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Re: AB 1650 PG&E Electric Emergency and Disaster Preparedness Plan Public Review

On September 23, 2012, Governor Brown signed Assembly Bill (AB) 1650 adding section 768.6 of the California Public Utilities Code. Section 768.6(b) requires that electric utilities develop, adopt and update emergency and disaster preparedness plans and invite appropriate representatives of every city, county, or city and county within the certificated service territory to designate a point of contact and to meet and consult on the utility's plan by April 1 of 2013 and at least once every two years thereafter.

In response to AB 1650, PG&E invited representatives of every city and county to a series of public meetings where PG&E provided an overview of PG&E's Electric Emergency Plan and an opportunity for public review and comment. The purpose of this letter is to report on the results of these public meetings and PG&E's plan to respond to those comments and suggestions received.

On February 15, 2013, PG&E sent letters to City Managers and County Administrators in our service territory inviting their city or county to designate a "point of contact" to attend one of a series of regional meetings to review and discuss PG&E's Electric Emergency Preparedness Plans. A copy of the invitation is included as **Attachment**

A. A copy of the roster of city and county officials to whom these invitations were sent is included as **Attachment B**.

In response to this initial invitation, City Managers and County Administrators did designate electric emergency points of contact. Especially in rural counties, some of the designated contacts represented more than one community. A list of the designated points of contact is included as **Attachment C**.

On February 22, 2013, PG&E sent announcements of the scheduled regional public meetings to the designated contact list (Attachment C). A copy of the regional meeting announcement is included as **Attachment D**. To allow sufficient time for advance review by the designated contacts, the regional meeting announcements included copies of PG&E's Electric Emergency Operations Plan (**Attachment E**) and PG&E's Fire Prevention Plan (**Attachment F**).

Initially, eight regional public meetings were scheduled including Santa Rosa; San Ramon; Salinas; and San Luis Obispo, covering the coastal and bay areas, and Redding; Sacramento; Fresno; and Bakersfield to serve the Sacramento and San Joaquin Valleys. Later, four additional meetings were added to make the venues even more convenient to designated contacts. A meeting in Eureka was added for contacts in the north coast area along with two additional meetings in the Sacramento Valley – Auburn and Jackson. Also, as it turned out, the Salinas meeting was unfortunately scheduled for the same day as the funeral for the two Santa Cruz police officers slain in the line of duty. To accommodate designated contacts in the central coast, an additional Santa Cruz meeting was added making a total of twelve regional meetings in all. A complete roster of regional meeting venues is included as **Attachment G**.

At each of the regional meetings, PG&E offered a power point presentation which described our electric transmission and distribution system, the requirements of AB 1650, PG&E's Electric Emergency Operation Plan, Storm Forecasting and Pre-Event Planning, PG&E's Emergency Management Organization and Mutual Aid, Public Agency Partners, and PG&E's Fire Prevention Plan. A copy of this power point overview was provided to regional meeting attendees and additional copies have been distributed to requesting parties since the regional meetings so that designated contacts could use this information during presentations to other emergency preparedness team members in their communities. A copy of the power point is included as **Attachment H**.

The sign-in rosters for each regional meeting is included as **Attachment I**. In all, more than 100 designated contacts attended the regional meetings representing almost 200 cities and counties.

A summary of the comments received from the twelve regional meetings is included as **Attachment J**. In general, the response to PG&E's AB 1650 Electric Emergency Plan meetings has been quite positive. Communication with city and county emergency preparedness teams has improved with the designation of points of contact and the opportunity to interact with PG&E's electric emergency team first hand. PG&E has already seen an increase in the number of invitations from cities and counties to send a PG&E representative to local emergency preparedness and planning events. Even in the short time since the regional meetings, PG&E has conducted follow-up meetings at the request of local points of contact (e.g., San Mateo County/City Engineers Association and Mendocino County Board of Supervisors).

PG&E will continue to maintain and update the point of contact database as a resource in both emergency preparedness training and event coordination. PG&E will continue to work with local points of contact and other first responders on disaster drills to implement the lessons learned from previous storm and disaster events and to maintain the coordination and skills developed during these regional meetings. PG&E will share information with our points of contact throughout the next electric emergency planning cycle as we further improve and update our plan and will share those improvements and updates during the next round of regional review and comment opportunities in 2015.

I know that one of your senior engineers, Ben Brinkman, was able to attend the Bakersfield meeting. We encourage and welcome that participation and offer that if you or others in SED or ESRB would like to see a typical electric emergency plan presentation or have other questions, please call.

Thank you,

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