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In the Matter of
PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY
(Diablo Canyon Power Plant, Units 1 and 2)
Docket Nos. 50-275-LR and 50-323-LR

RE: Status Report

Dear Administrative Judges:

As directed by the Licensing Board Order of June 7, 2011, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) hereby provides its monthly report specifying its current best estimate of the dates on which it expects to complete milestones related to 3D seismic studies for Diablo Canyon Power Plant (DCPP) and the coastal zone consistency certification associated with NRC license renewal for DCPP.

The schedule for implementation of the seismic studies has changed since PG&E's last submittal on August 14, 2012. PG&E has revised the schedule for completion of the NRC's review of the Shoreline Fault Report based on status discussions with the NRR Project Manager. PG&E has revised the schedule for the 3D High Energy Marine Studies, issuance of the final seismic report, and issuance of the final Coastal Development Permit and Coastal Consistency due to the lead state agency's decision to restrict the duration of the 3D High Energy Studies to 2 months in 2012 and, if necessary, to 2 months in 2013. PG&E is actively pursuing the remaining federal and state permits needed for the 3D High Energy studies.

PG&E appreciates that, in the absence of definite dates for completing the milestones related to the seismic studies, the Licensing Board is unable to establish a meaningful adjudicatory schedule pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 2.332(c). For this reason, PG&E will continue to provide specific dates in the monthly reports to the extent practicable, recognizing that these dates may be modified as more accurate information becomes available.

PG&E wishes to assure the Licensing Board that it is making every effort to minimize the extent of the delay in the NRC license renewal process. For example, PG&E is working with the relevant State and federal agencies to accelerate efforts to obtain permits needed to complete the 3D seismic studies.

While PG&E expects the seismic studies to be completed and a report issued no later than December 2015, any actual delay to this proceeding may be less than the 52 months referenced in the June 7, 2011 Order.

Executed in accord with 10 CFR 2.304(d),

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Service List (via Electronic Information Exchange)

Pacific Gas and Electric Company
Updated Best Estimate Schedule for Seismic Studies

Description of Activity	Prior Estimate	New Estimate
Shoreline Fault		
Submit Final Report to the NRC	January 2011 ^(a)	January 2011 ^(a)
NRC Review Complete	September 2012	October 2012
Ocean Bottom Seismometer Study		
Permit Application Submitted to California State Lands Commission (CSLC)	May 6, 2011 ^(a)	May 6, 2011 ^(a)
Permits Issued	October 2012	October 2012
Installation Complete	August 2013	August 2013
2D/3D Low Energy Marine Studies^(b)		
Permits Issued	N/A	N/A
Surveys Complete	September 2012	September 2012
Seismic Data Processing Including Preliminary Report	June 2013	June 2013
2D Onshore High Energy Studies^(b)		
Permit Pre-Application Meeting	May 4, 2011 ^(a)	May 4, 2011 ^(a)
Use Permits Issued	Not Required	Not Required
Surveys Complete	December 2011 ^(a)	December 2011 ^(a)
Seismic Data Processing/Preliminary Report	April 2013	April 2013
3D High Energy Marine Studies		
Permit Application Submitted to CSLC	April 29, 2011 ^(a)	April 29, 2011 ^(a)
CSLC Environmental Impact Report Scoping Meeting	July 21, 2011 ^(a)	July 21, 2011 ^(a)
Permits Issued	August 2012	October 2012
Phase 1 Surveys Complete	December 2012	December 2012
Preliminary Evaluation of Phase 1 Data	September 2013	September 2013
Phase 2 Surveys Complete	December 2012	December 2013
Preliminary Evaluation of Phase 2 Data	September 2013	June 2014
Issue Final Seismic Report	November 2013	September 2014
CZMA or Coastal Consistency		
File Coastal Development Permit	July 2013	September 2014
Coastal Consistency Issued	March 2015	February 2016

Note: ^(a) – Actual Date Completed
^(b) – Activity is in Progress