



August 25, 2016

Joshua Pack
Principal Civil Engineer, Nevada County
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RE: PG&E's Community Pipeline Safety Initiative in Nevada County

Dear Mr. Pack,

On behalf of Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), we want to thank you and other members of County staff for your ongoing cooperation and participation regarding PG&E's gas safety efforts in Nevada County. Protecting the safety of our customers and communities will always be our number one priority, and we appreciate your partnership during this important work.

As we have discussed, PG&E is focused on improving the safety and reliability of the natural gas transmission pipelines serving your communities. When located too close to the gas pipeline, items like trees, brush and structures can delay first responders from getting to the pipeline and making it safe in an emergency or natural disaster. They can also prevent PG&E crews from performing critical safety and maintenance work. In addition, tree and brush roots can damage underground pipelines over time by impacting the pipes' protective coating, leading to corrosion. The fact is, national experts on pipeline safety and first responders agree that moving or replacing trees and other obstacles located too close to underground pipelines will make communities safer.

We completely understand how important trees are to Nevada County and its residents. Trees are very important to us, too. We are committed to continuing to work closely with the County to complete this important safety work in a manner that ensures public safety while preserving the beauty and character of your communities and respecting the local environment.

This letter shall serve as confirmation that PG&E has agreed to the following actions:

- PG&E conducted an in-depth tree-by-tree review of the franchise trees located within 10 feet of the pipeline to help ensure we are only removing trees that pose an emergency access or safety concern.
- The results of that review were shared with Nevada County and it was determined that a total of 603 trees within Nevada County and Penn Valley CDP will be removed for safety reasons.
- PG&E will provide the County with an in-lieu payment of \$100 per franchise tree, for a total payment of \$60,300. This amount is based on the equivalent monetary value of a 15-gallon tree at a ratio of 2:1 for each tree that is being removed for safety reasons.
- PG&E will notify nearby residents and businesses in advance of the planned safety work.

We look forward to working with you to complete this critical gas safety work. If you have any questions, please call me directly at the number below. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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