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RE: Comments on Resolution M-4864, Authorizing PG&E to Exit Step 1 of the Enhanced Oversight and Enforcement Process

Dear Ms. Peterson:

On behalf of Indivisible California Green Team, the environmental arm of the 80 Indivisible groups all over California, representing over 80,000 constituents, we have enclosed our comments regarding Resolution M-4864 Authorizing Pacific Gas and Electric Company to Exit Step 1 of the “Enhanced Oversight and Enforcement Process” (Enforcement Process).

We are deeply concerned about your consideration to allow PG&E to exit Step 1 of the Enforcement Process. PG&E is cutting trees to reduce wildfire risk but the slash and chips they leave, in fact all the forms of wood they leave INCREASES wildfire risk. They MUST remove them and we expect you will make that happen! We know from Calfire that leaving wood chips are an extreme fire hazard and PG&E is supposed to decrease fire risk not increase it. Even the logged wood is a fire hazard if left there. And PG&E used to remove felled wood and it is unacceptable for them to no longer do this and leave it to the landowner to pay for, which many cannot afford.

In addition, **Enhanced Vegetation Management (EVM)** has **not been shown to prevent wildfires**. After all these years, the worst wildfires in California history are still occurring in PG&E service territory and happening due to equipment failures unrelated to trees! The more thorough solution to eliminate utility-caused wildfires is to follow SoCal Edison’s example and replace bare wire with reinforced, triple-insulated wires and computerized circuit breakers, which are successful in stopping fires and blackouts. SoCal Edison’s acreage and terrain are similar to that of PG&E and they focus on upgrading their system and cut very few trees and why not follow their gold standard example? Why not have the CPUC use its power to focus on ‘Best practices ‘?’

Our ask is to Keep PG&E in step 1 of until they have shown us they do pick up the slash. Not just say they will. They need to PROVE it before we can believe them for Californians to be safer. Please do not remove them from step 1 prematurely.

And a second ask is to make PG&E follow SCE's example and focus on the equipment upgrades so people can feel safer in PG&E territory like they do in SCE territory regarding wildfires and blackouts That is a reasonable request for the CPUC to be able to focus on and accomplish that.

In solidarity for a safer California,

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