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**To: State Clearinghouse, Responsible and Trustee Agencies, Property Owners
& Interested Parties**

From: Mr. John Forsythe, CPUC Project Manager

**Subject: NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AN INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE
DECLARATION (IS/MND)
Pacific Gas & Electric Humboldt Bay-Humboldt #1 60 kV Reconductoring Project (A.19-02-
004)**

Date: February 12, 2020

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has prepared a Draft Initial Study/Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (Draft IS/MND) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for consideration of Pacific Gas and Electric's (PG&E's) application (A.19-02-004) to construct, operate, and maintain the Pacific Gas & Electric Humboldt Bay-Humboldt #1 60 kV Reconductoring Project (Project). The Draft IS/MND provides details regarding the Project; evaluates and describes the potential environmental impacts associated with the Project's construction, operation, and maintenance; identifies those impacts that could be significant; and presents mitigation measures that, if adopted by the CPUC, would avoid or minimize such impacts.

Description of the Project.

The Project is located in the City of Eureka as well as in unincorporated Humboldt County. The Project includes the reconductoring of approximately 7.8 miles of the Humboldt Bay-Humboldt #1 60 kV Power Line (HB-H #1 line), a single-circuit power line in Humboldt County. The majority of reconductoring work would occur within existing rights-of-way (ROW). Temporary construction easements may be obtained to accommodate staging areas outside of existing easements or ROWs.

Public Comment on the Draft IS/MND.

The Draft IS/MND is available for a 30-day public comment period, February 12, 2020 through March 13, 2020. The public may present comments and concerns regarding the Project and the adequacy of the Draft IS/MND. Written comments on the Draft IS/MND must be postmarked or received by e-mail no later than March 13, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Please include your name and mailing address in your correspondence. Note: submitted comments become part of the Project's administrative record, which is public information, subject to disclosure under the California Public Records Act. However, you may request that CPUC redact personal contact information from your comment prior to publication.

Written comments on the Draft IS/MND should be sent to:

**California Public Utilities Commission
Attn: Humboldt Reconductoring Project
c/o Environmental Science Associates/CRB
550 Kearny Street, Ste. 800
San Francisco, CA 94108
CPUCHumboldtReconductoring@esassoc.com**

Availability of Draft IS/MND.

Copies of the Draft IS/MND will be available for public review at a Project area library and on the Project website:

<https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/esa/humboldt/index.html>

This website will be used to post all public documents during the environmental review process. Printed or electronic (CD or USB) copies of the Draft IS/MND may be requested by telephone at (415) 962-8486 or by e-mail at CPUCHumboldtReconductoring@esassoc.com.

The Draft IS/MND and associated Project information repositories are available at the following libraries:

Humboldt County Library
1313 3rd St
Eureka, CA 95501
Phone: (707) 269-1900

REMINDER: Draft IS/MND comments will be accepted by e-mail, online comment, or mail postmarked through March 13, 2020. Please be sure to include your name and mailing address.