

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Via Electronic Email

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Dear Mr. Finkelstein and Ms. Morsony:

Thank you for your comments on behalf of The Utility Reform Network (TURN) on the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission or CPUC) Draft Resolution M-4851, which proposed to ratify and uphold issuance of a safety certification to Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 8389(e) & (f). On behalf of the Commission, I am writing to inform you that Draft Resolution M-4851 has been withdrawn.

Section 8389(f)(2) vests Wildfire Safety Division with responsibility for issuing a safety certification to an electric corporation that has previously received its initial certification from the Executive Director of the CPUC under Section 8389(f)(1). The electrical corporation shall be issued a safety certification if it has provided documentation that it has satisfied the requirements in Section 8389(e). In a letter dated January 14, 2021, Caroline Thomas Jacobs, Director of the CPUC's Wildfire Safety Division, determined that PG&E had submitted documentation satisfying the criteria in Section 8389(e), and thereby issued PG&E a wildfire safety certification.

Section 8389 does not require the Commission to ratify the determination of the Wildfire Safety Division as to whether a utility has satisfied the criteria set forth in Section 8389(e). We have therefore determined that the action proposed by Draft Resolution M-4851 is unnecessary.

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The CPUC is committed to prioritizing safety and we are intensely focused on progress by PG&E in its wildfire mitigation activities, as well as its progress on safety in every other aspect of its utility service and operations. As you know, the Commission is voting on Thursday, April 15, 2021 on Agenda Item 36, Draft Resolution M-4852, which if approved, will place PG&E into Step 1 of the Commission's Enhanced Oversight and Enforcement Process. This is one of many tools that the Commission has available to address PG&E's progress on safety performance, and we will continue to evaluate whether additional actions are warranted.

We greatly appreciate TURN's contributions to these efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rachel Peterson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rachel Peterson
Executive Director

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