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**Status Report****November 13, 2006****Project name: Utility Major Woody Stem Exemption, 2006****Project Type: Regulatory Action**

Pacific Gas and Electric (PGE) has proposed to the Resource Protection Committee (RPC) a regulatory amendment to 14 CCR Section 1257, Exempt Minimum Clearance Provisions. The proposal addresses waiving power line clearing requirements near healthy, mature trees that are closer to power lines than the regulations normally allow, but are sufficiently rigid that they do not present a risk to public safety. These trees are commonly referred to as major woody stems, or MWS. The proposed regulations represent a new exception to the requirements of Public Resources Code (PRC) 4293 for MWS.

Status:

- The proposal will be notice for a 45 –Day Notice of Public hearing on November 17, 2006.

Milestone and Timeline:

- Initial hearing on potential adoption of rule will be held on January 10, 2007, in Sacramento, CA.

More Information: http://www.bof.fire.ca.gov/board/board_proposed_rule_packages.aspx

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