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California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue
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President Batjer and Commissioners:

In October of this year Humboldt County experienced two Public Safety Power Shutdowns (PSPS) that disrupted the quality of life for our citizens. Our population was significantly impacted by the PSPS in many ways too numerous to list in this letter.

On November 4, 2019 a coalition of California elected officials sent a letter (see attached) to the California Public Utilities Commission requesting a more in-depth review of the current options presented at the Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) Bankruptcy Court proceeding. There is a growing coalition of local community leaders, both City and County, suggesting that your Commission consider more than the proposed structural changes for PG&E.

Humboldt County Board of Supervisors supports exploring other creative and proven options such as replacing PG&E with a customer owned utility structure. As addressed in the November 4 letter, this option would allow for increased capitol production, restructuring through a Chapter 11 Plan, and in turn allows customers to be in the decision-making process for such things as future PSPSs. This new business concept will also focus on the realities of climate change and direct attention to the poorly maintained infrastructure; therefore, restoring public confidence and serving the interest of its customers.

Please add Humboldt County to the chorus of jurisdictions seeking alternate resolutions to the bankruptcy proceedings.

Sincerely,

Rex Bohn, Chair
County of Humboldt
Board of Supervisors

Attachment