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PUC SCHEDULES PUBLIC MEETINGS ON PG&E'S REQUEST TO BUILD THE SAN MATEO-MARTIN #4 CONVERSION PROJECT

SAN FRANCISCO, August 5, 2003 – The California Public Utilities Commission (PUC) will hold public meetings on Thursday, Aug. 7, on Pacific Gas & Electric Company's (PG&E) application to construct the San Mateo-Martin #4 Conversion Project; the Pre-Hearing Conference (PHC) will begin at 4 p.m. and the Public Participation Hearing (PPH) will begin at 6 p.m. at the Embassy Suites Hotel, Presidio Room, 250 Gateway Blvd., in South San Francisco.

PG&E is applying for Commission authorization to rebuild this transmission project, which will entail the conversion of power lines and associated substation modifications. The purpose of this conversion project is to reduce potential electrical service interruptions in the event of overloading of the existing electrical transmission system serving San Francisco and northern San Mateo County.

This conversion project involves replacing the existing wires or conductors and insulators on the San Mateo-Martin #4 60 kV power line with new wires called "reconductoring" and modifying facilities at four substations to accommodate the 115 kV circuit.

The San Mateo-Martin #4 60 kV circuit is on the same towers as the San Mateo-Martin 115 kV #3 circuit, which was reconducted in February 2000. PG&E is proposing modifications to three towers, and three additional towers may also require steel reinforcement.

The public meetings will be held in a wheelchair-accessible facility. Those who need special assistance such as sign language interpretation should contact the PUC Public Advisor's Office before the meeting at 1-866-849-8390 or 1-415-703-2074; TTY 1-866-836-7825 or 1-415-703-5282.

The PUC has scheduled the PPH to hear the community's concerns and questions regarding PG&E's application.

Those who cannot attend may comment by e-mailing (include the proceeding number) or writing the Public Advisor:

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