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PG&E Officers;

The purpose of today's communication is to provide you an update on general plant status and to deliver a high-level report on the progress the DCPD Team is making to safely return Unit 2 to service following the trip that occurred on Thursday, Oct. 11.

Overall Plant Status

Unit 1: Unit 1 is safely operating at 100 percent power with no major issues.

Unit 2: Unit 2 is in Mode 3 and we project to parallel to the grid, pending no additional scope identification, on Monday, Oct. 15. We will continue to work through our "discovery phase" of this outage and should be finished by midnight tonight. Tomorrow's update should solidify our schedule. There is a

possibility for the outage to be protracted past Monday if additional scope is identified.

So far inspections show no major damage or equipment problems.

Forced Outage Progress

Late Friday afternoon, teams from Operations, Maintenance and Engineering inspected all of the equipment that directly or indirectly supports the safe and reliable operation of Unit 2's Capacitive Coupled Voltage Transformer (CCVT), the device that eventually failed leading to grounding out the "A" phase of our main transformer.

The inspection validated the results of Cause Analysis Team's preliminary investigation that the electrical disturbance was caused by an arc flash that occurred on the CCVT when rain – combined with high contamination levels of the bushings – created the right conditions for a flashover event. An understanding of why the contamination levels (dirt and debris) existed on the CCVT, along with compensatory measures to prevent recurrence, is being pursued.

Lastly, as you may know, today we held our annual DCPD Friends & Family Day, as more than 1,000 friends and family of DCPD visiting the plant. We made the decision to move forward with this event as it is a great opportunity to showcase the focus, dedication and commitment of the entire DCPD Team.

We will continue to keep you updated as events warrant. As always, please reach out to me at your convenience so I may address any concerns or questions that you may have.

Ed