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VIA ELECTRONIC EMAIL

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Re: Northern California Fires

Dear Ms. Allen:

I am writing to follow up on a recent conversation that you had with Elizaveta Malashenko, Director of the California Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") Safety and Enforcement Division, in which you indicated PG&E's willingness to have the Commission post certain classes of documents on the Commission's website regarding the Northern California fires, if certain information is redacted. The Commission appreciates PG&E's willingness to cooperate with the Commission's desire to disclose information of great public interest concerning these fires.

Normally, Commission Resolution L-436 provides that Commission investigation records are generally treated as confidential until the Commission's investigations are closed and the Commission has authorized disclosure. However, Resolution L-436 also provides that the Commission (emphasis added):

[W]ill refrain from posting safety records furnished by utilities, *unless* disclosure has been authorized by a CPUC decision, resolution, order, or ruling; is provided by a utility with a clear written understanding that it may be posted or otherwise disclosed by the CPUC; or is subject to a utility's written acknowledgement that it desires or does not object to the posting of a particular class of safety correspondence or other safety records.

(Resolution L-436, p. 15.)

The records at issue constitute: (1) Electric Safety Incident Reports, and (2) daily status updates submitted by PG&E to the Commission's Safety and Enforcement Division. Please provide, by Monday, October 23, 2017, a written acknowledgment that PG&E understands that the

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Commission will post these classes of safety records and safety correspondence on its October 2017 Wildfire Safety website (<http://cpuc.ca.gov/general.aspx?id=6442454971>), and that PG&E does not object. This acknowledgment should identify any specific items in these records that PG&E requests be withheld from the public and PG&E's rationale for its request. Once the Commission has received PG&E's response, staff may, in accordance with Resolution L-436 (p. 15), choose to post these items online. Any staff decision to post a redacted record on its website does not constitute a formal Commission determination regarding the merits of a utility's request for confidentiality.

The Public Records Office intends to prepare and circulate a draft resolution for the Commission's consideration which, in accord with our standard practice, authorizes disclosure of investigation records once the investigation is closed. In this particular situation, the draft resolution may also seek authorization to disclose a subset of investigation records while the investigation remains open.

Thank you for again for your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,



Fred Harris
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