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## PG&E Starts to Replace Underground Electric and Gas Lines in Coffey Park

**SANTA ROSA, Calif.**— As part of its Respond, Rebuild, Resilience commitment to meeting the challenges of extreme weather resulting from climate change, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) today announced the launch of the next phase of the energy company's support for its customers, and communities, in Santa Rosa following the devastating wildfires in October 2017. Starting on Monday, April 2, PG&E crews will begin building new underground electric and gas utilities in the Coffey Park neighborhood.

"Because the safety of our customers, crews and communities we serve is always our top priority, our first job during, and immediately after, the fires was to safely restore power and gas to customers who could receive it. Then, temporary overhead power lines were put in so customers could have electricity to begin the rebuilding process where restoration wasn't possible. Now that we've coordinated a plan with the city and other utilities, we can begin this next phase in helping rebuild Santa Rosa," said Marty Sunday, electric superintendent of PG&E's Sonoma Division who has lived in Windsor for the past 30 years.

In Coffey Park, much of the underground electrical equipment, such as cables and transformers, was destroyed during the fire due to high temperatures and needs to be completely replaced, along with approximately 13 miles of electric cable. As part of PG&E's commitment to making its communities more resilient, PG&E will also install approximately 15 miles of new gas mains and service lines, made up of the most current materials, and place it within the same trench.

PG&E's Respond, Rebuild, Resilience commitment has three major pillars:

- Respond: Work to support the effectiveness of first responders in both preventing and combatting wildfires
- Rebuild: Support fire-impacted communities and help them restore and rebuild what's been lost for as long as it takes
- **Resilience**: Support California's efforts to be more resilient to the impacts of climate change, including infrastructure resiliency.

"This is a huge milestone for us and the community, and it's one of the most visible examples of rebuild progress in the area. Extensive collaboration across local government, utilities, customers, builders, and contractors was required to make this happen and we will continue to

work together to support our customers in every way during these trying times," said Robin Christensen, head of PG&E's NorCal Rebuild Team.

Coffey Park is divided into five sections, or zones, in which PG&E crews will move from zone to zone until complete. Customers will also see equipment moving to and from the staging area located on Coffey and Dennis lanes, along with flaggers directing the heavy loads. All personnel are required to carry a valid photo I.D.

PG&E aims to complete the Coffey Park construction and have permanent gas and electricity turned on by the end of the year. "I'll have five crews from Northern California, including Sonoma County, working here 12 hours a day," said John Costanza, general construction superintendent for PG&E's Northern Region.

PG&E has received more than 1,300 requests for temporary and permanent service in Sonoma County, with most of them in Santa Rosa. Requests for service can be made through the Dedicated Customer Connections website, at <a href="www.pge.com/cco">www.pge.com/cco</a>. There is a dedicated team of service planning representatives assigned to the wildfire rebuild, who are working on new customer requests for power needs every day. You can also visit the PG&E Customer Service booth every Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Coffey Lane and Hopper Avenue to speak with a service planning representative in person.

PG&E has a dedicated Account Representative coordinating construction activities with builders and contractors active in all the fire footprint areas. For more information, please contact PG&E at rebuild@pge.com.

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