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Board of Directors  
South San Joaquin Irrigation District  
11011 East Highway 120  
Manteca, CA 95336

Dear SSJID Board Members,

I am troubled by your draft application to the San Joaquin Local Agency Formation Commission to take over Pacific Gas and Electric Company's electric facilities in your district area.

As you know, PG&E is a long-term member of our community that not only provides hundreds of jobs locally but also millions of dollars in charitable donations, property taxes, franchise fees and local purchases. I am concerned that if you take over its facilities in Manteca, Ripon and Escalon that those millions of dollars and hundreds of jobs will go away. In today's economy we simply can't afford that. We need more employers like PG&E, not less.

Locally, our economy is suffering. Businesses are closing each day and we cannot afford to lose a single job more. In your application you state that you plan to hire 68 workers. I can assure you that PG&E employs hundreds more than 68 and I am concerned for the welfare of the workers you displace as there are not enough jobs available in our community for skilled workers.

PG&E has also proven itself as a reliable charitable partner. Many organizations, including the Manteca Chamber, Second Harvest Food Bank, Manteca Senior Center and others, depend on their generosity year after year. That charitable giving has never been as important as it is now, when both the private and public sectors are strapped for cash. If you were to take over their business many of us in the community are concerned that you cannot or would not match that level of giving.

Please think about the consequences - both intended and unintended - of what you are attempting to do. There are tremendous risks associated with a government's taking over a private business that go far beyond keeping the lights on. Please fully consider the impact of your actions on our community before you move forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Berryhill".

TOM BERRYHILL  
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