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PG&E Seeks Community Feedback on New Routing Area, Potential Routes for Proposed Transmission Project

LOCKEFORD, Calif. — Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) will seek community feedback during two public open houses this week, at which an updated routing area and potential transmission line routes will be introduced for the Northern San Joaquin 230 kV Transmission Project.

The project, formerly known as Northern San Joaquin Power Connect, includes connecting PG&E's existing Brighton-Bellota 230 kV transmission line into PG&E's Lockeford Substation. The proposed project also involves building a new 230 kV double circuit transmission line from PG&E's Lockeford Substation to a new 230 kV switching station on Thurman Street in Lodi.

"This proposed project is key to support the growing needs of the region's expanding economy. As we continue working with regional stakeholders, we look forward to sharing potential transmission line routes 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 either of its two open house meetings to discuss proposed routes, the new routing area and provide feedback on the potential transmission line routes. The open houses will be held on Wednesday, July 31 at the Lockeford Community Center, 19258 North Jack Tone Road, from 10 a.m. to noon and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

PG&E previously conducted community outreach and held several rounds of open houses in 2015 and 2016 for Northern San Joaquin Power Connect. In early 2017, the California Independent System Operator (CAISO), which is responsible for managing California's energy grid, informed PG&E that it was reassessing dozens of previously approved projects throughout California, including Northern San Joaquin Power Connect. In March 2018, the CAISO Board decided to revise the project scope, and while the project will include some aspects of the previous scope, the revised scope will help to address the area's energy needs.

PG&E will continue to engage the community throughout the development of the project, as the project team works to identity a proposed and alternative route for the project. Based on the current timeline, it is anticipated that the project will be submitted to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) in 2020. The CPUC, the state agency with jurisdiction over the routing of transmission projects of this type, will conduct additional environmental review and provide opportunities for public comment. The CPUC has jurisdiction and final approval over the project, including the route location.

Residents who are unable to attend the open houses can obtain more information on the project website at pge.com/northernsanjoaquin.

About PG&E

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