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SUBJECT: Closure Letter – Owens Fire

Dear Mr. Kushner:

The Safety and Enforcement Division (SED) of the California Public Utilities Commission reviewed PG&E's actions as part of its investigation of the Owens Fire Incident that occurred at Bill Owens Road and Highway 1 in Point Arena, Mendocino County on May 20, 2022. SED considered all information provided by PG&E through PG&E's responses to SED's data requests and third-party reports relating to the incident.

SED's investigation of the Owens Fire identified one (1) violation of General Order (GO) 95 Rule 18.B.(1). PG&E acknowledged the finding and noted that the finding had previously been included in SED's Electric Safety and Reliability Branch (ESRB) Notice of Violation (NOV) issued January 17, 2025. SED acknowledges that PG&E replaced the pole in question under EC Notification 131309293 on June 4, 2025, and cancelled the original EC Notification 121690597.

This letter serves as notice of SED's closure of the investigation into the Owens Fire incident and that SED will not be pursuing further enforcement action. SED may re-open the investigation if additional information becomes available that would modify SED's findings in the report.

Thank you for your cooperation in this investigation. If you have any questions, please contact Jasdeep Lally, Utilities Engineer, at 279-220-6332 or by email at jasdeep.lally@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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