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032009BUT0005 20-70-99/PM VAR PG&E Pease-Marysville 60kV Transmission Line SCH# 2009042018

Mr. Christopher Huitt California State Lands Commission 100 Howe Ave. Suite 100 South Sacramento CA 95825

Mr. Huitt,

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed PG&E Pease-Marysville 60kV Transmission Line. Caltrans has the following comments in regard to this project.

Future Projects

PG&E should be aware of the following projects to avoid potential for utility relocation.

- Future Interchange at Pease Road and State Route 99
- Traffic Signal at Pease Road and East Onstott Road

Design

Design exceptions will be required from Caltrans Headquarters for any proposed utilities within Caltrans access controlled right-of-way. State Route 20, 70 and 99 are all access controlled at the proposed locations.

Encroachment Permit

All work proposed and performed within the State right-of-way, including any new poles erected, must be in accordance with Caltrans' standards and require a Caltrans Encroachment Permit prior to commencing construction, surveying or other activities in the right-of-way. For more information on encroachment permits, the requirements, and

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an application form, please visit our web page at www.dot.ca.gov/doingbusiness and click on "Encroachment Permits" or contact the Caltrans District 3, Office of Permits at (530) 741-4403.



If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Sarah (Sadie) Smith at (530) 741-4004 or e-mail at sarah_smith@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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1 Response to Comment Letter B 2 California Department of Transportation, District 3 3 May 1, 2009 4 B-1 Comment acknowledged. The applicant (PG&E) was notified on May 13, 2009, of these pending roadway improvement projects to ensure that proper 5 6 construction coordination occurs. The applicant has confirmed that they will work 7 with Caltrans staff to coordinate construction timing. Further, it should be noted 8 that Mitigation Measure TRA-4a (page 3.3.15-8 of the MND) requires the 9 applicant to coordinate with the California Highway Patrol and/or the local law 10 enforcement agency to temporarily stop traffic on each roadway during 11 transmission line stringing. These agencies are familiar with ongoing and/or 12 pending roadway improvements conducted by Caltrans. Coordination with these 13 authorities will, therefore, provide a means for coordination to ensure safe 14 construction conditions. 15 **B-2** Comment acknowledged. CSLC acknowledges that an encroachment permit for 16 work within Caltrans' right-of-way may be required. CSLC has, therefore, added 17 the following text to Section 1.4, Permits, Approvals and Regulatory 18 Requirements (page 1-4 of the MND): 19 Encroachment Permit, for work within public right-of-way – Caltrans. 20 Comment acknowledged (see response B-2). B-3