

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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October 12, 2017

Ms. Merideth Allen
Senior Director, Regulatory Affairs
Pacific Gas and Electric Company
77 Beale Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

Re: Order to Preserve Evidence

Dear Ms. Allen:

This directive affirms a verbal communication between Charlotte TerKeurst, Program Manager in the Safety and Enforcement Division (SED) and you at approximately 6:00 p.m. on October 10, 2017 regarding Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E) obligation to preserve all evidence with respect to the Northern California wildfires in Napa, Sonoma, and Solano Counties.¹ In that communication, Ms. TerKeurst reminded PG&E of the need to preserve all evidence, and PG&E acknowledged that it would do so.

Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 316 and General Order (GO) 95, Rule 19, PG&E must preserve any factual or physical evidence under its, or its agent's, physical control, custody or possession related to the fires. This physical evidence includes all failed poles, conductors and associated equipment from each fire event. The physical evidence must be cataloged and tagged in a manner that will identify where it came from so that SED staff may reconstruct the poles for analysis. PG&E shall inform SED staff prior to moving any physical evidence from its current location to a compliant storage facility.

In addition, PG&E must inform all employees and contractors that they must preserve all electronic (including emails) and non-electronic documents related to potential causes of the fires, vegetation management, maintenance and/or tree-trimming.

¹ These fires started overnight on October 8, 2017 and include the Atlas Fire, Patrick Fire, Nuns/Norrborn Fire, Pressley Fire, Adobe Fire, Tubbs Fire and Pocket Fire.

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Please contact me if you have any questions concerning this preservation order.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Elizaveta Malashenko". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "E" and a long, sweeping underline.

Elizaveta Malashenko
Director
Safety and Enforcement Division

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