

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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## INTRODUCTION

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), in its California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) application (A.03-12-039), seeks a Permit to Construct (PTC) approximately 2.5 miles of underground 115 kilo-volt (kV) single circuit cable between the Potrero and Hunters Point Switchyards. The intent of the project is to increase the reliability of the electric transmission system service throughout the San Francisco Bay Area. If PG&E's application is approved by the CPUC, PG&E proposes to begin construction activities in 2005. This Draft MND considers environmental impacts that would occur from the potential development and operation of the cable line and associated project components as proposed by PG&E. The analysis of this Draft MND concludes that any environmental impacts associated with PG&E's proposed project can be mitigated to a less than significant level with implementation of mitigation measures identified in this document.

CEQA and the CPUC encourage public participation in the planning and environmental review processes. The public may present comments and concerns regarding the proposed project and the adequacy of the Draft MND during a public review and comment period. Written public comments may be submitted to the CPUC at any time during the 30-day public review and comment period, **October 15, 2004 through November 15, 2004**. Information regarding Draft MND availability and process for submitting comments is as follows:

<b>How to Get a Copy of the Draft Initial Study</b>	<b>How to Submit Comments</b>
Review online or download from the website: <a href="http://www.potreroHPcable.com">www.potreroHPcable.com</a>  Review at the following library branches:  Bayview Branch Library (Anna E. Waden) 5075 3rd Street (at Revere Avenue) (415) 355-5757  Potrero Branch Library 1616 20th Street (415) 355-2822	<u>Mail to:</u> Potrero to Hunters Point Cable c/o ESA 225 Bush Street, Suite 1700 San Francisco, CA 94104  <u>E-mail:</u> <a href="mailto:potreroHPcable@esassoc.com">potreroHPcable@esassoc.com</a>  <u>Phone:</u> (415) 962-8467  <u>Fax:</u> (415) 896-0332

## DOCUMENT ORGANIZATION

The Initial Study is organized as follows:

- This Executive Summary introduces the project, describes the method for reviewing and submittal of comments, and describes the organization of the document.
- The Project Description (Chapter 1) provides objectives and components of the proposed project and details of proposed construction activities.
- The Impacts Discussion (Chapter 2) includes all required CEQA checklist items and a discussion of the impacts and their significance for the proposed project.
- The Summary of Preparers (Chapter 3) summarizes the names and affiliation of persons involved with development of the Draft MND. This Chapter also provides a list of agencies, organization, or individuals who were notified of the proposed project.

## PROJECT SPECIFICS

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| <b>1. Project Title:</b>                      | Pacific Gas and Electric Company's Potrero to Hunters Point 115 kV Cable Project (A.03-12-039)   |
| <b>2. Lead Agency Name and Address:</b>       | California Public Utilities Commission<br>505 Van Ness Avenue<br>San Francisco, California 94102 |
| <b>3. Contact Person and Phone Number:</b>    | John Boccio, Project Manager<br>(415) 703-2641<br>(415) 703-2200 (fax)                           |
| <b>4. Project Location:</b>                   | San Francisco, California  |
| <b>5. Project Sponsor's Name and Address:</b> | Pacific Gas and Electric Company<br>P.O. Box 7442<br>San Francisco, California 94120             |
| <b>6. General Plan Designation:</b>           | Mixed Use, Predominantly<br>Commercial/Industrial  |
| <b>7. Zoning:</b>                             | M-2 (Heavy Industrial)   |
| <b>8. Description of Project:</b>             | See PROJECT DESCRIPTION  |

**SIGNATURE OF DESIGNATED CPUC REPRESENTATIVE**

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Kevin Coughlan, Program Manager  
Energy Division  
California Public Utilities Commission

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