



**Pacific Gas and
Electric Company.**

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300 Lakeside Drive
Oakland, CA 94612

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April 1, 2025

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Humboldt
825 5th Street, Room 111
Eureka, CA 95501

Re: Claim for Refund of Property Taxes Paid
Claimant: Pacific Gas and Electric Company
Tax Year: 2020-2021
Assessment #: 799-000-001-000

To the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt,

Pacific Gas and Electric Company hereby claims a refund of property taxes paid, pursuant to Division 1, Part 9, Chapter 5, Article 1 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code sections 5096 and 5097, et seq., erroneously and illegally assessed against Claimant by the County of Humboldt, California for Tax Year 2020-2021, and erroneously and illegally collected from Claimant by the County Tax Collector for that Tax Year.

Claimant requests that an order of the Board of Supervisors be issued directing the proper officials of the County of Humboldt to refund to Claimant the sum of \$2,721,818.00 for property taxes levied by and paid by Claimant to the Humboldt County Tax Collector for Tax Year 2020-2021, including interest thereon and attorney's fees and costs as required by law, statute, or rule.

In support of this Claim for Refund, Claimant states:

1. Claimant is and at all times herein mentioned a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of California, with its principal place of business located at 300 Lakeside Drive, Oakland, California.

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2. For Tax Year 2020-2021, the California State Board of Equalization determined the assessed value of Claimant's unitary and nonoperating California property pursuant to its authority under Article XIII, section 19 of the California Constitution and of Revenue and Taxation Code section 721. Pursuant to its authority under Revenue and Taxation Code section 756, the State Board of Equalization transmitted assessment roll values showing Claimant's unitary and nonoperating property in the County of Humboldt. On the basis of this assessment, unitary taxes were calculated and levied on Claimant's property in the County of Humboldt for the Tax Year 2020-2021 in the sum of \$8,213,525.56 (Exhibit 1). Claimant paid these taxes in full on or about December 09, 2020 and April 09, 2021 (Exhibit 2).
3. Claimant is entitled to a refund of a portion of these taxes in the amount of \$2,721,818.00, plus appropriate interest, on grounds that such taxes were illegally assessed and levied, and/or erroneously and illegally collected, for the following reasons:
 - a. The property tax rate used to compute Claimant's property taxes for Tax Year 2020-2021 exceeded the rate applied in the same Tax Year to other locally-assessed property in the County of Humboldt in violation of Article XIII, section 19 of the California Constitution and *ITT World Communications v. City and County of San Francisco*, 37 Cal. 3d 859 (1985).
 - b. The property tax assessment against Claimant's property in the County of Humboldt and the taxes collected on that assessment, which were assessed and collected pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code section 100(b)(2), violated Article XIII, section 1 of the California Constitution ("Uniformity Clause").
 - c. The property tax assessment against Claimant's property in the County of Humboldt and the taxes collected on that assessment, which were assessed and collected pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code section 100(b)(2), violated the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution ("Equal Protection Clause").
 - d. The taxes collected on Claimant's property in the County of Humboldt were in excess of the amount permitted under Article XIII A, section 2(a) of the California Constitution ("Proposition 13").

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- e. If, in the future, Claimant identifies additional grounds for its Claim for Refund herein, Claimant reserves its right to supplement or amend this Claim for Refund to state additional facts to support such grounds.
- 4. Claimant has duly and timely paid all property taxes assessed and levied by the County of Humboldt. No refund of the aforementioned taxes, or any part thereof, has been previously paid to Claimant.

If you have questions, please contact Becky Zhu directly by email at becky.zhu@pge.com or by mail to Becky Zhu, Attention: Tax Department, 300 Lakeside Drive, Oakland, California, 94612.

Respectfully submitted,

PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY

By: 
Stephanie Williams
Vice President, Chief Financial Officer
and Controller

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VERIFICATION

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

I, Stephanie Williams, am the Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Controller for Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Claimant in the foregoing Claim for Refund ("Claim"). I am authorized to make this Verification for and on behalf of Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

I have read the foregoing Claim and know its contents. I am informed and believe, and on that basis allege, that the matters stated in the Claim are true.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on (date) April 01, 2025, in Oakland, California.


Stephanie Williams

EXHIBIT 1



HUMBOLDT COUNTY 2020-2021 PROPERTY TAX BILL
John Bartholomew, Humboldt County Tax Collector
825 Fifth Street, Room 125, Eureka, CA 95501

Pay Taxes by Credit Card or E-Check



Online @ <http://humboldt.gov.org/tax>
 or Call 855-335-3132

3rd party processing company will charge a fee

PROPERTY INFORMATION

ASMT NUMBER: 799-000-001-000 TAX RATE AREA: 000-001
 FEE NUMBER: 799-000-001-000 ACRES: 0.00
 LOCATION: Map 0135 12 001 Par 07 000000220
 LIEN DATE OWNER: Pacific Gas & Electric Co.

IMPORTANT MESSAGES

SEE REVERSE OF THIS STATEMENT FOR
 IMPORTANT INFORMATION.
 Orig. bill date: 09/23/2020



*****ALL FOR AADC 940
 Pacific Gas & Electric Co.
 c/o Tax Department Mail Code: B12G
 PO Box 7054
 San Francisco, CA 94120-7054

1-0024385
 000092
 000005



COUNTY VALUES, EXEMPTIONS AND TAXES

TAX DEPARTMENTS INFORMATION:
707-441-3020

VALUE DESCRIPTION
 LAND
 STRUCTURAL IMPROVEMENTS
 PERSONAL PROPERTY
 NET TAXABLE VALUE

ASSESSED VALUES
 19,790,050
 460,572,840
 20,156,645
 500,519,535

VALUES X TAX RATE (1%) = COUNTY TAXES

5,005,195.34

VOTER APPROVED TAXES, TAXING AGENCY DIRECT CHARGES AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

PHONE #	DESCRIPTION	ASSESSED VALUES X TAX RATE 1.0000	= AGENCY TAXES
	SECURED UNITARY-VOTED DEBT	500,519,535	0.641000 3,208,330.22

TOTAL AGENCY TAXES + DIRECT CHARGES

3,208,330.22

1ST INSTALLMENT DUE 11/1/2020 DELINQUENT AFTER 12/10/2020	\$4,106,762.78	2ND INSTALLMENT DUE 2/1/2021 DELINQUENT AFTER 4/12/2021	\$4,106,762.78	TOTAL TAXES
				\$8,213,525.56

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SECURED PROPERTY TAXES - 2ND INSTALLMENT PAYMENT STUB

ASMT NUMBER: 799-000-001-000
 FEE NUMBER: 799-000-001-000
 LOCATION: Map 0135 12 001 Par 07 000000220
 CURRENT OWNER: Pacific Gas & Electric Co.
 c/o Tax Department Mail Code: B12G
 PO Box 7054
 San Francisco, CA 94120-7054

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:
 H.C.T.C.

Detach and return this stub with payment

2020-2021

2ND
 INSTALLMENT

IF PAYING IN PERSON, BRING COMPLETE BILL

PAY TAXES ONLINE: <http://humboldt.gov.org/tax>
 PAY TAXES BY PHONE - CALL 855-335-3132
 3rd party processing company will charge a fee

PAYMENT DUE February 1 - April 12, 2021 \$4,106,762.78

Total Due after 4/12/21 with 10% Delinquent Penalty \$4,517,459.05
 and \$20 cost
 Total Due after 5/1/21 with \$8.00 for Delinquent Notice Fee \$4,517,467.05

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 FEE NUMBER: 799-000-001-000
 LOCATION: Map 0135 12 001 Par 07 000000220
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 c/o Tax Department Mail Code: B12G
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PAY TAXES ONLINE: <http://humboldt.gov.org/tax>
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PAYMENT DUE November 1 - December 10, 2020 \$4,106,762.78

Total Due after 12/10/20 with 10% Delinquent Penalty \$4,517,439.05
 Total Due after 1/1/21 with \$8.00 for Delinquent Notice Fee \$4,517,447.05
 Total to Pay Both Installments by 12/10/20 \$8,213,525.56

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EXHIBIT 2



**Pacific Gas and
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Tax Department
300 Lakeside Drive
Oakland, CA 94612

Tax Year 2020-2021 Property Tax Proof of Payment

Note: Included below are screen shots of PG&E's accounting system indicating the clearing of the payment made by electronic transfer.

1st Installment: \$4,106,762.78

Vendor	1006259	COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT TAX COLLECTOR	G/L Acc	2320000
Company Code	PGE1	825 5TH ST #125		
Pacific Gas & Electric Co	EUREKA		Doc. no.	2150248255
Line Item 1 / Outgoing payment / 25				
Amount	4,106,762.78	USD		
Tax Code				
Additional Data				
Bus. Area				
		Disc. Amount	0.00	USD
		Days/percent		
Blne Date	12/09/2020			
Print Block		Invoice Ref.		/ / 0
Print Method	F Print Meth. Sup.			
Clearing	12/09/2020 / 2150248255	Payment Amnt	4,106,762.78	USD
Assignment	20201209			
Text				Long text

Document Header: PGE1 Company Code	
Document Type	ZB Post-Vendor EFT
Doc. Header Text	20201208-ACHF
Reference	
Document Date	12/09/2020
Posting Date	12/09/2020
Currency	USD
Posting Period	12 / 2020
Ref. Transactn	BKFF Accounting document
Reference Key	2150248255PGE12020 Log. System PRI_820
Entered by	BCH AP PAYOR
Entry Date	12/08/2020
Time of Entry	00:51:31
TCode	F110
Changed on	
Last update	
Ledger Grp	
Ref. key(head) 1	
Ref. key 2	

2nd Installment: \$4,106,762.78

Vendor	1006259	COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT TAX COLLECTOR	G/L Acc	2320000
Company Code	PGE1	825 5TH ST #125		
Pacific Gas & Electric Co	EUREKA		Doc. no.	2150074350
Line Item 1 / Outgoing payment / 25				
Amount	4,106,762.78	USD		
Tax Code				
Additional Data				
Bus. Area				
		Disc. Amount	0.00	USD
		Days/percent		
Blne Date	04/09/2021			
Print Block		Invoice Ref.		/ / 0
Print Method	F Print Meth. Sup.			
Clearing	04/09/2021 / 2150074350	Payment Amnt	4,106,762.78	USD
Assignment	20210409			
Text				Long text

Document Header: PGE1 Company Code	
Document Type	ZB Post-Vendor EFT
Doc. Header Text	20210408-ACHF
Reference	
Document Date	04/09/2021
Posting Date	04/09/2021
Currency	USD
Posting Period	04 / 2021
Ref. Transactn	BKFF Accounting document
Reference Key	2150074350PGE12021 Log. System PRI_820
Entered by	BCH AP PAYOR
Entry Date	04/08/2021
Time of Entry	00:51:36
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Changed on	
Last update	
Ledger Grp	
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Ref. key 2	