

1 [Accountability for PG&E's Outages]

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3 **Resolution urging Governor Gavin Newsom and the California Public Utilities**
4 **Commission (CPUC) to hold Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) accountable for**
5 **its actions.**

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7 WHEREAS, Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) has a long history of negligent
8 actions including contaminating groundwater in Hinkley, California; 2010 San Bruno pipeline
9 explosion; numerous wildfires from 2017-2022; and

10 WHEREAS, On December 20, 2025, approximately 5,000 impacted customers in the
11 Richmond District and Civic Center were without power for at least 72 hours before the
12 Christmas holiday, and subsequent unplanned power outages have continued to impact small
13 businesses and residents, forcing businesses to suddenly shudder during one of the busiest
14 seasons of the year; and

15 WHEREAS, On January 19, 2022, U.S. District Judge William Alsup, charged with
16 overseeing PG&E's probation felony, stated in his order when the utility's five-year probation
17 ended, "[...] PG&E has gone on a crime spree – setting at least 31 wildfires, burning nearly 1.5
18 million acres, destroying nearly 24,000 structures and killing 113 Californians – and will
19 emerge from probation as a continuing menace to California"; and

20 WHEREAS, PG&E's failure to maintain and update its equipment causing devastating
21 wildfires including the 2018 Camp Fire, the 2019 Kincade Fire, 2020 Zogg Fire, 2021 Dixie
22 Fire, resulted in the company being charged with civic and criminal actions from these fires;
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1 WHEREAS, On January 29, 2019, PG&E filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection as
2 it faced more than \$30 billion of legal claims brought against the company for its role in
3 causing California wildfires; and

4 WHEREAS, On March 22, 2024, in the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety published
5 a safety culture assessment for PG&E and identified four recommendations, including “PG&E
6 should strengthen its safety communications by improving safety-related communication [...]”;
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8 WHEREAS, On December 20, 2025, a fire broke out at a PG&E substation at 8th
9 Street and Mission Street, causing a power outage across San Francisco and affecting
10 approximately 130,000 customers, its cause still under review; and

11 WHEREAS, The substation at 8th Street and Mission Street also had a fire on
12 December 20, 2003, and a similar fire in 1996, and CPUC regulators noted that PG&E had
13 failed to immediately alert fire officials about the 2003 fire, and the company failed to follow its
14 own internal recommendations stemming from the initial 1996 fire; and

15 WHEREAS, During winter storms in 2023, the failure of PG&E equipment caused
16 multiple long-duration outages impacting San Francisco customers throughout the City,
17 worsened by inaccurate or absent communications from PG&E; and

18 WHEREAS, PG&E’s ongoing, preventable disasters failure to upgrade and improve its
19 infrastructure, and failure to communicate effectively with customers and local governments
20 regarding outages and other disasters demonstrate the company cannot deliver electricity to
21 its customers in a safe, reliable, affordable manner; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
23 urges the Governor and the CPUC to hold PG&E accountable for its responsibility to maintain
24 its equipment and infrastructure needed to provide the safe and reliable service that its
25 customers pay for; and, be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
2 Francisco hereby directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the
3 office of Governor Newsom and the CPUC; and be it

4 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
5 re-affirms its support for the City’s efforts to acquire the PG&E assets necessary to provide
6 clean, green and affordable electric power delivery and service in San Francisco; and, be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
8 Francisco re-affirms its commitment to the key priorities and conditions identified in this
9 subject Resolution and prior policy resolutions; and, be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
11 Francisco directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit this Resolution to our State Legislative
12 Delegation and the Governor’s Office upon final adoption.

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