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Mr. Sumeet Singh
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Re: PG&E Corrective Action Plan to Address Risk-Driven Enhanced Vegetation Management

Dear Sumeet Singh,

I write on behalf of the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission or CPUC) to address the Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) Corrective Action Plan (CAP) for 2021 risk-driven enhanced vegetation management (EVM) activities. The Commission required PG&E to improve its EVM actions for the 2021 wildfire season pursuant to CPUC Resolution M-4852, which placed PG&E into Step 1 of the Enhanced Oversight and Enforcement (EOE) Process. As you are well aware, the Commission's top priority for PG&E is the safety of its electric and gas operations as California faces drought, greater risk of more intense wildfire, and the continued public health impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

It is appropriate for PG&E to remain in Step 1 of the EOE Process. It is also appropriate to finalize PG&E's Corrective Action Plan submitted pursuant to the Commission's requirements set out in Resolution M-4852.

PG&E has complied with M-4852 by timely submitting the following:

- PG&E submitted its Corrective Action Plan on May 6, 2021.
- PG&E presented its Corrective Action Plan to CPUC Commissioners, the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), and the public on June 23, 2021.

- PG&E submitted its first 90-Day Report on August 4, 2021.
- CPUC and the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety (Energy Safety) are holding a public workshop on November 8, 2021, for PG&E to provide a public update on its progress under the CAP, particularly progress toward its December 31, 2021 risk-driven EVM target of treating 1,800 distribution line miles.
- PG&E's next 90-Day Report is due on November 4, 2021.

Commission staff, working with Energy Safety staff, have closely monitored and analyzed PG&E's submittals and progress. Staff's analysis of PG&E's submissions thus far demonstrate that placing PG&E into Step 1 of the EOE Process has had the intended effect of causing PG&E to revise its operations to achieve improved focus on EVM in the highest-risk areas of its distribution system. In the near term, however, work remains to be done and PG&E must continue to make progress against the 1,800-mile target PG&E has set for December 31, 2021. For this reason, it is appropriate for PG&E to remain in Step 1 of the EOE Process.

While this letter focuses on risk-driven enhanced vegetation management as a wildfire risk reduction action, the CPUC continues to make public safety its top priority and expects PG&E to execute on all of its safety responsibilities. When PG&E is unable to do this on its own, we have used, and will continue to use, the tools and authority at our disposal to hold PG&E accountable for these responsibilities.

Sincerely,

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California Public Utilities Commission

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