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**To: State Clearinghouse, Responsible and Trustee Agencies, Property Owners
& Interested Parties**

From: Connie Chen, Environmental Project Manager

**Subject: NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AN INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE
DECLARATION (IS/MND)
Missouri Flat-Gold Hill 115 kV Power Line Reconductoring Project (A.13-08-014)**

Date: December 23, 2014

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has prepared a Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (Draft IS/MND) under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for consideration of Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E's) application to construct, operate, and maintain the Missouri Flat-Gold Hill 115 kV Power Line Reconductoring Project (A.13-08-14). The Draft IS/MND details the Proposed Project; evaluates and describes the potential environmental impacts associated with the Project's construction, operation, and maintenance; identifies those impacts that could be significant; and presents mitigation measures which, if adopted by the CPUC, would avoid or minimize these impacts.

Description of the Project.

The Proposed Project is located in unincorporated El Dorado County and in the City of Folsom, in Sacramento County.

The Missouri Flat-Gold Hill Line (115 kV) and Gold Hill No. 1 Line (60kV) are existing power lines that mostly traverse lands within existing PG&E right-of-way along Highway 50 and through the City of Folsom, the communities of El Dorado Hills, Cameron Park, and Shingle Springs, and also a U.S. Bureau of Land Management parcel (Pine Hill Preserve). The developed portions of the Project area are predominantly residential with some light-industrial and commercial development. Rolling grasslands and oak woodlands dominate the areas outside the existing communities. PG&E requests authorization to:

- **Missouri Flat-Gold Hill Line Reconductoring:** Replace 12.8 miles of all aluminum 0.974-inch-diameter conductor with non-specular (dulled finish) 1.092-inch-diameter aluminum conductor steel supported. Replace 60 double-circuit tubular steel poles (TSPs) and one single-circuit TSP with new TSPs. Modify 13 double-circuit lattice steel towers (LSTs). The majority of LST modifications would include structural reinforcements and/or cross-arm replacement. One tower would be raised approximately 7 feet. In addition, approximately 1,000 feet of existing 21 kV overhead distribution line in El Dorado Hills would be placed underground.

Construction activities would include preparation of temporary staging areas, work areas, and access road improvements; installation of temporary guard structures to prevent conductor from falling onto roadways or contacting other utility lines during replacement activities; installation of new poles; removal of existing conductor and replacement with new conductor; removal of old poles; and cleanup/site restoration.

- **Gold Hill No.1 Line Reconductoring:** Replace 7 miles of all aluminum 0.724-inch-diameter conductor with all aluminum 0.974-inch-diameter conductor in order to provide backup electric service while Missouri Flat-Gold Hill Line is being reconducted. Upon completion of this reconducting, the voltage would be returned to 60 kV; however, the upgraded structures and facilities would remain in place. Replace 80 of 120 wood poles with new wood or light-duty steel poles and one new TSP. Replace 1-3 wood switch poles with TSPs. Relocate 150 feet of distribution

feeder line and replace 3 wood poles with 2 new wood poles. Construction activities would be similar as described above for the Missouri Flat-Gold Hill Line.

- **Substation and Switching Station Modifications:** Minor modifications to substation equipment and facilities at Shingle Springs, Pacific Western Pipe, Limestone, Clarksville, and Gold Hill substations, and Missouri Flat Switching Station to tie the new conductor into the substations and modify existing equipment to accommodate the line upgrades. All substation equipment would be sized adequately to match or exceed new line requirements. All modifications would be completed within existing substation or switching station fence lines and no substation expansions are proposed.

Public Comment on the Draft IS/MND.

The Draft IS/MND is available for a 45-day public comment period, December 23, 2014 through February 6, 2015. The public may present comments and concerns regarding the Proposed Project and the adequacy of the Draft IS/MND. Written comments on the Draft IS/MND must be postmarked or received by fax or e-mail no later than February 6, 2015. Please be sure to include your name, address, and telephone number in your correspondence.

Written comments on the Draft IS/MND should be sent to:

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Availability of Draft IS/MND.

Copies of the Draft IS/MND will be available for public review at the Cameron Park Library, El Dorado Hills Library, and the Folsom Public Library, and on the Project website:

http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/Environment/info/esa/missouri_flat/index.html

This website will be used to post all public documents during the environmental review process and to announce any upcoming public meetings. Printed copies or CD copies of the Draft IS/MND may be requested by telephone at (415) 896-5900 (ask for Cory Barringhaus) or by e-mail at MissouriFlat@esassoc.com.

Project information repositories include the following branches:

Cameron Park Library 2500 Country Club Drive Cameron Park, CA 95682 Phone: (530) 621-5500	El Dorado Hills Library 7455 Silva Valley Parkway El Dorado Hills, CA 95762 Phone: (916) 358-3500	Folsom Public Library Georgia Murray Building 411 Stafford Street Folsom, CA 95630 Phone: (916) 355-7374
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