

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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RE: Hollister 115kV Power Line Reconductoring Project – NTP Request No. 1

Dear Mr. Smith,

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) has requested authorization from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to commence construction of the following components of the Hollister 115kV Power Line Reconductoring Project:

- The shoo-fly located at the southerly terminus of the tower segment, near Lagunitas Switches (near the intersection of Crazy Horse Road and San Juan Grade Road)
- The shoo-fly located at the northerly terminus of the tower segment (also westerly terminus of the pole segment), near Anzar Junction (approximately 1.5 miles northerly of San Juan Bautista)
- Replace existing non-working switch (known as the Natividad Switch) on an existing lattice steel structure at a location approximately 3500 feet westerly of Old Stage Road and approximately 3500 feet northerly of East Boronda Road in north Salinas. The switch is located in a fenced area that is used as a PG&E switching station. This area is adjacent to an existing farm road in an actively farmed agricultural area.
- Construct the first approximate one mile of the pole segment, from pole location 13/01 to pole location 14/01. This pole segment includes approximately 8 new tubular steel poles (TSP) and approximately 13 light duty steel (LDS) poles.
- As part of the shoo-fly installation, install approximately 6 temporary wood poles at Llagas Substation (located in Gilroy near the intersection of State Routes 101 and 152 at the end of Renz Lane adjacent to State Route 101). All temporary poles will be installed within the existing substation fence.

The Hollister 115kV Power Line Reconductoring Project (Project) was evaluated in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act and a Permit to Construct (PTC)

was granted by the CPUC on January 27, 2011 (Decision 11-01-041). CPUC grants NTP No. 1 for the proposed construction activity (listed above) to begin the week of October 3, 2100, based on the following factors:

- PG&E will implement all 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.
- Copies of all permits, compliance plans (ie. MMRCP, SWPPP, etc.) and the Notice to Proceed shall be maintained onsite for the duration of the construction activities. The CPUC recognizes that PG&E does not have a 401 Water Quality Certification; however no activities that require said certification are the subject of this NTP.<sup>1</sup>
- PG&E shall submit a report documenting the performance and results of pre-construction surveys for San Joaquin kit fox, American badger, and western burrowing owl. PG&E will perform additional pre-construction surveys, as necessary, in accordance with applicable mitigation measures.
- PG&E will implement the MMRCP to ensure implementation of all APMs and mitigation measures as well as compliance with all applicable laws, orders, and regulations. A copy of the MMRCP will be kept at the construction site.
- PG&E will conduct an Environmental Training and Monitoring Program for all construction personnel involved with Project construction. After the initial training, all additional first-time visitors/laborers to the site will receive an environmental training. Training logs will be maintained onsite for the duration of construction activities.
- PG&E will utilize at least one biologist as its full-time Environmental Compliance Inspector for the duration of the Project.
- PG&E will transmit to the CPUC the State Water Resources Control Board Section 401 Clean Water Certification upon its receipt.
- No movement or staging of construction materials or equipment shall be allowed outside of the approved workspace areas. If additional temporary workspace areas or access routes, or changes to construction technique or mitigation implementation are required, a Variance Request shall be submitted to the CPUC for review and approval.
- If take of a special status species or if construction debris and/or spills enter into an environmentally sensitive area, the jurisdictional agency and the CPUC shall be notified immediately.

Sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> This was asserted in a September 27, 2011 e-mail sent by Andy Smith.  
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