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## **CPUC TO HOLD VIRTUAL WORKSHOP ON PG&E'S PROPOSED TREE OVERSTRIKE RISK**

SAN FRANCISCO, April 12, 2021 - The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) will hold a remote access (virtual) workshop to hear from Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) about how the utility proposes to consider the risk of trees falling into powerlines (technically referred to as “overstrike”) in its Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS). This workshop is in response to proposed probation conditions under consideration in PG&E’s ongoing criminal probation stemming from PG&E’s felony conviction for its involvement in the deadly 2010 San Bruno gas pipeline explosion.

**WHAT:** CPUC Tree Overstrike Workshop on PG&E’s Proposed Implementation of Proposed Probation Conditions in its Public Safety Power Shutoff Program

**WHEN:** Tuesday, April 20, 2021, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**WHERE:** Remote access via webcast or conference line. Participation information and a draft agenda are below.

### **BACKGROUND:**

At this workshop PG&E will explain how it proposes to include consideration of tree density in determining the scope of PSPS events if it is required to do so under criminal probation. PG&E will give an overview of tree-related powerline risks and how it proposes to include a tree overstrike risk factor into its decision-making criteria for determining when to de-energize electric distribution circuits.



This workshop is in response to proposed Probation Conditions 11 and 12 under consideration in PG&E’s ongoing criminal probation stemming from PG&E’s felony conviction for its involvement in the deadly 2010 San Bruno gas pipeline explosion. (U.S. v. PG&E, U.S. Dist. Ct., Case No. CR 14-00175-WHA (N.D. Cal.)).

This workshop will review PG&E’s proposed implementation of these probation conditions for the 2021 fire season in the event PG&E is subjected to these conditions or to similar ones, and will gather input from the CPUC, stakeholders, and the public.

### **PARTICIPATION INFORMATION:**

- Live video broadcast with English and Spanish captions via webcast:  
[www.adminmonitor.com/ca/cpuc](http://www.adminmonitor.com/ca/cpuc).
  - Participants who choose to participate via webcast only will have audio and video, but will not be able to make verbal comment. If you would like to make comments during the meeting, refer to the phone-in information below.
  - After clicking on the meeting link, click the green button below the video for captions. Then select captions by clicking on the white icon next to the word “live” at the bottom of the video.
  - It will be recorded and archived for future viewing.
- Phone: Participants can hear the live event and comment during the Public Comment or Q&A portions of the workshop.
  - Call-in number: 800-857-1917, passcode: 1767567
  - Participants will be placed on mute in “listen-only” mode until the public comment or Q&A portions of the meeting. Once the public comment portion of the meeting begins, participants may dial \*1 (star one) when they wish to speak to be placed in a queue by the operator.

The most updated information related to the workshop will be posted on [www.cpuc.ca.gov/psps](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/psps). The meeting will be recorded and posted to the CPUC’s website.

While a quorum of Commissioners and/or their staff may attend, no official action will be taken on this matter.



If specialized accommodations are needed to attend, such as non-English or sign language interpreters, please contact the CPUC’s Public Advisor’s Office at [public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov) or toll free at 866-849-8390 at least five days in advance of the workshop.

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## AGENDA

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<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>
	<b><u>Background</u></b>
9 - 9:10 a.m.	Introductions
9:10 - 9:20 a.m.	Overview of Public Safety Power Shutoff decision-making criteria and process
9:20 - 9:30 a.m.	Overview of tree-related risks, including tree overstrike
	<b><u>PG&amp;E Proposal</u></b>
9:30 - 9:50 a.m.	PG&E’s proposed implementation of probation conditions 11 and 12
9:50 - 10:10 a.m.	Identify and define impact metrics
10:10 - 10:30 a.m.	Characterize impacts of PG&E’s specific proposed and other possible thresholds
10:30 - 11 a.m.	Q&A
	<b><u>Communication and Mitigation of Incremental Impacts</u></b>
11 - 11:05 a.m.	Mitigation for incremental shutoffs due to overstrike risk
11:05 - 11:10 a.m.	Communication of impacts of probation conditions 11 and 12
11:10 - 11:20 a.m.	Q&A
	<b><u>Oversight and Evaluation of Tree Overstrike Factor Implementation</u></b>
11:20 - 11:30 a.m.	PG&E reporting on effectiveness after initial test year
11:30 -11:40 a.m.	Q&A
	<b><u>Public Comment</u></b>
11:40 - 1 p.m.	Public comment

