

## Notice of Exemption

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**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
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**From:** California Department of Transportation, District 6  
1352 West Olive Avenue  
Fresno, CA 93728

Project Title: Caltrans D6 Encroachment Permit # 06-25-6-UC-0030

Project Applicant: Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E)

Project Location - Specific: On State Route 33 at Postmile 77.53/77.54

Project Location - City: Firebaugh

Project Location - County: Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

PG&E proposes to enter upon the Caltrans Right of Way (ROW) to perform maintenance work on utility poles. The project would replace one existing 40-foot distribution utility pole with a new 45-foot distribution pole approximately 23 feet from the edge of traveled way (ETW). This project triggers the DSDD because the pole being replaced is within Caltrans ROW and within the Clear Recovery Zone of 52-feet from the ETW. Aerial wires will be temporarily suspended along State Hwy 33 (Route 33), with a speed limit of 55 MPH, at Post Mile (PM) 77.54. This project supports the community wildfire safety program. During the course of performing the work, the aerial wires spanning along Route 33 will be detached and reattached. The anticipated excavation depth is 60 inches, the width is 18 inches, and the length is 1.5 feet. Traffic control will be provided while performing the work. Caltrans would issue an encroachment permit to allow for the proposed work to occur within State right-of-way.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation, District 6

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E)

Exempt Status (**check one**):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Section 15301 Class 1
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

Caltrans has determined the project to be categorically exempt in accordance with Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) Class 1 - Operation, repair maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structure, facilities, mechanical support, or topographic features involving negligible or no expansion or existing or former use.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Pedram Mafi


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**If filed by applicant:**

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.

2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?

Yes       No

Signature:  Date: 02/25/2025 Title: Senior Environmental Scientist (Supervisor)

Signed by Lead Agency       Signed by Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.