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Caroline Thomas Jacobs, Director  
Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety  
715 P Street, 20<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Director Thomas Jacobs:

In compliance with Public Utilities Code 8386.3(c)(5)(A), as amended by Senate Bill 247, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is submitting notification of completion of a “substantial portion of the vegetation management requirements in its wildfire mitigation plan.”

PG&E has completed a substantial portion of its Enhanced Vegetation Management (EVM), completing 1,282 cumulative miles through the end of the third quarter (September 30, 2021).

PG&E’s EVM program encompasses overhead distribution lines in Tier 2 and Tier 3 High Fire Threat Districts (HFTD) and is designed to exceed annual Routine Vegetation Management work to comply with CPUC mandated clearances (GO 95, Rule 35).

PG&E’s EVM program includes the following:

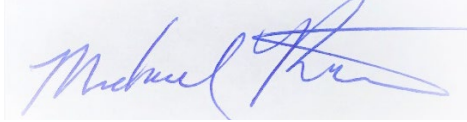
- **Radial Clearances:** Exceeding the 4-foot minimum clearance requirement by ensuring vegetation is trimmed to the CPUC recommended 12-foot clearance at time of trim to maintain compliance year-round, and in some cases, trimming beyond 12 feet depending on tree growth rates, among other factors.
- **Overhang Trimming:** Removing overhanging branches and limbs four feet out from the lines and up to the sky for particular trees around electric power lines to further reduce the possibility of wildfire ignitions and/or downed wires and outages due to vegetation-conductor contact.
- **Assessing Trees with the Potential to Strike:** Evaluating all trees tall enough to strike electrical lines or equipment and, based on that assessment, trimming or removing trees that pose a potential safety risk, including dead and dying trees.

PG&E has enclosed in GIS and excel format the details of the locations of the facilities where PG&E completed EVM work through September 30, 2021.

Subject to your feedback or additional direction from the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety (OEIS), PG&E anticipates submitting this information on a quarterly basis to the OEIS for your

awareness and, at your discretion, review and/or audit of the work identified in each quarterly submission. We look forward to our continued partnership to reduce wildfire risk for our customers and the citizens of California.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Ritter", is displayed within a light blue rectangular box.

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