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PG&E Seeks Additional Community Feedback on Proposed Stockton-Area Project

STOCKTON, Calif. — Delivering safe, reliable, affordable and clean electric service is a top priority for Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E). The proposed Northern San Joaquin Power Connect, a new electric transmission project designed to meet community needs, will do just that. The project was introduced to the public last fall and PG&E will be seeking additional community feedback in June during a second round of open houses where potential transmission line corridors for the project will be introduced.

Northern San Joaquin Power Connect includes the construction of two new transmission lines and upgrades to existing substations in the area. These critical investments will provide increased reliability and efficiency for 50,000 households and businesses in Stockton, Lodi, Lockeford, Victor, Acampo and Thornton. With a thriving wine and agricultural industry, the area has outgrown the existing system and needs an enhanced transmission system to meet and stay in front of the growing energy demands.

The feedback PG&E received during the first round of open houses held in December 2015 contributed to the identification of potential transmission line corridors. PG&E will share these potential corridors with the community during the upcoming open houses. Feedback will be gathered to help identify opportunities and constraints within the potential corridors to help determine potential routes for the new lines. Potential routes will then be presented for feedback from the community at another round of open houses later this year.

“The proposed Northern San Joaquin Power Connect project is a key component of our efforts to meet the needs of the region’s growing population and economy. We gained valuable insight from the community regarding the project study area during our first round of outreach, and we are looking forward to hearing their additional thoughts on the potential corridors we will present in order to develop the best project possible for customers in the area,” said Dave Meier, senior manager of PG&E’s Stockton Division.

PG&E invites the community to attend four open house meetings to discuss the project and provide feedback on the potential transmission line corridors.

PG&E Northern San Joaquin Power Connect Open Houses

June 13, 2016; 5–7 p.m.
Lockeford Community Center
19258 Jack Tone Rd., Lockeford, CA 95237

June 14, 2016; 10 a.m.–12 p.m. and 4–7 p.m.

Lodi Public Library, Community Room
201 W. Locust St., Lodi, CA 95240

June 15, 2016; 5–7 p.m.

Bear Creek High School, Multi-Purpose Room
10555 Thornton Rd., Stockton, CA 95209

PG&E is committed to siting and designing the project in a manner that avoids and minimizes environmental impacts. The project includes the construction of new 230 kV high-capacity transmission lines to connect PG&E's existing Lockeford and 8 Mile substations with Lodi Electric Utility's existing Fred Reid Industrial Substation, as well as upgrades for these substations. The potential transmission line corridors were identified by considering stakeholder feedback from open houses, community group presentations and stakeholder briefings, as well as existing data. Considerations included land use; existing infrastructure; agricultural, cultural, natural and visual resources; and engineering, construction and operational needs.

PG&E will continue to engage with the community throughout the development of the project. These open houses represent the second phase of PG&E's three-part outreach program. Based on the current timeline, it is anticipated that the project will be submitted to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) in late 2017 or early 2018. The CPUC, the state agency with jurisdiction over transmission projects of this type, will conduct additional environmental review and provide opportunities for continued public comment. The CPUC has jurisdiction and final approval over the project, including the route.

In addition to the open houses, the project team continues to hold stakeholder meetings and engage with the local community. Residents who are unable to attend the open houses can obtain more information on the project website at pge.com/northernsanjoaquinpc.

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