NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A 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) filed an application with the CPUC for a Permit to Construct the Shepherd Substation Project (Application No. A. 10-12-003).

Project Background: PG&E proposes to construct and operate the Shepherd Substation, a 115/21-kV electrical substation with capacity for up to three 45-Megavolt Ampere (MVA) transformers. A 115-kV overhead power line interconnection would be constructed to link the substation to the existing power grid. Two new 21-kV distribution lines and one 12-kV distribution line would be constructed south of the substation. The project is located in an unincorporated area of Fresno County, California, north of the City of Clovis.

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

Woodward Park Regional Library

944 East Perrin Avenue Fresno, CA 93720

Clovis Regional Library

1155 Fifth Street Clovis, CA 93612 Pinedale Branch Library

7170 North San Pablo Avenue Pinedale, CA 93650

Politi Branch Library

5771 North First Street Fresno, CA 93710

For electronic access to the MND and other project information/reports, check the CPUC's website at: http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/panoramaenv/Shepherd_Substation/index.html

A public information meeting will be held at **6:00 PM on June 6, 2012,** at Woodward Park Regional Library.

Public Review: This IS/MND will undergo a public review period from May 23, 2012, through June 22, 2012. Comments must be received in writing by 5:00 p.m. on June 22, 2012, at the following address:

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