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RE: Hollister 115kV Power Line Reconductoring Project – Notice to Proceed (NTP) Request No. 3

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 (Project):

- Construct the pole segment from Hollister Substation to pole location 17/06. This pole segment includes approximately 17 new tubular steel poles (TSP) and approximately 74 light-duty steel (LDS) poles;
- Construct the pole segment from pole location 14/02 to pole location 14/09. This pole segment includes approximately one new TSP and approximately six LDS poles; and
- Construct the tower segment, which consists of replacing 37 towers with new towers.

The Project was evaluated in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act and a Permit to Construct was granted by the CPUC on January 27, 2011 (Decision 11-01-041). CPUC grants NTP No. 3 for the proposed construction activities (listed above) to begin the week of December 11, 2011, 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 (i.e., MMRCP, Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan, etc.), and the NTPs shall be maintained onsite for the duration of the construction activities.

- Prior to commencing construction activities, 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 MMRCPP to ensure implementation of all Applicant Proposed Measures (APMs) and mitigation measures as well as compliance with all applicable laws, orders, and regulations. A copy of the MMRCPP will be kept at the construction site.
- PG&E will conduct environmental training for all first-time visitors/laborers to the site. 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.
- 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 or change of project request shall be submitted to the CPUC for review.
- 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.
- Prior to commencing construction activities, PG&E will provide a description of how work will be scheduled as weather conditions change. The description will include a discussion of PG&E's qualifiers for scheduling, working, and/or canceling work.
- Pursuant to APM HAZ-3, no helicopter operations are permitted until the Federal Aviation Administration approves a Helicopter Lift Plan for the Project.

Sincerely,

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