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Re: Docket 15-RETI-02: Pacific Gas and Electric Company Comments on the Proposed Organization Structure and Work Plan for the Renewable Energy Transmission Initiative 2.0

I. Introduction

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the November 2, 2015, Joint California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and California Energy Commission (CEC or Commission) Workshop on the proposed organization structure and work plan for the Renewable Energy Transmission Initiative (RETI) 2.0. We appreciate the work of CEC, CPUC and California Independent System Operator (CAISO) staff on continuing to move the RETI 2.0 effort forward.

II. PG&E Supports the Vision of a Collaborative, Nonregulatory RETI 2.0 Process Aligned with Existing Energy Agency Planning Processes

PG&E agrees with the guiding principles expressed by CPUC, CEC, and CAISO staff and leadership during the workshop for the RETI 2.0 process. Namely, PG&E appreciates the recognition that the RETI 2.0 process is not a formal regulatory process, but that the “combinations” of potential renewable and associated transmission development should help to inform existing energy agency planning processes going forward. Specifically, PG&E urges RETI 2.0 to coordinate and help inform the efforts of the CPUC’s RPS Calculator, which is concurrently examining renewable energy and transmission development in the context of land use considerations. PG&E appreciates CPUC Commissioner Peterman’s comment that key dates for the RETI 2.0 process should be aligned with key dates for the Demand Forecast, Long Term Planning Process, and Transmission Planning Process early in the RETI 2.0 process.

PG&E also agrees that the RETI 2.0 process should be inclusive and collaborative, as expressed consistently during the workshop by agency leadership. PG&E is hopeful that the working group

structure proposed by agency staff will be successful in facilitating appropriate input from a broad array of stakeholders, and looks forward to participating.

III. Conclusion

We appreciate this opportunity to comment on the proposed organization structure and work plan for RETI 2.0.

Sincerely,

/s/

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