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California Energy Commission
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Docket No. 18-MISC-01
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814**Re: Docket No. 18-MISC-01, Food Production Investment Program Solicitation**

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the California Energy Commission's (CEC) Food Production Investment Program (FPIP) Solicitation, for which a public workshop was conducted on May 9, 2019. PG&E values the CEC's efforts to create programs aimed to help California meet its GHG reduction goals.

PG&E has found the formatting and content requirements of the match funds commitment letter are a barrier in committing match funds for FPIP applicants who are concurrently participating in existing PG&E energy efficiency programs. During the first rounds of FPIP funding, PG&E received inquiries about using PG&E energy efficiency rebates as qualifying match dollars for FPIP applications. Unfortunately, there were prohibitive challenges in producing a commitment letter that satisfied FPIP's format and content requirements as well as PG&E's legal and policy requirements, and in the end no letter could be issued.

PG&E offers the suggestion that FPIP requirements for commitment letters of matching funds be updated to allow more variety in the format and content of the letters, so that existing templates (such a PG&E rebate application approval, or a signed loan agreement for On-Bill Financing of an energy efficiency project) can be used to satisfy the requirement. Examples of these documents can be provided to CEC upon request.

Sincerely,

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