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July 1, 2015

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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF INTENT TO REINITIATE THE ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING
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UNITS 1 AND 2, LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION

Dear Mr. Allen:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is reviewing an application submitted by Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) for the renewal of the operating licenses for Diablo Canyon Power Plant (DCPP), Units 1 and 2. The application for renewal was submitted in a letter dated November 23, 2009, pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 54. If approved, the NRC's issuance of renewed licenses would authorize PG&E to operate DCPP, Units 1 and 2 for an additional 20 years beyond the current licensing periods, which expire on November 2, 2024 and August 26, 2025, respectively.

The NRC has established that, as part of the review of any nuclear power plant license renewal application, a site-specific Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) to its "Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants," (NUREG-1437), will be prepared pursuant to 10 CFR Part 51, the NRC's regulation that implements the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended. The SEIS documents the NRC staff's independent analysis of pertinent environmental issues, including endangered or threatened species and impacts to fish and wildlife.

In accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 51.29, the NRC staff conducted a public scoping process to aid in the identification of issues to be considered in preparation of the SEIS. The scoping process was completed on April 12, 2010. By letter dated May 31, 2011, prior to issuance of a draft SEIS, the NRC delayed all further milestones associated with the environmental review of the DCPP license renewal application to allow PG&E time for the completion of certain seismic studies to address concerns raised during the State of California's Coastal Zone Management Act consistency review. On December 22, 2014, and February 25, 2015, PG&E amended its environmental report to incorporate additional information necessary for the NRC staff to complete its review of the DCPP license renewal application.

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The anticipated publication date for the draft SEIS is August 2016. Your office will receive a copy of the draft SEIS along with a request for comments.

If you have any questions regarding the scoping meeting, please contact the NRC's Environmental Project Manager, Mr. Michael Wentzel, at 301-415-6459, or by e-mail at michael.wentzel@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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