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RESPONSE TO COMMENTS ON PROPOSED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY, TOPOCK COMPRESSOR STATION UPLAND IN-SITU PILOT TEST, AQUIFER TESTING, GROUNDWATER WELL MAINTENANCE AND WELL DECOMMISSIONING PROJECT, SCH#2007021035

Dear Mr. Singleton,

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) received your February 22, 2007 comment letter on the subject proposed Negative Declaration. DTSC thanks you for your comments on this project. In response, the archaeological and historical research steps which you have outlined have been accomplished during the course of this project. In addition, the DTSC, the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) and the Pacific Gas and Electric Company have consulted and worked closely with the local tribes. DTSC understands and respects the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe's views regarding the sacredness of the land in the area, including the land where the proposed project will be located.

As you are aware, the DOI has the primary jurisdiction to address cultural resources under the National Historic Preservation Act. The California State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has confirmed with us, and with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), that a cultural resources review associated with this project was undertaken, in consultation with the Tribe. As explained in the documentation associated with the cultural resources review, the BLM covered potential cultural resources directly affected by the activity, as well as the Topock Maze, a property listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Following the consultation, BLM determined that the proposed work would have an effect, but that the effect would not be adverse.

As a condition of project approval, DTSC will require PG&E to consult with interested tribes to identify and establish a qualified Tribal Monitor to oversee site clearance and ground disturbing activities under this project.

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DTSC hopes that we have satisfactorily responded to all your comments concerning the proposed project. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me at (714) 484-5439.

Sincerely,



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