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Subject: Re: AL 4058-E more questions with regard to the NERC Alert

Kate:

Thank you very much for answering my questions and providing the spreadsheet and the email. I have the following requests:

1. Please provide, why, in general, PG&E is not de-rating any lines.
2. The spreadsheet indicates "see response 2" for rationale as to why PG&E is not de-rating any of the lines. Please provide us with the "Response 2".
3. In addition, please provide us with the email Kris Buchholz sent to the CAISO that lists the other circuits identified by PG&E as requiring mitigation.
4. Also, the spreadsheet just listed number of discrepancies but did not describe those discrepancies in detail. If you have the detailed findings, please provide those detailed findings as well.

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From: [Redacted]
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Subject: RE: AL 4058-E more questions with regard to the NERC Alert

Hi Charles,

Please see responses to your questions below. Also, as you requested, attached are PDFs of the two advice letter supplements filed on Friday.

Hope this helps.

Thanks,
Kate

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From: Mee, Charles [mailto:charles.mee@cpuc.ca.gov]
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Subject: RE: AL 4058-E more questions with regard to the NERC Alert

Kate:

Thank you for your answers to my questions!

I took a look of the attachment, looks like that is the assessment plan PG&E submitted to NERC. I have some difficulties understanding the assessment, would like to see if we can go through the assessment plan so I can have a better understanding.

PG&E RESPONSE: Sure, we can set up a call to help you understand the assessment plan. Can you let us know what your specific questions are so we get the right staff on the phone?

Regarding Question #2, I have a follow up request: Please provide the findings report and the mitigation plan to us, so we can have a better understanding of the mitigation actions PG&E intends to conduct to address all the identified discrepancies. I believe PG&E has not finished the as planned assessment yet. Please provide the findings report and mitigation plan PG&E has done so far.

PG&E RESPONSE: Attached is the most recent version of the spreadsheet that is used to report to NERC on a semi-annual basis (January 15th and July 15th). As you can see, the spreadsheet details progress on executing our assessment plan, proposed mitigation/remediation measures and remediation work completion date (supposed to be remediated within one year).

Regarding the Question #3, I also have a follow up request: Please provide the communications with WECC RC and CAISO that are related to or lead to finalization of the findings report and the mitigation plan.

PG&E RESPONSE: WECC receives a copy of the above spreadsheet from us every January and July which details progress on executing our assessment plan and proposed mitigation measures. With respect to CAISO, communications regarding scheduling the work and coordinating the clearances occur on an ongoing basis throughout the year. We also send CAISO periodic summaries identifying the circuits that need work (please see the 2011 summary email attached). Through the SLIC process, we complete a form for each circuit where a discrepancy has been identified and identify the proposed mitigation measures.

Thank you!

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Subject: RE: AL 4058-E more questions with regard to the NERC Alert

Hi Charles,

Below please find responses to your questions. Feel free to give me a call if you'd like to discuss further.

1. Does PG&E have an Assessment Report, or is PG&E going to have the Assessment Report? Please provide the report if you have.

PG&E Response: Yes, PG&E developed an assessment plan to describe how and when all transmission lines would be assessed as requested by the October, 2010 NERC Recommendations to Industry. This was submitted to and accepted by NERC and then subsequently to CPUC CPSD Staff. Please see attached.

2. Does PG&E have a remediation plan to address any identified issues? If PG&E does not have the remediation plan, please explain the reasons of not doing so?

PG&E Response: If PG&E discovers a discrepancy, PG&E will review the facility further for appropriate mitigation. Its findings and planned mitigations for any identified discrepancies are reported to NERC. NERC expects that the discrepancies will be remediated within one year or on a schedule approved by the Regional Entity if longer than a year. In addition, consistent with NERC's expectations, PG&E is consulting with its regional Reliability Coordinator (WECC RC) and Transmission Operator (CAISO) to coordinate any mitigation plans while maintaining the bulk electric system stability and reliability.

3. Has PG&E coordinated with Reliability Coordinators, Regional Entities, including CAISO, in planning approaches for addressing the identified issues?

PG&E Response: Yes. As noted above, PG&E is consulting with its regional Reliability Coordinator (WECC RC) and Transmission Operator (CAISO) to coordinate and communicate the mitigation plans that address the findings while maintaining bulk electric system, and schedule the work required to correct the discrepancies.

Best,
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From: Mee, Charles
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Subject: AL 4058-E more questions with regard to the NERC Alert

Jason:

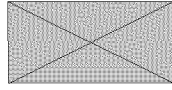
In your answer to me, you mentioned that in responding to the NERC Alert, PG&E prepared an Assessment Plan to comply with the NERC Alert. I have the following questions to you:

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2. Does PG&E have a remediation plan to address any identified issues? If PG&E does not have the remediation plan, please explain the reasons of not doing so?
3. Has PG&E coordinated with Reliability Coordinators, Regional Entities, including CAISO, in planning approaches for addressing the identified issues?

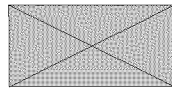
Thank you!

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