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Subject: Pacific Gas and Electric Company's Supplemental Response to Office of Energy

Infrastructure Safety's Revision Notice for Pacific Gas and Electric Company's 2023-

2025 Wildfire Mitigation Plan

Ms. Allen:

This letter sets forth the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety's (Energy Safety's) response to Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E's) September 11, 2023 request to submit a supplemental response to Energy Safety's Revision Notice for PG&E's 2023-2025 Wildfire Mitigation Plan (Base Plan). Energy Safety hereby approves PG&E's request to submit a supplemental response. The process and associated schedule for the submission of the supplemental response as well as an extension of the deadline for PG&E's Safety Certification request is set forth below.

On June 22, 2023, Energy Safety issued PG&E a Revision Notice for its Base Plan. PG&E timely responded on August 7, 2023. On September 11, 2023, PG&E requested permission to submit a supplemental response to the Revision Notice to include additional information responsive to items raised by Energy Safety.

Energy Safety may decline to accept updates or errata to Revision Notice responses, requiring electrical corporations to respond fully by the set deadline. In this instance, Energy Safety finds a supplemental response would assist Energy Safety in its evaluation of PG&E's Base Plan and is in the interest of mitigating wildfire risk and protecting public safety. Energy Safety will require additional time to evaluate the supplemental response and to provide a draft decision on PG&E's Base Plan. Given the extension of the deadline to provide a draft decision, Energy Safety will also extend PG&E's 2023 Safety Certification request deadline.<sup>1</sup>

## **Supplemental Response Process**

PG&E's supplemental response must respond to the critical issues and address the specific remedies set forth in the June 22, 2023, Revision Notice. PG&E must not make any other changes to the Base Plan.<sup>2</sup> PG&E must submit its supplemental response via email to the Energy Safety Deputy Director

<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to Public Utilities Code section 8389(e), issuance of a safety certification requires an electrical corporation to have an approved wildfire mitigation plan and to implement that approved plan. PG&E's current safety certification is valid until December 13, 2023. Per section, 8389(f)(4) the safety certification shall remain valid until Energy Safety acts on the electrical corporation's pending request for safety certification.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> PG&E may make non-substantive changes such as to correct typos.

and to the 2023-2025 Wildfire Mitigation Plan docket (#2023-2025-WMPs).<sup>3</sup> PG&E must concurrently serve its supplemental response on the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection at <a href="mailto:CALFIREUtilityFireMitigationUnit@fire.ca.gov">CALFIREUtilityFireMitigationUnit@fire.ca.gov</a> (CAL FIRE). The supplemental response must include a clean copy of the revised Base Plan, a redline copy of the Base Plan showing changes made to the revised Base Plan submitted August 7, 2023, and written responses that address the critical issues and specific remedies set forth by the Revision Notice and that identify new changes the supplemental response made to the Base Plan.

## **Public Comments**

Stakeholders may submit comments on PG&E's supplemental response within 10 calendar days after PG&E's supplemental response due date. Reply comments are due 5 calendar days thereafter and must be limited to issues raised and representations made in opening comments of other stakeholders. Specific deadlines are set forth below.

## Naming Convention

Submission file for the supplemental response must use the following naming convention: "2023-09-27\_PGE\_23\_SRNR\_R1," which refers to the PG&E Supplemental Revision Notice response submitted on September 27, 2023, revision 1.

## Schedule<sup>4</sup>

PG&E Supplemental Response Due:

Opening Comments on Supplemental Response Due:

Reply Comments Due:

October 9, 2023

October 16, 2023

Draft Decision Issued By:

November 14, 2023

Draft Decision Issued By:

PG&E 2023 Safety Certification Request Due:

December 12, 2023

Energy Safety will consider PG&E's supplemental response to the Revision Notice, Revision Notice response, revised Base Plan, stakeholder comments, responses to data requests and the totality of information before it to date in issuing a determination on PG&E's Base Plan pursuant to Public Utilities Code sections 8386(b) and 8386.3(a).

Sincerely,

Shannon O'Rourke

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Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Submit comments to the 2023-2025 WMPs docket via the Energy Safety e-filing system here: (<u>Docket #2023-2025-WMPs (ca.gov</u>); accessed September 12, 2023).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Dates falling on a Saturday or a holiday as defined in Government Code section 6700 have been adjusted to the next business day in accordance with Government Code section 6707.