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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION</font> </h4>

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style="font-size: 24pt; line-height: 110%; font-family: &quot;Palatino Linotype&quot;,&quot;serif&quot;; color: blue;">Pacific

Gas and Electric Company<br>

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

<h2><font style="font-family: Palatino Linotype;">Pacific

Gas and Electric Company <br>

</font><font><span

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

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

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

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

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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 astarting 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%20PG&amp;E%20Application.pdf" target="\_blank">Application

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

href="images/PEA%20Santa%20Cruz\_Web.pdf" target="\_blank">PEA

(25.7 MB)</a></p>

<h2><nobr></nobr><strong><br>

Environmental Review</strong></h2>

<p>PG&amp;E’s Application and PEA are currently under

review by the

CPUC. Notice will be posted here once the application and PEA are

deemed complete (estimated April 2012).&nbsp;</p>

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

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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Orsaba<br>

California Public Utilities Commission<br>

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

San Francisco CA&nbsp;</span></p>

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