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Elizaveta Malashenko,
Director, Safety and Enforcement Division
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Ms. Malashenko,

Life safety and responding to the immediate needs of our communities affected by the electric incidents is our absolute focus at this time. At present we have 2,000 workers, including mutual aid from Oregon, restoring electric and gas service to customers impacted by the fires. As we do this critical safety work, we are cooperating with all agencies investigating the cause of the fires. Our objective is to be transparent and cooperate with the Safety and Enforcement Division on whatever information is needed for its investigation.

PG&E takes seriously its obligations under Public Utilities Code Section 316 and General Order 95, Rule 19, to take reasonable steps to preserve all factual and physical evidence under our control that might potentially be relevant once the area has been made safe and service has been restored. As I communicated to Ms. Terkeurst on October 10, PG&E is committed to retaining all potentially relevant evidence that comes into our possession relating to the electric incidents that PG&E has reported to the CPUC.

PG&E understands that CalFire is obligated to retain custody of all evidence in its original form, without alteration, modification, or damage, relating to its investigations of the cause and origins of the fires and that CalFire is controlling access to the sites that it is investigating. At this time, the causes of the fires are unknown and still under investigation. In order to ensure that PG&E is retaining all of the evidence needed by the Safety and Enforcement Division, PG&E proposes the following process. After CalFire releases its investigation sites to the CPUC and PG&E, PG&E recommends that the Safety and Enforcement Division and PG&E jointly visit each site for the Safety and Enforcement Division to provide direction to PG&E on the particular evidence that it directs PG&E to retain beyond what has been taken into custody by CalFire. PG&E proposes that this process also be followed for any other sites identified by Safety and Enforcement Division. If the Safety and Enforcement Division directs the removal of operating equipment, PG&E requests it be given an opportunity to ensure the continuation of safe and reliable service to its customers before removal.

In regard to the documents, PG&E will issue a legal hold to preserve all electronic and non-electronic documents relating to potential causes of the fires, vegetation management, maintenance

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and/or tree trimming consistent with recognized legal principles associated with evidence preservation.

PG&E requests confirmation that the approach outlined in this letter meets the needs of your evidence preservation directive.

Sincerely,

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Meredith E. Allen

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