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Pacific Gas and Electric Company, together with the Diablo Canyon Decommissioning Engagement Panel, issued the following news release:

THE DIABLO CANYON DECOMMISSIONING ENGAGEMENT PANEL AND PG&E ENCOURAGE COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO JOIN PANEL

Reopens Application Period Rescheduled Due to COVID-19

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif. (June 25, 2020)—In keeping with Pacific Gas and Electric Company’s (PG&E) strong commitment to involving the community in the planning for decommissioning of Diablo Canyon Power Plant (DCPP), the utility and the Diablo Canyon Decommissioning Engagement Panel jointly announced today that applications are again being accepted to join the panel.

This move reopens an application period that was initiated in March of this year and rescheduled due to COVID-19.

New members are sought to fill expiring terms on this local, non-regulatory stakeholder group consisting of 8 to 11 members who have been providing community input to PG&E since 2018 on ongoing decommissioning planning activities. There are up to five positions open for appointment or reappointment and the 30-day application period runs through July 25.

“We remain strongly focused on the safe and reliable operation of Diablo Canyon, and at the same time we are planning for safe and responsible decommissioning activities to begin after the operating licenses expire in 2024 and 2025,” said Jim Welsch, Senior Vice President of Generation and Chief Nuclear Officer. “We greatly appreciate the Panel's efforts and the work they have been doing to provide meaningful and constructive feedback that has helped to shape PG&E's decommissioning strategies. We encourage members of our community to submit applications to join the Panel so that PG&E and this project can continue to benefit from a diversity of insights.”
Members of the community who are interested in participating on the panel can obtain more information on how to apply at pge.com/engagementpanel or diablocanyonpanel.org.

PG&E representatives, along with panel members not seeking reappointment, will select candidates who broadly reflect the diverse stakeholder viewpoints in proximity to DCPP. New panel members will be selected by August 15.

The public meetings and workshops will continue to provide members of the Panel with opportunities to learn about the technical aspects of the decommissioning process and provide input. This forum will also provide opportunities to engage with PG&E on the potential future use of the lands that surround DCPP and potential repurposing of its facilities. Meetings occur on a quarterly basis and are open to the public to receive additional community feedback.

About the Panel:

The Diablo Canyon Decommissioning Engagement Panel was created to foster open and frequent dialogue between members of the local community and PG&E on matters related to DCPP decommissioning. Panelists are local community members from across San Luis Obispo County who were selected to broadly represent diverse community viewpoints. The Panel meets periodically on matters related to DCPP decommissioning and the future use of DCPP lands and facilities.

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