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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION</font> </h4>

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Gas and Electric Company<br>

Santa Cruz 115kV Reinforcement Project<o:p></o:p></span></b></p>

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Gas and Electric Company <br>

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 style="font-family: Palatino Linotype;">Application

No.&nbsp;12-01-012</span></font></h2>

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to the California Public Utilities Commission

(CPUC) website for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

review of

Pacific Gas and Electric Company’s (PG&amp;E’s) proposed Santa Cruz

115 kV

Reinforcement Project (Project). PG&amp;E submitted an application

to the CPUC

for a Permit to Construct (PTC) this project on January 25, 2012. This

site

provides access to public documents and information relevant to the

CEQA

environmental review process.<o:p></o:p></span></p>

 <h2 style="color: rgb(0, 0, 1);" align="left"><strong>Background</strong></h2>

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 style="font-size: 12pt; line-height: 115%; font-family: &quot;Arial&quot;,&quot;sans-serif&quot;;">The

proposed Project would increase transmission system

reliability in the Santa Cruz area during outages. The project will add

a

second 115 kV circuit between Green Valley Substation and Rob Roy

Substation to

prevent potential large-scale service interruptions if there are

overlapping

outages in the existing local electricity supply system. The proposed

project

includes converting the existing 7.1 miles of single-circuit 115 kV

power line

to a double-circuit 115 kV power line by replacing existing wood poles

with tubular

steel poles (TSPs); constructing a new, approximately 1.7-mile-long

single-circuit 115 kV power line connecting the Green Valley-Camp Evers

115 kV

Power Line to Rob Roy Substation; and modifying the existing Rob Roy

Substation

and existing power lines to accommodate the new circuit. <o:p></o:p></span></p>

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 style="font-size: 12pt; line-height: 115%; font-family: &quot;Arial&quot;,&quot;sans-serif&quot;;">The

new circuit will

provide two sources of power in the event of an outage on either the

southern

line between Green Valley Substation and Rob Roy Substation or on the

existing

northern line between Green Valley Substation and Camp Evers

Substation. <span style="">&nbsp;</span></span>

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 <strong>Project Description</strong></h2>

 <p class="MsoNormal"><span

 style="font-size: 12pt; line-height: 115%; font-family: &quot;Arial&quot;,&quot;sans-serif&quot;;">The

project is located in southern Santa Cruz County,

California near the cities of Watsonville and Aptos. The project

traverses an

area of rolling terrain, including agricultural valleys and grassland,

as well

as low ridgelines forested with mature trees. The predominant

development

pattern throughout the project area is a mix of low-density

residential, open

space, and agricultural land uses. The agricultural areas are

predominantly

apple orchards, berry orchards, livestock pastures, and row crops. <o:p></o:p></span></p>

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 style="font-size: 12pt; line-height: 115%; font-family: &quot;Arial&quot;,&quot;sans-serif&quot;;">The

primary project

components are summarized below:</span>

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 <li> Northern Alignment – approximately 7.1 miles of an

existing single-circuit 115 kV power line will be converted to a

double-circuit 115 kV power line by replacing existing wood poles with

TSPs.<br>

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 <li>Cox-Freedom Segment - a new, approximately

1.7-mile-long single-circuit 115 kV power line connecting the Green

Valley-Camp Evers 115 kV Power Line to Rob Roy Substation will be

constructed in an existing distribution line alignment by installing

new poles and collocating some existing distribution facilities.<br>

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 <li>Rob Roy Substation Modifications - the existing

substation will be modified to accommodate the new circuit.<br>

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 <li>Rob Roy Substation Connections – one new TSP will

be installed and two existing power poles will be replaced with TSPs to

accommodate the interconnection of existing power lines following

modification of Rob Roy Substation.</li>

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 <strong>Proponent's Environmental Assessment (PEA)</strong></h2>

 <p>PG&amp;E filed an application (A. 12-01-012) for a

Permit to

Construct and the Proponent's Environemtal Assessment on January 25,

2012. The PEA is a starting point for the

independent environmental review process conducted by the CPUC. </p>

 <p>The application and PEA can be viewed here: &nbsp;<a

 href="images/02-08-12\_PG&amp;E\_Application.pdf" target="\_blank">Application

(6.6 MB)</a> &nbsp; <a

 href="images/PEA\_Santa\_Cruz\_Web.pdf" target="\_blank">PEA

(25.7 MB)</a> &nbsp;</p>

 <p>The Declarations of Mailing and Posting of Supplemental

Notice of an Application for a Permit to Construct &nbsp;can be

viewed <a

 href="images/Declarations\_Mailing\_Posting\_Supplemental\_NTC%20pdf.pdf">here</a>

(9 MB).</p>

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CPUC submitted additional data requests regarding PG&amp;E's

application. <span style="background-color: white;">The

data requests and PG&amp;E's responses can be viewed

below.&nbsp;</span></span></p>

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Application and PEA were <a

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the CPUC on April 24, 2012.&nbsp; <o:p></o:p></span></p>

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Initial Study/Mitigated Negative

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the CPUC released a </span><i style="background-color: white;">Notice

of Intent to

Adopt a MND/Notice of Availability</i><span

 style="background-color: white;"> (NOI/NOA) for the Santa

Cruz 115kV Reinforcement Project, showing that the proposed project</span>,

as mitigated, would not have any significant

effects on

the environment.</span></p>

 <p class="MsoNormal">The Draft IS/MND was available

for a

45-day public review period. The Draft was released on&nbsp;October

18, 2013. The comment period was extended by an additional 4 days

and comments were accepted through 5:00 p.m.

on&nbsp;December 6,

2013. The Draft IS/MND can be viewed

 <a href="images/Santa\_Cruz\_ISMND.html" target="\_blank">here</a>.<span

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public information meeting to accept comments on the Draft IS/MND was

held on&nbsp;November 6, 2013. </span>Documents that were

presented at the meeting are available below. <br>

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 <a href="images/Public\_Meeting\_PPT.pdf" target="\_blank">Public

Meeting Presentation</a> (44 MB)<br>

 <a href="images/Santa\_Cruz\_Mapbook.pdf" target="\_blank">Project

Map Book</a> (58 MB)<br>

 <a href="images/Santa\_Cruz\_Visual\_Sims.pdf"

 target="\_blank">Project Visual Simulations Book</a>

(176 MB)<br>

 <a href="images/Sign\_in.pdf" target="\_blank">Sign-in

Sheet</a> (.5 MB)<br>

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Impact Report<br>

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After&nbsp;a

review of comments received on the Draft IS/MND, the CPUC determined

that an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) should be prepared in

accordance with CEQA. <br>

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CPUC published a Notice of Preparation (NOP) of an Environmental Impact

Report (EIR) for the proposed project on January 17, 2014. Click <a

 href="images/NOP\_EIR.pdf" target="\_blank">here</a>

to review the NOP. </span><br>

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The

CPUC accepted comments on the scope of the Draft EIR during the 30-day

scoping period that ended on February 18, 2014. The comments received

during the Draft IS/MND comment period are also being considered during

the preparation of the EIR. Comments on the Draft IS/MND and EIR

scoping comments are available below. <br>

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 <a href="images/Comments\_ISMND.pdf" target="\_blank">Comments

on the Draft IS/MND</a> (24 MB)<br>

 <a href="images/Comments\_Scoping.pdf" target="\_blank">Comments

on the Scope of the EIR</a> (21 MB)<br>

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Scoping Meeting</span></b><br>

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The

CPUC held a public meeting on January 29, 2014, in order

for the public and regulatory agencies to become informed about and

submit comments on the scope of the EIR. <br>

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Click

the following links to view the public meeting presentation and meeting

transcript. A Scoping Report is being prepared and will be posted below

when it is available. <br>

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 <a href="images/EIR\_Scoping\_Presentation.pdf"

 target="\_blank">Scoping Meeting Presentation</a> (2

MB) <br>

 <a href="images/Scoping\_Transcript.pdf" target="\_blank">Scoping

Meeting Transcript</a> (.5 MB) <br>

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Additional Information</h2>

 <p>Additional information will be posted at this site as it

becomes publically available.&nbsp;</p>

 <p>The CPUC, through its Environmental Review Team, is

conducting an environmental review of the&nbsp;project. To

request additional information, ask a question, or&nbsp;be added to

the project mailing list,

please contact:&nbsp;</p>

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California Public Utilities Commission<br>

505 Van Ness Ave, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor<br>

San Francisco CA , 94102</span></p>

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