Status of Preparations to Pilot ISG-6: Licensing Process

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BACKGROUND

- Public meetings with Staff March and November 2006
 - Platform diversity questions
 - Risk of Common Cause Failure (CCF)
- Licensing process did not allow Staff to provide formal feedback without LAR submittal by licensee
- High project risk without Staff acceptance of concept prior to LAR submittal

Background, Cont.

- ISG-6 Enabled Phase 0 Meetings
 - Venue to help reduce risk
 - Discuss Staff opinions and recommendations
 - -Formal meeting minutes
 - -Excellent staff support to date
- Diversity and Defense-in-Depth Evaluation submitted 4/9/2010; revised August, 2010

The Present

- Diversity and Defense-in-Depth Topical Report approval pending
- Application development proceeding
 - Design Documentation issued
 - -Vendor Contracts awarded
- ISG-6 Revision 1 approved on 1/19/2011
- Next Phase 0 Meeting 2/3/2011

The Path Forward

- Complete LAR and ISG-6 Phase 1 documentation
 - -Submit Summer 2011
- Vendor Topical Report approval
- Complete and submit ISG-6
 Phase 2 documentation 2012
- SER Approval 2013
- Installation 2014

Challenges for PG&E

- Schedule
 - D3 Topical Report approval
 - Vendor Topical Report approval
 - ISG-6 process for pilot plant
- ISG-06
 - Minimum required detail
 - Licensing stability
- Budget
 - Competing projects
- Resources
 - Continuity and availability

Conclusion

- PG&E will communicate pilot plant experience to the Staff and industry
- Support improvements to the ISG-6 guidance
- Goal is a more predicable and stable licensing experience for future licensees

Acronyms

- I&C Instrumentation and Controls
- ISG-06 Digital I&C Interim Staff Guidance: Licensing Process
- LAR License Amendment Request
- PG&E Pacific Gas & Electric Co.
- SER Safety Evaluation Report