or removed. These proposed refinements are further described below.

- **Crane Set / Removal Poles:**

- Remove and install poles 151 and 152 using a crane to be staged in the adjacent temporary pole work area.
- Remove and install poles 153 and 154 using a crane to be staged on Via Magnolia Street.
- Remove and install poles 155 and 156 using a crane to be staged on Via Lantana Street.
- Potentially remove and install pole 173 using a crane to be staged on South River Road or Oak Grove Court.

- **Temporary Crossing Structure Work Areas:**

- Modify the size and shape of the temporary crossing structure work areas.

- **Access Roads:**

- **SR-46 Crossing:** Construct an additional new temporary unpaved access road and footpath connecting North River Road to the temporary crossing structure work areas.
- **Poles 151 and 152:** Construct an additional new temporary unpaved access road connecting Kleck Road to poles 151 and 152. The landowner at 2664 North River Road is already working with the City of El Paso de Robles (City) to have a portion of this new road installed unrelated to the project to improve residential access. This new City road will be used by Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) for construction access.



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- **Pole 153:** Construct an additional new temporary unpaved access road from Via Magnolia Street to pole 153.
- **Tree Trimming / Removal:**
 - Trimming or removing 12 additional trees for the construction of Phase 1. As a result of tree inventory field efforts, some trees that were previously identified for impacts are no longer anticipated to be trimmed or removed.

The proposed action addresses updated field conditions and refined constructability plans. Details related to the purpose of each refinement are further described below.

- **Crane Set / Removal Poles:**
 - Due to refined constructability review, poles 151 through 156 will need to be installed and/or removed using a crane. Pole 173 may need to be installed and/or removed using a crane, or a helicopter. Note that poles 169, 172, and 173 were already analyzed as helicopter set in the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
- **Temporary Crossing Structure Work Area:**
 - Based on the approved California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) permit for the SR-46 crossing, as well as refined constructability review, the shape and size of the crossing structure work areas were refined.
- **Access Roads:**
 - **SR-46 Crossing:** The refined access road and footpath in this location are a result of refined constructability review, a result of the newly approved Caltrans permit, and to allow safe access to the SR46 crossing structure work areas.
 - **Poles 151 and 152:** New and refined access roads in this location are a result of refined constructability review, a result of landowner coordination, and to allow safe access to poles 151 and 152.
 - **Pole 153:** The new temporary access road in this location is due to new homes being built where the previous access roads were located and to allow safe access to pole 153.
- **Tree Trimming / Removal:**



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- Additional trimming and/or removal of trees is to allow for safe clearance during construction and operation. The trees covered in this MPR are the result of tree inventory fieldwork and the constructability walkdown that occurred on March 27, 2025. Please refer to Attachment 1: Tree Inventory.

PG&E owns and operates Paso Robles Substation and the San Miguel – Paso Robles 70-kilovolt (kV) power line, which is being restructured as part of this project. Adjacent land uses include residential, commercial, and industrial areas. The project site is zoned as follows:

- R1: Residential Single Family
- R2: Residential Duplex/Triplex
- C1: Commercial-General Retail
- PM: Planned Industrial

The land use designations are:

- CC: Community Commercial
- RMF: Residential Multiple Family
- RSF: Residential Single Family

These changes can be seen in **Attachment 1 (Tree Trimming Inventory)**, **Figure 1 (Proposed Project Refinements)**, **Attachment 2 (Bio Resources and Supp Rare Plant Survey Memorandum)**, and **Attachment 3 (Google Earth KMZ) provided**. Changes associated with MPR-6 will comply with General Order (GO) 95, Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 4292, and California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 14, Section 1252, California Public Utilities Code 8386.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Sanchez", is placed above the name of the signatory.

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