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To Whom it May Concern,

We are submitting this response to Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E) recent Advice Letter in support of PG&E's Remote Grid Initiative. The program is designed to benefit residents and properties in High Fire Threat Districts that are isolated from bigger populations and are currently served by long electric distribution circuits.

El Dorado County has many residents in isolated areas over difficult terrain that makes it challenging for PG&E to provide service. We support this Remote Grid Initiative proposal and believe it has the potential to improve safety, reliability, and affordability in communities like ours.

We believe the program will benefit El Dorado County and its residents in several ways. First and foremost, this program provide our residents with the choice to opt in to the Remote Grid program in order to experience improved reliability by reducing service interruptions due to winter storms or tree related issues and will eliminate the need to include those customers in future Public Safety Power Shutoff events. Second, it will

reduce the risk of wildfire in our county by eliminating electric line miles that traverse through high wildfire risk areas. Third, as compared to the typical distribution infrastructure that would otherwise serve these remote customers, the option of using a Remote Grid may be less expensive, therefore benefitting anyone who is a PG&E customer.

This program could benefit a number of residents in El Dorado County, and we look forward to PG&E implementing the Remote Grid program.

Signed,

Supervisor John Hidahl
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