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William D. Johnson, CEO and President
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77 Beale Street
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RE: Board of Supervisors: Transportation, Water, and Infrastructure Committee: PG&E Street Light Coordination Letter of Understanding (LOU) REVISION ACTION REQUIRED

Dear Management,

On Monday, November 13, 2023, Public Works staff presented the annual report advising the Transportation, Water and Infrastructure Committee (TWIC) of the activities related to PG&E coordination efforts with Contra Costa County and the participating 19 cities and towns over the previous year.

As part of the report, staff presented the status of the Letter of Understanding (LOU) which addresses service levels provided by PG&E to Contra Costa County and the 19 cities and towns, respectively. There has been an LOU in force since 2008. The most recent one was signed February 20, 2021. At the signing of the 2021 LOU, PG&E and County Management agreed to monitor the functionality of the LOU and make revisions at least every two (2) years, as needed.

Since the ratification of the LOU, there have been several key staffing changes within PG&E management, as well as changes in how PG&E administers the oversight of streetlights. After convening with the 19 cities and towns, the County is proposing changes to the LOU reflected here:

- More transparency from PG&E with their planned maintenance projects. This will allow cities and towns to coordinate services and inform the local community to manage expectations.
- A mechanism for public agencies to report imminent hazards directly to PG&E staff without using the standard reporting features, which can result in a delayed response.
- GIS maps of street lights
- Consistent response times to down and/or out street lights as described in the LOU.
- Consistently updating the reporting system to reflect the status of repairs and an indication of when the work is complete.

- Providing cities and towns with an advisement of General Rate Case (GRC) changes that are planned to be submitted to the PUC. This will allow public agencies to plan for changes in their respective financial and maintenance responsibilities.

Contra Costa County and the 19 cities and towns have worked in partnership with PG&E for over 20 years on resolving street light issues. We look forward to evolving our working relationships to continually support the residents and roadway users of Contra Costa County. With this letter, we understand that Public Works staff is requesting a formal response from PG&E within the next thirty days. We are hopeful that this will occur without necessity of the matter escalating. If these matters cannot be resolved with Public Works staff, we would like to set up a meeting with PG&E leadership to find a resolution.

Please contact Jocelyn LaRocque, Engineering Services Division Manager, Public Works: (925) 313-2315, Jocelyn.LaRocque@pw.cccounty.us.

Regards,

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