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CPUC SEEKS COMMENT ON PROPOSAL FOR PG&E INDEPENDENT SAFETY MONITOR

SAN FRANCISCO, March 15, 2021 - The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) today said it is seeking public comment on the role that an Independent Safety Monitor will perform to augment CPUC oversight of Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E).

As a condition of [approving](#) PG&E's plan for exiting bankruptcy in May 2020, the CPUC created an Independent Safety Monitor to succeed the Federal Monitor that was appointed as part of PG&E's probation in criminal court. The Federal Monitor's work ends in 2022. By creating an Independent Safety Monitor, the CPUC is augmenting its oversight of PG&E to ensure that the utility is focused on long-term outcomes that promote safety and reliability.

The CPUC ordered PG&E to submit a proposal with recommended oversight responsibilities for the Independent Safety Monitor. PG&E submitted the proposal today, which calls for the Independent Safety Monitor to oversee the following:

- PG&E's attention to and follow-through on safety initiatives;
- Effectiveness of the PG&E Board and executive management in addressing the safety and operational risks identified by the Independent Safety Oversight Committee;
- Recordkeeping;
- Safety and technical protocols; and,
- Decisions and operations supported by quality data.

PG&E's proposal is available at www.cpuc.ca.gov/pgechapter11. Members of the public can comment on the proposal by emailing public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov within 20 days.



The CPUC's oversight of PG&E includes broad investigation and enforcement authority, examination of rates and costs, pressing for progress on the utility's efforts to reduce the risk of wildfire ignited by its equipment, ensuring safe execution of Public Safety Power Shutoffs, regulating the safety of the utility's natural gas system, and ensuring PG&E is progressing toward modernizing its electric grid. The Independent Safety Monitor will augment these efforts.

The CPUC regulates services and utilities, safeguards the environment, and assures Californians' access to safe and reliable utility infrastructure and services. For more information on the CPUC, please visit www.cpuc.ca.gov.

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