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PUBLIC NOTICE

AVAILABILITY OF NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Date: June 28, 2023

Project Title: PG&E Power Assets Acquisition Project

Project Address: Various Locations in San Francisco and San Mateo counties

Case No.: 2023-005370ENV

Block/Lot No.: Various

Zoning District(s): Various

Neighborhood(s): Outer Mission, Bayview, Crocker Amazon, Ingleside, Lakeshore, Merced Heights, Oceanview, Sunnydale, Little Hollywood, Visitacion Valley, Excelsior, Cayuga Terrace (San Francisco); Bayshore, Crocker, Peninsula Gateway, Mission Street, Southern Hills, Vista Grande, Westlake (Daly City); Baylands, Bayfront, Beatty, Northwest Bayshore (Brisbane); Unincorporated San Mateo County

Project Sponsor: Sue Chai, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
415.554.3238

EIR Coordinator: Julie Moore 628.652.7566
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PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS INFORMATION

Meeting 1 Date: Tuesday, July 11, 2023

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: San Francisco Planning Department, Room 196
49 South Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94103

Meeting 2 Date: Thursday, July 13, 2023

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Online at
<https://bit.ly/pgepowerassets>

Meeting 3 Date: Saturday, July 15, 2023

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Brisbane-Mission Blue Center
475 Mission Blue Drive
Brisbane, CA 94005

SEND WRITTEN COMMENTS BY JULY 28, 2023 TO

Planner: Julie Moore

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The San Francisco Planning Department has issued a notice of preparation (NOP) of an environmental impact report (EIR) in connection with this project. Next, the department will begin the preparation of an EIR as required by the California Environmental Quality Act. The department welcomes your comments regarding the scope of the EIR. Refer to the Project Description and Purpose of Notice sections below for a summary. For more information, the NOP, translations of this notice, and the scoping meeting presentation video are available at sfplanning.org/sfceqadocs, and upon request to the planner listed above.

Project Description

The City and County of San Francisco (the "City") is proposing to purchase Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E)-owned electrical transmission and distribution assets (the "Assets") in San Francisco and San Mateo County that are needed to provide electricity service to customers within the city (the "project"). After the City completes its acquisition of the Assets, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) would own, operate, and maintain the electricity grid in San Francisco, most of which is currently owned by PG&E. This transaction does not include the purchase of PG&E's natural gas facilities; thus, PG&E would continue providing natural gas services to customers in San Francisco.

The change in ownership itself would not result in physical changes to the environment; however, the SFPUC would need to physically separate PG&E's existing electric system into two separate systems (generally divided along the San Francisco/San Mateo county border), to allow both systems to be safely, reliably, and independently operated by SFPUC and PG&E. The SFPUC would provide electricity service to city customers; PG&E would continue to provide electricity service to its customers outside of San Francisco.

The portion of the project requiring new construction or modifications to existing facilities would primarily be in the southern portion of San Francisco and along the county border in the northern portions of Brisbane and Daly City. The SFPUC would modify the existing Martin Substation (or construct a new substation, which will be analyzed in the EIR as a new substation variant), construct new underground distribution feeder lines, and modify the existing distribution infrastructure. The distribution express feeder line alignment would be approximately 3.75 miles long and installed within streets, sidewalks, and other publicly owned land. It would extend from near Arch Street in the west, south to Brotherhood Way and Sagamore Street, east along Sickles Avenue, northeast along Huron Avenue and Alemany Boulevard, and southeast along Geneva Avenue to the Martin Substation in Brisbane. Disconnecting and connecting distribution lines between overhead poles and underground vaults could occur either above- or below-ground, and would be performed in small, discontinuous areas generally located near the county border. Construction associated with the project would take 1.5 to 3 years after the purchase and transfer of the Assets.

Purpose of Notice

The Planning Department has determined that an EIR must be prepared for the proposed project. The purpose of the EIR is to provide information about potential significant physical environmental effects of the proposed project, to identify possible ways to minimize the significant effects, and to describe and analyze possible alternatives to the proposed project. Preparation of an NOP or EIR does not indicate a decision by the City to approve or to disapprove the project. However, prior to making any such decision, the decision makers must review and consider the information contained in the EIR.

You are not required to take any action. If you wish to provide comments on the scope of the environmental review (which focuses on the *physical environmental effects* of the project), you may do so by mail, email, or at any of the in-person or online public scoping meetings described above. To request a language interpreter or to accommodate persons with disabilities at the scoping meeting, please contact the EIR coordinator listed above at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. All comments have equal consideration in the environmental review process. If you work for an agency that is a Responsible or a Trustee Agency, we need to know the views of your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information that is relevant to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project. We will also need the name of the contact person for your agency. If you have questions concerning environmental review of the proposed project, please contact the planner listed above. **Comments are due by 5 p.m. on Friday, July 28, 2023.**

Members of the public are not required to provide personal identifying information when they communicate with the Commission or the Department. All written or oral communications, including submitted personal contact information, may be made available to the public for inspection and copying upon request and may appear on the department's website or in other public documents.