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San Francisco Chronicle - PG&E's post-blast reorganization claims 225 jobs

By David R. Baker, Nov. 11

Pacific Gas and Electric Co. is laying off about 225 employees, mostly from its information technology department, as the utility reorganizes in the aftermath of last year's San Bruno disaster.

The cuts began Wednesday and were announced to PG&E staffers Thursday in a post on the company's blog, Currents.

About 200 jobs will be cut from the information technology department, which will be restructured into teams connected to PG&E's electricity, natural gas and customer service businesses. The department's employees are now organized in teams based on their skills and job functions.

In addition, about 25 people working on the rollout of PG&E's wireless SmartMeters will be laid off, now that deployment of the meters is almost complete.

The company employs roughly 20,000 people in Northern and Central California. The majority of the job cuts will come from PG&E's San Francisco headquarters, which will lose 166 employees.

All employees whose positions are eliminated will be given 60 days to hunt for another job in the company, said PG&E spokesman David Eisenhauer.

The utility, California's largest, has been slowly reorganizing in the aftermath of last year's explosion of a natural gas pipeline beneath San Bruno, which killed eight people. The company split its natural gas and electricity operations into two units and has hired about 90 engineers, mappers and managers for the gas unit.

"Every single decision PG&E makes must be driven by one priority, and one priority only - ensuring the safety and reliability of our gas and electric systems," Chris Johns, the utility's president, wrote in the PG&E blog post.

"This is our mandate, and I can assure you that every decision we make, no matter what part of the business is involved and no matter how difficult the decision may be, is being made with that objective in mind," Johns wrote.