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TO: Interested Parties

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**SUBJECT: Gateway Generation Station (00-AFC-01C)
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Commission Decision**

On September 25, 2025, the Pacific Gas and Electricity Company (PG&E) (Project Owner) filed a Post-Certification Petition for Changes in Project Design, Operation or Performance and Amendments to the Commission Decision (Final Decision) ([TN 266146](#)) with the California Energy Commission (CEC). The project owner is requesting to amend the Gateway Generating Station (GGS) Air Quality Condition of Certifications (COCs) to modify **AQ-SC12** and delete **AQ-SC13**. Both conditions of certification, **AQ-SC12** and **AQ-SC13**, were approved by the CEC in 2018 ([TN 224461](#)) to monitor emissions at start up after certain maintenance operations at the GGS and to ensure the facility operates in compliance with all laws, ordinances, regulations and standards (LORS).

GGS, is a 530-megawatt (MW) combined-cycle, natural gas facility that was certified by the CEC in May 2001. It began commercial operation in January 2009. The facility is within the site complex of the existing Contra Costa Power Plant (CCPP) in Contra Costa County, just north of the City of Antioch, in Contra Costa County.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED CHANGE

The project owner seeks approval to modify the COC **AQ-SC12** and delete COC **AQ-SC13** in the Final Decision. The reason for the amendment requests is related to operational challenges.

These conditions, COC **AQ-SC12** and COC **AQ-SC13**, were included on August 10, 2018, [TN 224461](#), after the CEC and the project owner, entered into a Settlement Agreement and CEC amended the Final Decision, detailed in the Executive Summary below.

The requested changes to the COCs include impacts to facility reliability and minimizing facility operations and downtime especially in the summer months during peak loads.

The proposed AQ-12 text amendments include additional measures for continued compliance and verification reporting with the CEC and the Bay Area Air District (BAAD).

To access the petition to amend, go to the [CEC's project webpage, https://www.energy.ca.gov/powerplant/combined-cycle/gateway-generating-station](https://www.energy.ca.gov/powerplant/combined-cycle/gateway-generating-station). In the box labeled "Compliance Proceeding" click on the Docket Log (00-AFC-01C) and locate the petition by the transaction number noted above.

CEC STAFF REVIEW AND CONCLUSIONS

Consistent with the California Code of Regulations, title 20, section 1769, the CEC staff (staff) has reviewed the petition for potential environmental effects and consistency with LORS. Based on staff's analysis, contained below, staff has concluded that the proposed modifications to COCs Air Quality **AQ-SC12** and **AQ-SC13** would not have a significant effect on the environment, or cause the Gateway Generating Station to fail to comply with any applicable LORS. Consistent with California Code of Regulations, title 20, section 1769(a)(4), staff are bringing this petition to the Commission for approval. Staff concludes that none of the findings specified in California Code of Regulations, title 20, section 1748(b) apply to the proposed change. Staff also concludes the proposed change does not meet any of the criteria requiring the production of subsequent or supplemental review pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21166. In addition to approving the petition, staff proposes amending the Settlement Agreement executed between CEC and PG&E (TN 224461) to be consistent with proposed modifications to COC's Air Quality **AQ-SC12** and **AQ-SC13**.

Staff intend to recommend approval of the petition and other documents at the May 13, 2026, Business Meeting of the CEC.

The CEC's [project webpage, https://www.energy.ca.gov/powerplant/combined-cycle/gateway-generating-station](https://www.energy.ca.gov/powerplant/combined-cycle/gateway-generating-station) has a link to the petition and the Staff Analysis on the right side of the webpage in the box labeled "Compliance Proceeding." Click on the "[Docket Log \(00-AFC-01C\)](#)" option. If approved, the CEC's Order approving this petition will also be available from the same webpage.

This letter has been mailed to the CEC's list of interested parties and property owners of all parcels within 500 feet of any affected project linears and 1,000

feet of the project site. It has also been emailed to the GGS subscription list. The list is an automated CEC email system by which information about this facility is emailed to parties who have subscribed. To subscribe, go to the [CEC's project webpage](#), cited above, scroll down the right side of the project's webpage to the box labeled "Subscribe," and provide the requested contact information.

Any person may comment on the Staff Analysis. Those who wish to submit comments on the analysis prior to the CEC Business meeting may do so by using the CEC's electronic commenting feature. Go to the [CEC's project webpage](#) and click on either the "Comment on this Proceeding," or "[Submit e-Comment](#)" link. When your comments are filed, you will receive an email with a link to them.

Written comments may also be mailed or hand-delivered to:

California Energy Commission
Docket Unit, MS-4
Docket No. 00-AFC-01C
715 P Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

Comments will also be accepted during the scheduled business meeting. All comments and materials filed with the Dockets Unit will be added to the facility Docket Log and become publicly accessible on the [CEC's project webpage](#).

If you have questions about this notice, please contact Compliance Project Manager John Heiser, Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement Unit, Safety and Reliability Branch, at (916) 628-5566 or via e-mail at John.Heiser@energy.ca.gov.

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