



PG&E; Privately-Owned Lines
300 Lakeside Drive
Oakland, CA 94612-3534

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**An important reminder to
inspect and maintain
your privately-owned
electrical line.**

Parcel APN: [REDACTED]
Property owner at: [REDACTED]
Ref: POL-NV-18

Dear [REDACTED],

We are reaching out because our records indicate that you own a private electric line that connects with Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E's) distribution system and that provides service to the above-referenced property. We want to share important safety information about state-mandated inspections and vegetation and fire safety standards.

Private Line Owner Responsibility for Inspections, Maintenance, and Vegetation Clearing

Although your private electric line connects to the PG&E system, PG&E does not maintain the facilities beyond the service delivery point. You are responsible for maintaining the electric facilities that you own. As part of your regular maintenance program, you should perform at least the following safety actions on an annual basis:

- **Annual safety inspections:** During annual safety inspections, a qualified electrician should visually inspect the entire length of the overhead line, including poles, conductors, and supporting facilities, and note any findings that require follow-up maintenance. For underground lines, the electrician should patrol and inspect your line, including all surface and subsurface structures, such as splice boxes, pull boxes, equipment vaults, and enclosures. You should also engage an arborist, preferably a certified utility arborist, to identify potential vegetation hazards and necessary clearances.
- **Necessary maintenance and vegetation clearing for overhead facilities:** Based on inspection findings, any necessary maintenance, vegetation clearing, or tree trimming must be performed in a timely manner. With safety being of the utmost importance, only employ the use of a Qualified Line Clearance contractor if and when tree pruning is required. Additionally, your maintenance activities must conform to applicable laws and regulations, such as Cal/OSHA regulations (Title 8 Code of California Regulations, Section 2700), Public Resources Code Sections 4292 and 4293, and California Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) General Order 95.

As part of PG&E's operation of its grid, inspection representatives may traverse your electric line while inspecting PG&E transformers. During these activities, inspectors may notice issues on your line that require repair. Should you receive a repair notice from PG&E, you will be responsible for the timely repair of your line. However, be advised that you may not rely on PG&E's inspectors traversing your line to identify issues on your line. You should perform your own annual safety inspections as noted above. Additionally, the presence of PG&E pole numbers, inspection tags, or possible intrusive testing performed on poles does not indicate a change in line ownership or alter your inspection and maintenance responsibilities.

Vegetation and Fire Safety Standards

The CPUC's General Order 95 sets forth rules that govern vegetation and fire safety standards for overhead electric line design, construction, and maintenance. These standards require greater vegetation clearances for overhead power lines in High Fire-Threat Districts.

The heightened standards:

- Apply to areas with an **elevated or extreme risk of wildfires**
- Prescribe the clearance around power lines from 1.5 feet to **4 feet in high fire-threat areas**
- **May necessitate tree removal** to maintain minimum clearances and ensure public safety

To find out if these standards apply to your privately-owned electrical line, please visit the CPUC's High Fire-Threat District Map, available on the Commission's website: cpuc.ca.gov. More detail about mandatory vegetation requirements is available at fire.ca.gov and cpuc.ca.gov (keyword search: "Rule 35").

Standard for Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) Event

If an issue is identified during a PSPS inspection and a repair is required by you, the repair must be completed prior to re-energizing the line. Please visit www.pge.com/pspsupdates for more information regarding the PSPS program.

Additional Information

Note that extensions, additions to electric load, or upgrades are not allowed on private lines. PG&E requires that private lines remain in their original configuration with the original amount of load, services, and transformers.

Because the private line owner is responsible for its facilities, we strongly recommend that you carry liability insurance with sufficient coverage to protect yourself in the event of damage or other incident. We suggest contacting your insurance broker or agent to review your policies to ensure the coverages will satisfy your needs.

PG&E's commitment to you

PG&E's highest priority is to deliver safe and reliable service to our customers. We hope this information will assist you in keeping your private line safe and reliable. If you have questions about the information in this letter, please contact me, [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

Thank you,

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Private Line Program Manager
Pacific Gas and Electric Company