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## **PG&E Comments on Emergency Rulemaking for AB205, Opt-In Provisions**

Hello,

Please see attached. Kindly reach out to me with any questions. Thank you.

*Additional submitted attachment is included below.*



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**Re: Pacific Gas and Electric Company Comments on the Emergency Rulemaking for Assembly Bill 205, Opt-In Certification Provisions (Docket Number 22-OIR-01)**

Dear Director Elizabeth Huber and Ms. Lisa Worrall,

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) appreciates the California Energy Commission (CEC) for hosting a webinar on September 19, 2022, to present the Opt-In Certification Provisions of Assembly Bill (AB) 205 and presenting the proposed emergency regulations to implement this newly established certification program at the CEC.

PG&E understands that AB 205 authorizes the CEC to accept applications for the certification of certain non-fossil-fueled power plants, energy storage facilities, and related manufacturing facilities. PG&E supports the purpose of this program to accelerate California's transition to clean energy and help maintain reliable sources of clean energy.

In June 2022, PG&E issued its Climate Strategy Report detailing its commitment to achieving a net zero energy system by 2040, and to become "climate positive" in 2050—meaning that PG&E actively removes more greenhouse gases than it emits. PG&E is pursuing aggressive, breakthrough strategies to adapt gas and electric infrastructure to current and future conditions.<sup>1</sup> With new and longer-term climate goals, PG&E recognizes significant growth opportunities for the State and the crucial role that expedited certification processes will play in realizing those goals.

PG&E has one of the cleanest energy portfolios in the nation and in full support of California's transition to a low-carbon future in other key sectors of the economy, has ambitious goals to

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<sup>1</sup> PG&E Corporate Sustainability Report 2022: [2328-PGE\\_CSR\\_Executive\\_Summary\\_v4.9\\_no\\_KSI.indd \(pgecorp.com\)](#).

exceed state policy targets. A safely streamlined permitting process is fundamental to achieve both the State's and PG&E's goals.

PG&E appreciates the time and effort of the CEC in organizing and presenting information about the Opt-In Certification provisions of AB 205, discussion of the facility types covered under the statute, and the assessment and analysis procedures for projects seeking this alternative certification program. PG&E looks forward to further engaging with stakeholders.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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