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To: Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety

I am writing to urge the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety **to withhold approval of PG&E's proposed 2028-2037 Electrical Undergrounding Plan** in its current form. I have lived in the Montclair hills neighborhood of Oakland for the past 26 years, I am a member of an Oakland Firewise community, and I am gravely concerned about the wildfire risks in the Oakland hills and the consequences for Oakland residents if the current plan should go forward.

In the event of a wildfire emergency, the Montclair hills neighborhood faces significant risks given a combination of factors including its narrow, winding streets and roads, major tree-fall hazards, dry seasonal canyon winds, and extremely limited ingress and egress routes. PG&E acknowledges that some of these risks--such as evacuation barriers and falling-tree hazards--are not fully captured by its quantitative risk models that serve as a basis for making crucially important undergrounding decisions. More is needed to substantially reduce the wildfire risk in the Montclair hills besides hardening of the powerlines and automatic power shut-offs.

I am requesting that the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety **require PG&E to evaluate and quantify the cumulative and compounding risks throughout the Montclair hills**, to document and clearly communicate how these risks are accounted for in undergrounding decisions, and to **consider comprehensive undergrounding of the Montclair hills** to safeguard the lives of potentially hundreds or thousands of residents.

Respectfully,

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