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## **PG&E AND THE DIABLO CANYON DECOMMISSIONING ENGAGEMENT PANEL ANNOUNCE NEW MEMBERS**

**SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif.** — Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) and the Diablo Canyon Decommissioning Engagement Panel (DCDEP) today announced the appointment of four new members to the DCDEP, and the reappointment of two members.

The four new appointees – Ernest ‘Gerry’ Finn, Jessica Kendrick, Patrick Lemieux, and Frances Romero -- will begin their terms in May of 2023. Kara Woodruff and Bob Pavlik have been reappointed.

The panel provides community input to PG&E as the company prepares a site-specific plan for the future decommissioning of Diablo Canyon Power Plant (DCPP) and spent fuel management. As part of a highly competitive process, currently seated panel members and PG&E representatives conducted in-depth reviews of applications from community members, who broadly reflect the diverse community viewpoints in proximity to DCPP.

“The Panel has proven to be invaluable to the DCPP decommissioning activity planning and process. The diversity of the Panel members ensures PG&E hears from all voices in the community as to the future of DCPP lands and facilities,” Vice President of Business and Technical Services Maureen Zawalick said. “PG&E is currently on two paths of pursuing continued operations as directed by the state to ensure electric viability for all Californians, while planning for the eventual decommissioning of DCPP. PG&E looks forward to working with the previous Panel members and the new Panel members to continue this important work.”

DCDEP members will now include:

- Ernest ‘Gerry’ Finn (Three-year term begins May 2023)
- Jessica Kendrick (Two-year term begins May 2023)
- Patrick Lemieux (Three-year term begins May 2023)
- Frances Romero (Three-year term begins May 2023)
- Robert Pavlik, San Luis Obispo (One-year reappointment begins May 2023)
- Kara Woodruff, San Luis Obispo (Three-year reappointment begins May 2023)
- William Almas, San Luis Obispo
- Dena Bellman, Pismo Beach
- Michael Lucas, Morro Bay
- Linda Seeley, Los Osos
- G. Bruce Severance, Grover Beach
- Chuck Anders, (Facilitator)
- Scott Lathrop, San Luis Obispo (Ex Officio)
- Trevor Keith, San Luis Obispo County (Ex Officio)
- Maureen Zawalick, San Luis Obispo (PG&E)

## **About the Panel:**

The Diablo Canyon Decommissioning Engagement Panel was created to foster open and frequent dialogue between members of the local community and PG&E on matters related to DCPD decommissioning. Panelists are local community members from across the Central Coast who were selected to broadly represent diverse community viewpoints. The Panel meets periodically on matters related to DCPD decommissioning and the future use of DCPD lands and facilities.

### **Background of Ernest ‘Gerry’ Finn**

Gerry has lived in Paso Robles since 2000. Since then, he has served on the San Luis Obispo County Grand Jury, Paso Robles Airport Advisory Committee, Cuesta College Curriculum Advisory Committee, and the “California in 2050” Panel. Gerry earned a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and a Master of Engineering, both from UC Berkeley. His work experience has been gained on programs and projects in the United States – from Alaska to New Jersey – as well as other countries, e.g., France, England, Greece, Saudi Arabia, Korea, Mexico, Brazil, and Canada. He has prior nuclear program experience that includes two major projects – one in France and one at the Department of Energy’s Hanford Site in Washington – and others in New Mexico, Idaho, and Nevada.

### **Background of Jessica Kendrick**

Jessica Kendrick is a long-time resident of San Luis Obispo County and an Assistant Vice President of Renewables for “tk1sc, a member of WSP,” a global professional services firm. Jessica is a licensed professional electrical engineer and has over fifteen years’ experience in renewable energy design and decarbonization efforts. She is well versed in distribution planning and utility interconnection, and therefore focuses on a holistic approach to sustainable infrastructure. She has been a technical lead for many Fortune 1000 customers, including commercial clients located in San Luis Obispo County. She is excited to generate conversation around energy policy and its role in the built environment.

### **Background of Patrick Lemieux**

Patrick Lemieux has lived on the Central Coast for over 15 years and is a San Luis Obispo resident. Patrick works at Cal Poly as a Bentley Professor of Mechanical Engineering. Patrick was previously on the Panel and resigned in 2022 to take a one-year academic fellowship at the Munich University of Applied Sciences. He began his career as an engineer at AlliedSignal Aerospace (now called Honeywell International) and at Exponent Inc (formerly Failure Analysis Associates). Patrick’s interests include exploring using the desalination facilities at DCPD to supplement community water sources, effectively integrating offshore wind energy, ensuring safe storage of spent nuclear fuels, and providing good stewardship to protect the DCPD lands for future generations.

### **Background of Frances Romero**

Frances Romero is a 26-year resident of Guadalupe and is a Senior Planner with TW Land Planning & Development with experience in land use, government relations and community outreach. Frances was the first woman Mayor of Guadalupe and has served on the Santa Barbara County Park Commission, the Guadalupe Planning Commission, and was the Executive Director of the Dunes Center who developed the plan that saved the organization from financial insolvency. Currently, Frances serves as an Advisory Committee Member to The Ascend Fund, a Citizen’s Oversight Committee Member for the Guadalupe Union School District

and an Honorary Commander Emeritus with the Combined Space Operations Center at Vandenberg Space Force Base.