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Energy Division, Infrastructure Permitting and CEQA
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**Re: Estrella Substation and Paso Robles Area Reinforcement Project (A.17-01-023) –
Response of NextEra Energy Transmission West, LLC and Pacific Gas and Electric
Company to June 4, 2018 Letter**

Dear Mr. Peterson:

Enclosed are the responses of NextEra Energy Transmission West, LLC (“NEET West”) and Pacific Gas and Electric Company (“PG&E”) (collectively, “Applicants”) to the requests for information from the California Public Utilities Commission (“CPUC”) Infrastructure Permitting and CEQA section (“Energy Division”) regarding the Estrella Substation and Paso Robles Area Reinforcement Project (“Estrella Project”), as provided in the letter dated June 4, 2018 (“June 4 Letter”).

The Applicants appreciate the opportunity to provide additional information to the Energy Division regarding the Estrella Project. Applicants have provided complete responses to Items 1-4 of the Energy Division’s requests, to the extent information is available,¹ with the exception of the transmission and distribution data requested in Attachment 1 to the June 4 Letter. As indicated in the enclosed response to Attachment 1, all of the requested information is provided with the exception of the AMI meter data for the Paso Robles Distribution Planning Area (“DPA”) (to be provided by June 22, 2018) and the San Luis Obispo DPA data (expected to be provided some time between the end of June and mid-July 2018).

¹ As discussed with CPUC staff, the information on the Templeton alternatives requested by the CPUC is based upon the level of analysis prepared to date and will be augmented once further design information has been obtained.

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Applicants continue to believe that they have provided more than sufficient information with their four prior deficiency responses for the Energy Division to deem their PTC Application complete at this time. Applicants are working diligently to provide the very large quantity of information that the CPUC has requested about the electrical transmission and distribution systems in the Paso Robles DPA and the San Luis Obispo DPA. Applicants respectfully request that Energy Division issue a Notice of Preparation of Environmental Impact Report (“EIR”) as soon as possible after the requested electrical system information has been provided so that evaluation of the Estrella Project can move forward without further delay and consistent with the CPUC Executive Director’s Statement Establishing Transmission Project Review Streamlining Directives,² the Applicants’ September 24, 2015 Request for Streamlined Review of the Estrella Project, and the requirements of the Permit Streamlining Act (Gov’t Code §§ 65940 *et seq.*).³

The Applicants’ response to the questions posed in the June 4 Letter consists of the following documents that are enclosed herewith and incorporated herein by reference:

- Deficiency Response
- Updated PEA Appendix G and “track changes” version of Updated Appendix G compared to May 2018 version of Appendix G, with table of updates
- Excel document containing the load shape (8760) for all substations in the Paso Robles and San Luis Obispo DPAs
- Confidential DPA, Geographic Information System (“GIS”) infrastructure, non-GIS infrastructure, and load data as requested in Attachment 1 of the June 4 Letter (provided separately through PG&E’s Enterprise Secure File Transfer [“ESFT”] site and on DVD or USB drive)

PG&E will file with the CPUC Docket Office the Updated Appendix G to the PEA and a “track changes” version of Updated Appendix G that is compared to the version of Appendix G that Applicants filed in May 2018.

SWCA Environmental Consultants will provide you with access to an FTP site where electronic copies of the non-confidential documents can be downloaded. PG&E will provide you with access to the ESFT site where electronic copies of the confidential data can be downloaded.

² See Executive Director’s Statement Establishing Transmission Project Review Streamlining Directives, available at: <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/WorkArea/DownloadAsset.aspx?id=2183>.

³ The Permit Streamlining Act limits the review of development project applications to two 30-day review periods and one 60-day appeal period. See Gov. Code § 65943; *Orsi v. Salinas*, 219 Cal.App.3d 1576, 1584 (1990). This proceeding is already beyond those limits given that the June 4 Letter constitutes the Energy Division’s fifth request for additional information.

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Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned with any questions.

Very truly yours,

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