

NOTICE OF FINAL INITIAL STUDY/ MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

TO: All Interested Parties

Pursuant to the California Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) General Order 131-D, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) has filed an application with the CPUC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Embarcadero-Potrero 230 Kilovolt (kV) Transmission Project (Application No. A.12-12-004).

Project Background PG&E is proposing to construct the Embarcadero-Potrero Project to improve transmission system reliability to downtown San Francisco, California. The project consists of constructing a new 3.5-mile 230 kV transmission line entirely within the City and County of San Francisco from Embarcadero Substation near the corner of Fremont and Folsom Streets, to Potrero Switchyard on Illinois Street between 22nd and 23rd Streets. Approximately 2.5 miles would be installed offshore underneath the seafloor of the San Francisco Bay, 0.4 mile would be installed using horizontal directional drills between onshore transition points and the bay, and approximately 0.6 mile would be installed underground in paved areas, including Spear Street and Folsom Street in San Francisco's Rincon Hill neighborhood. Construction of a new 230 kV switchyard would occur near the existing Potrero Switchyard, but no new substation work is proposed to occur at the existing Embarcadero Substation beyond the proposed termination of the new cable into the 230 kV bus.

Depending on CPUC approval, construction is targeted to start in February 2014 following permitting and right-of-way acquisition and is estimated to be complete in December 2015.

Information Available: The CPUC Energy Division has prepared a Final Mitigated Negative Declaration and supporting Initial Study (IS/MND) describing the project and its potential environmental effects. Based on this document, it has been determined that the proposed project, as modified, will not have any significant effects on the environment with incorporation of the mitigation identified in the IS/MND. The CPUC's environmental document may be reviewed at the following locations:

CPUC Energy Division
505 Van Ness Avenue, 4th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94102

San Francisco Main Library
100 Larkin Street
San Francisco, CA 94102

Potrero Branch Library
1616 20th Street
San Francisco, CA 94107

PG&E Resource Center: The Pacific Energy Center
851 Howard Street
San Francisco, CA 94103

For electronic access to the MND and other project information/reports, check the CPUC's website at:

<http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/Environment/info/aspen/embarc-potrero/embarc-potrero.htm>

CPUC Actions After Final IS/MND Publication: There is no comment period following issuance of the Final IS/MND. The CPUC will determine the adequacy of the Final IS/MND, and, if adequate, will adopt the document as being compliant with CEQA. If adequate, the CPUC will issue a Proposed Decision on the Application, which will be announced and published concurrent with a scheduled Commission meeting. After the Commission makes the decision on the Application, a Notice of Determination will be mailed to the State Clearinghouse within 5 days of the Decision. The 30-day statute of limitations for court challenges begins after the Notice of Determination is filed.

To request additional information, ask a question, or request a hard copy of the MND, please contact:

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