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Ms. Patricia K. Poppe, Chief Executive Officer  
PG&E Corporation  
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Dear Ms. Poppe,

Thank you for your response to my letter regarding electrical outages in Santa Cruz and San Mateo Counties in my congressional district. I'm pleased that you agree that the current situation is not acceptable and that PG&E is working to improve the reliability of its electric service.

The acknowledgment that PG&E must reduce the impacts of its new Enhanced Powerline Safety Settings (EPSS) on reliability is a good first step, and I hope the efforts you outlined such as sectionalizing the grid, expediting patrols of affected lines, and adjusting the sensitivity of line reclosers will address this issue. As these efforts move forward, I ask that PG&E provide regular updates to the community about their progress including the number and duration of outages caused by EPSS. These metrics will be critical to demonstrating whether these measures are effective. They are also necessary to restore trust between the utility and the Californians it serves.

Additionally, while your letter lists several long-term measures to improve safety such as vegetation management and undergrounding powerlines, I'm concerned that PG&E representatives at community meetings have been unable to commit to a timeline for implementing these plans. At a congressional hearing last year, your predecessor testified that hardening systems in high-risk areas could take five to seven years. Is this still the case, and can you provide a clear timeline for when this work will be done in different regions of your service territory? I'm sure we can agree that another five to seven years of catastrophic wildfires would have a devastating impact on California and that PG&E should make every effort to ensure the safety of its grid as quickly as possible.

Thank you for your stated commitment to addressing the concerns of my constituents and the concerns I have raised regarding safety and reliability, and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Anna G. Eshoo". The signature is stylized with a large initial "A" and a long horizontal stroke.

Anna G. Eshoo  
Member of Congress