### ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION SERVICE INTERCONNECTION APPLICATION

City Council - February 25, 2020

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# **BACKGROUND AND COUNCIL DIRECTION**

#### **APRIL 2019**

• PG&E Wildfire Mitigation Plan and power shutdowns (PSPS)

#### **AUGUST 2019**

City Council Study Session on Energy Resiliency

#### **OCTOBER 2019**

- PG&E executes 2 PSPS events
- Mayor releases PSPS: Making San Jose Grid-Resilient memo
- Google submits Downtown West Mixed-Use plan development application

#### **NOVEMBER 2019**

 Energy Resiliency work program and staffing resources approved by City Council





## INTERCONNECTION PROCESS FOR WHOLESALE TRANSMISSION SERVICE

- City prepares and submits Interconnection Application
- 2. PG&E performs System Impact Study
- 3. PG&E performs Facilities Study
- 4. City and PG&E negotiate and execute Interconnection Agreement
- 5. PG&E initiates design and construction of

needed facilities

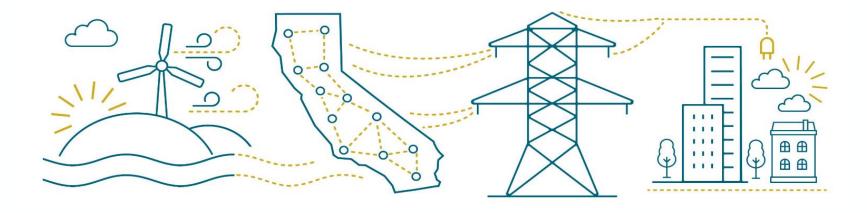
Submitting the application does not obligate the City to proceed with additional steps





## PRELIMINARY FEASIBILITY AND BENEFITS

- Clear legal and regulatory path for City to provide electric service
- Greater opportunity for building an advanced microgrid with on-site renewable generation and energy storage
- Public Utility track record for safer, more reliable and efficient service





## **MOVING FORWARD**

Follow-up Action	Targeted Completion
1. Final Legal and Regulatory Feasibility Study	March 2020
2. Prepare and submit Interconnection Application	April 2020
3. Negotiate, execute and perform PG&E System Impact and Facilities Studies	November 2020
4. Fully analyze City-Owned and Operated Electric Utility Option	November 2020
5. Negotiate/execute PG&E Interconnection, Design and Construction Agreements	January 2021
6. Continued coordination with Google and Google Project	Ongoing



## **RECOMMENDATION AND KEY TAKEAWAYS**

- Recommendation for City manager, in coordination with the City Attorney, to:
  - Prepare and submit a Wholesale Transmission Service Interconnection Application to Pacific Gas and Electric, and if appropriate,
  - Proceed with any required Pacific Gas and Electric System Impact and Facilities Studies.
- Key Takeaways
  - $\circ$  First step in the process provides time to collectively assess and decide further actions
  - $\,\circ\,$  Aligns with Council priorities and direction
  - Potential for increased energy resiliency, sustainability, reliability and efficiency
  - o Continued collaboration, analysis and City Council engagement



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# QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSIO

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