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**NOTICE OF RECEIPT**  
**PETITION FOR PROJECT MODIFICATION**  
**HUMBOLDT BAY GENERATING STATION (06-AFC-7C)**

On June 20, 2016, California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) staff docketed the Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E) petition requesting to relocate the existing natural gas meter on the Humboldt Bay Generating Station (HBGS) site to a different area on the HBGS site. The 163-megawatt facility was certified by the Energy Commission in its Decision on September 24, 2008, and began commercial operation on October 1, 2012. The facility is located in the city of Eureka, in Humboldt County, California.

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED MODIFICATION**

To ensure the safety of its gas transmission system, PG&E has implemented a comprehensive in-line inspection program to detect defects such as corrosion, dents, metal loss, and cracks in its pipelines. The inspection is done by running an in-line inspection tool, also known as a smart pig, through the line to identify and record potential pipe defects or abnormalities. The main natural gas line that supplies the HBGS is PG&E's gas line number 189 (Line 189).

The upgrade to allow inspection of Line 189 where it terminates on the HBGS site consists of the installation of a smart pig receiver and return line. The receiver is where the smart pig is removed after traveling through the gas pipeline transmission system. The return line is used to help force the tool to the end of the receiver. In order for PG&E to install the new smart pig launcher and receiver, the existing HBGS gas meter must be relocated. To accomplish the installation of the smart pig receiver/launcher PG&E is proposing to: install a new pipeline connection from a new first point of interconnection with Line 189 on the HBGS site; relocate the existing natural gas meter; install above and below ground pipe for the meter; and remove the original 32-foot diameter pipeline connection from Line 189. These modifications are within the HBGS property boundary and therefore are under the jurisdiction of the Energy Commission.<sup>1</sup>

**ENERGY COMMISSION AMENDMENT REVIEW PROCEDURES**

The Energy Commission's webpage for this facility, <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/humboldt/>, has a link to the modification petition

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<sup>1</sup> The PG&E parcel in which the HBGS site is located is within the retained jurisdiction zone of the California Coastal Commission. Although Line 189 terminates on the HBGS site, the pipeline existed before the HBGS obtained its Energy Commission license and, therefore, is under the jurisdiction of the Coastal Commission. On April 15, 2016, PG&E submitted an application to the Coastal Commission for a Coastal Development Permit for the Line 189 receiver and four other pipeline upgrades within the Coastal Zone.

on the right side of the webpage in the box labeled "Compliance Proceeding." Click on the "Documents for this Proceeding (Docket Log)" option.

Energy Commission staff is currently reviewing the petition. The purpose of the Energy Commission's review process is to assess the impacts of this proposal on environmental quality and on public health and safety. The review process includes an evaluation of the consistency of the proposed changes with the Energy Commission's Decision and a determination on whether the facility, as modified, would remain in compliance with applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, and standards (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 20, § 1769). Upon completion of its review, the staff will provide written notice of its intent to either process the proposed changes as a Staff Approved Project Modification or schedule it for consideration as a formal amendment to the Decision by the Energy Commission at a regularly scheduled Business Meeting.

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Dockets Unit, MS-4  
Docket No. 06-AFC-7C  
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For information on participating in the Energy Commission's review of the petition, call the Public Adviser at (800) 822-6228 (toll-free in California) or send your e-mail to [publicadviser@energy.ca.gov](mailto:publicadviser@energy.ca.gov). News media inquiries should be directed to the Energy Commission Media Office at (916) 654-4989, or by e-mail to [mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov](mailto:mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov).

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