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- 1. Pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure section 431.30, in answering the Complaint, answering defendants generally deny the allegations of the unverified Complaint. As separate and affirmative defenses and in answer to the Complaint, without alleging fault by the Plaintiffs for the incident, without the cause of the accident having been determined, and in order to avoid any delay in the litigation, answering defendants now allege, as required by code:
- 2. The claims alleged in the Complaint fail to state facts sufficient to constitute a cause of action against answering defendants.
- 3. The claims alleged in the Complaint are barred, in whole or in part, by the applicable statute of limitations, including but not limited to California Code of Civil Procedure section 338 (a)-(c).
- The claims alleged in the Complaint are barred, in whole or in part, by law for 4. lack of jurisdiction, including but not limited to California Public Utilities Code section 1759.
- 5. The claims alleged in the Complaint are barred, in whole or in part, by accord and satisfaction, payment and release, or estoppel. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the funds provided to the Plaintiffs and residents immediately after the accident were given with no strings attached and PG&E will not be seeking reimbursement.
- 6. The injuries or losses alleged in the Complaint were directly and proximately caused, in whole or in part, by unforeseeable, intervening and/or superseding acts of persons or

entities other than answering defendants for whom answering defendants are not accountable. PG&E does not blame the Plaintiffs and residents affected by the terrible accident and specifically restates its long-held position that none of the Plaintiffs or residents are at fault. The cause of the accident has not yet been determined so PG&E pleads a general response now to avoid delay in the litigation.

- 7. To the extent the allegations in the Complaint are based on compliance with applicable federal laws, regulations and rules, such claims are preempted by federal law.
- 8. The injuries or losses alleged in the Complaint are subject to the requirements of the principles of mitigation.
- 9. The injuries or losses alleged in the Complaint may have been caused, in whole or in part, by persons or entities, other than answering defendants, who may have been legally responsible under the doctrine of comparative negligence, contributory negligence, or otherwise at fault, for which the law provides apportionment of fault, reduction, off-set, indemnification or contribution. PG&E does not blame the Plaintiffs or residents affected by the terrible accident and specifically restates its long-held position that none of the Plaintiffs or residents are at fault. The cause of the accident has not yet been determined so PG&E pleads a general response now to avoid delay in the litigation.
- 10. The provisions of California Civil Code section 1431.2 are applicable to the Complaint.
- 11. The claims alleged in the Complaint are barred, in whole or in part, by lack of capacity or standing.
- 12. The claims in the Complaint are barred, in whole or in part, because they do not meet the requirements of California Code of Civil Procedure sections 377.30 or 377.60, *et seq.*
- 13. The claims in the Complaint are barred, in whole or in part, because the Complaint fails to join one or more necessary and/or indispensable parties.
- 14. The claims in the Complaint are barred, in whole or in part, because they have been improperly joined in this action or proceeding.
 - 15. Answering defendants allege that they complied with the applicable laws,

regulations, and rules and such compliance demonstrates that due care and reasonable prudence were exercised.

- 16. The claims in the Complaint are barred, in whole or in part, because there is no private right of action concerning matters regulated under applicable federal laws, regulations, and/or other rules and requirements.
- 17. Alleged causes of action that are not pleaded in the Master Complaint are not at issue or the subject of the proceeding.
- 18. Any allegations in the Complaint of deceit or misrepresentation fail to allege the circumstances with particularity.
- 19. The claims in the Complaint, to the extent they arose from events occurring outof-state, are barred, in whole or in part, under principles of due process.
- 20. The claims in the Complaint are barred, in whole or in part, because materials and matters alleged and complained about in the Complaint were consistent with available technological, scientific and industrial state-of-the art and in compliance with applicable regulations, and alternative product or facility design was not feasible or practical. PG&E does not blame the Plaintiffs or residents affected by the terrible accident and specifically restates its long-held position that none of the Plaintiffs or residents are at fault. The cause of the accident has not yet been determined so PG&E pleads a general response now to avoid delay in the litigation.
- 21. To the extent the claims are premised, in whole or in part, on alleged statements or conduct in judicial, legislative, or administrative proceedings, such claims are barred under the *Noerr-Pennington* doctrine and analogous provisions under the laws of California.
- 22. Under the circumstances alleged in the Complaint, restitution and/or disgorgement are not an appropriate remedy.
- 23. Any claim by Plaintiffs for disgorgement is barred because any money or property was not acquired by means of unfair competition or by means of any act in violation of Business & Professions Code sections 17200 *et seq*.
 - 24. The allegations in the Complaint do not permit the issuance or entry of injunctive

relief.

- 25. Alleged acts or omissions in the Complaint causing a nuisance on land were unintentional and non-negligent and, therefore, not actionable.
- 26. The alleged acts in the Complaint were performed pursuant to statutory authority, and thus cannot constitute a nuisance.
- 27. The allegations in the Complaint fail to state facts sufficient to support an award of exemplary or punitive damages against answering defendants.
- 28. The Complaint fails to state a cause of action for which pre-judgment interest, expert fees, or attorneys' fees may be awarded.
 - 29. The damages alleged in the Complaint are not permitted by law or equity.
- 30. No alleged act or omission of answering defendants was oppressive, fraudulent, or malicious under California Civil Code section 3294, and therefore, any award of punitive damages is barred. Any claim for punitive damages also is barred under California Civil Code section 3294(b).
- 31. No alleged act or omission of answering defendants was willful under California Public Utilities Code section 2106, and therefore, any award of punitive damages is barred.
- 32. The claims in the Complaint for punitive damages are barred, in whole or in part, because they violate state and federal constitutional rights, including but not limited to due process, equal protection, and ex post facto provisions; the Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Eighth and Fourteenth Amendments; and the right not to be subjected to excessive awards and multiple punishments; and any claim for punitive damages is limited by state and federal law, including but not limited to the United States Supreme Court's decision in *State Farm Mutual Automobile Ins. Co. v. Campbell* (2003) 123 S. Ct. 1513.

Inasmuch as the Complaint and/or Adoption Forms do not describe the claims alleged by each plaintiff with sufficient particularity to enable answering defendants to determine all of the affirmative defenses, answering defendants reserve the right to amend and/or supplement the answer to assert any and all pertinent defenses ascertained through further investigation and discovery. Answering defendants will rely on all defenses that may become available during

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discovery or trial.

WHEREFORE, answering defendants pray that relief be afforded as provided by law and for such other and further relief that the Court may deem just and proper.

DEMAND FOR JURY

Answering defendants respectfully request a trial by jury as to all issues so triable in each action subject to the Complaint.

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