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**CPUC FINES PG&E OVER CONSTRUCTION ISSUES IN
SEVENTH STANDARD SUBSTATION PROJECT**

SAN FRANCISCO, January 12, 2012 - The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) today fined Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) \$100,000 for failure to comply with certain environmental mitigation measures in its construction of the Seventh Standard Substation in northwest Bakersfield. In addition, PG&E will make a donation of \$50,000 to the Endangered Species Recovery Program at California State University, Stanislaus.

Today's decision approves a settlement agreement between CPUC staff and PG&E. The fine and donation are paid by shareholders of PG&E and the fine is remitted to the state's General Fund.

CPUC staff alleged that PG&E did not complete required surveys during specific time windows, did not obtain environmental awareness training for all laborers, and did not notify the CPUC prior to construction in order for the CPUC's environmental monitors to ensure project compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act.

Said CPUC Commissioner Mike Florio, who is assigned to this proceeding, "Our approval of a settlement agreement resolves this matter and affirms the importance of adherence to the CPUC's rules and orders."

The proposal voted on is available at www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/Enforcement/seventh.htm.

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